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VISIT OF BRITISH CONSUL-GENERAL TO STELLENBOSCH

Mr. F. C. Butler, British Consul-General in Cape Town, and Mrs. Butler will be paying an official visit to Stellenbosch from the 27th to the 30th of October. During his stay he will visit some of our largest industries, the University and other places of interest. A lunch meeting of the four service Clubs has been arranged at which Mr. Butler will be the guest speaker, his subject being: "Sidelights on the Far East".

MOBILE X-RAY UNIT

For those who may have overlooked my reference to this matter in the review of 1st October, 1965, I would like to repeat that the Unit will be available to the general public at the parking area behind the Town Hall from Monday, 25th October, 1965, to Thursday, 28th October, 1965, from 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and again from 2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. on each day. I repeat that the service is free of charge and is available only at long intervals. Employers of domestic servants, especially nurse maids, would do well to avail themselves of this opportunity.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

There is no doubt about it that the present library is threatening to burst its seams. From a recent report of the relative Committee it appears that both the membership and the turnover of books have increased beyond all expectations. At present there are no less than 4,100 enrolled members while during September, 1965, a total of 15,000 books were issued.

The present library staff is finding it increasingly difficult to cope with all the work and the Council is considering the appointment of additional staff. The more serious problem is the question of the very limited space in the present building which does not allow the Council to bring the library up to the standard which would be fitting for Stellenbosch. Consideration will soon have to be given to this aspect of the matter.

A CARAVAN PARK FOR STELLENBOSCH

This is a matter to which much thought has already been given in the past. Opinion seems to be divided as to whether such an amenity should be provided in or near Stellenbosch.

The Council's attitude has been that provided a suitable site could be found, it was prepared to consider the establishment of a caravan park on an economic basis. It is doubtful whether permanent residents would tolerate it in close proximity to their own properties, but on the other hand nearness to the town is again of some importance to our own business people. Finding a place which meets all requirements has up till now been the main stumbling block. A number of sites have recently been pointed out and the Council has now appointed a Committee to consider the matter.

29 Oktober 1965.

C.L. 1

Dit is 'n algemene gebruik in meeste dorpe in ons land dat die amptelike motor van die Burgemeester die nommer 1 dra. So 'n posisie vind ons in Kaapstad, Pretoria, Port Elizabeth, Oos-Londen, om maar net 'n paar te noem. In die geval van ons dorp is daar reeds tevore probeer om die nommer te bekom, maar sonder welslae. So pas het mev. Jane Levinsohn egter dit aan die Raad aangebied en het die oordrag reeds geskied. Graag wil ek waardering betuig vir die mooi gebaar. Voortaan sal C.L. 1 die eiendom van die Stadsraad wees.

DIE AFSKIET VAN VUURWERKE

Die gewoonte om vuurwerke op 'n dag vroeg in November elke jaar af te skiet sterf baie stadig en steeds is daar kinders en selfs grootmense wat heelwat vermaak uit die gewoonte put. Daarmee het ons vrede. Die publiek en die Stadsraad verwag egter dat sodanige mense die nodige bedagsaamheid aan die dag sal lê en veral sal sorg dat geen brandgevaar geskep word nie. Ook wil ons pleit dat daar nie pret ten koste van andere gemaak word nie. Ons het die bejaardes en siekes onder ons wat geen plesier by hierdie bedrywighede sal vind nie en wie se rus eerder daardeur verstoor sal word. Laat daar ook aan hierdie dinge gedink word as ons eersdaags met ons klappers en vuurpyle bedrywig raak.

VERPLIGTE OPLEIDING VIR VERKEERSBEAMPTES

Die steeds groeiende verkeer en die probleme wat dit skep stel hoë vereistes aan verkeersbeamptes. Hulle moet dié wese

van die probleem en die bepalings van die betrokke wette ken en buitendien persoonlike hoedanighede besit wat hulle in staat stel om ook met die reisende publiek oor die weg te kom.

Kragtens die Wysigingsordonnansie op Padverkeer 1965 mag geen plaaslike owerheid voortaan 'n persoon ingevolge enige ordonnansie as verkeersbeampte aanstel nie tensy sodanige persoon 'n erkende diploma verwerf het nie; met dien verstande egter dat plaaslike owerhede 'n persoon wat nie 'n erkende diploma verwerf het nie op proef kan aanstel vir 'n tydperk van hoogstens 12 maande of vir enige tydperk wat die Administrateur goedkeur maar dit is 'n voorwaarde van die aanstelling dat sodanige persoon gedurende die proeftydperk 'n erkende diploma moet verwerf. Die Administrasie is bereid om waar 'n verkeersbeampte 'n kursus bywoon 'n bydrae te maak tot die gelde wat vir die kursus betaalbaar is en onder andere sy salaris te betaal gedurende die tyd wat hy 'n kursus bywoon.

Die Stadsraad het die afgelope jare groot moeite ondervind om vakatures wat in ons verkeerspersoneel ontstaan het met geskikte kandidate te vul en op hierdie tydstip is daar drie poste wat nie gevul kan word nie. Die vraag is hoe die toepassing van die nuwe Ordonnansie die personeelposisie gaan affekteer en veral sal ons graag wil sien of nuwe rekrute tot die besondere diens sal toetree om die nypende tekort aan te vul.

JAARLIKSE GESONDHEIDSVERSLAG

Die Verslag van ons Munisipale Gesondheidsdepartement vir 1964 is nou beskikbaar. Dit is 'n lywige dokument waarin 'n oorsig van gesondheidstoestande in ons dorp vir die besondere jaar gegee word, toegelig met die nodige statistieke. As 'n geheel gesien kan ons sê dat die toestand in ons dorp vir die hele jaar bevredigend was. Geen epidemie van enige aard het voorgekóm nie en aansteeklike siektes was gering. Dit gee ons rede tot dankbaarheid veral as ons onthou dat dit hier gaan oor 'n bevolking wat deur die Gesondheidsdepartement op 25,907 gestel is. Hiervan was 12,056 Blankes (insluitende studente), 11,312 Kleurlinge, 2,312 Bantoes en 227 Asiate.

5th November, 1965.

REMAINING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL IN 1965

Only three meetings of the Council remain to be held during 1965. The General Committee meeting for November will be held on the 16th, while the Council will meet on the 30th November. It is customary to hold only one meeting during December and that will take place on the 14th.

PROGRESS AT UNION PARK

I am pleased to be able to say that considerable progress has been made at installing the necessary services at the Union Park township. Unless some or other unforeseen delay develops during the next few months we ought to be in a position to offer the first 100 erven for sale early next year. By then the sewerage and water reticulation will have been completed, and the streets constructed with proper kerbing and a gravel surface. The tarring of the streets will, however, have to wait until the second half of 1966.

THE PROPOSED SWIMMING BATH

As readers of *Eikestadnuus* will have observed, the choice of the Bergzicht site for the town's swimming bath has been commented on and in some instances criticised. It was to be expected that the choice of a particular site would not find favour with everybody, but the objections in this case stem mainly from the traffic hazards which are encountered in the area surrounding the Bergzicht site. Whether another piece of land could be found which would from the traffic point of view be more suitable is another question. I am quite prepared to consider sympathetically suggestions submitted. The Council is in the meantime proceeding with the object and hopes to appoint an architect soon who would then plan and devise the whole bath complex.

PASTEURISATION OF MILK

The Council has accepted draft regulations to the effect that the pasteurisation of milk which is offered for sale in Stellenbosch will be made compulsory. Dairymen who maintain closed herds and comply with all the relevant conditions will be exempted from this general rule. These conditions, I may say, are very strict and refer to such matters as:

- (a) the elimination of cows suffering from tuberculosis;
- (b) regular medical examination of the staff connected with milking and the distribution of the product.

I am aware of the fact that compulsory pasteurisation of milk is considered unnecessary in some quarters. It is, however, an accepted principle with health authorities that the general public must be safeguarded against milkborne diseases such as typhoid. To accomplish this requirement, pasteurisation seems the only answer.

Most of the surrounding Municipalities have already introduced pasteurisation of the total milk supply.

THE FIRST HOTEL OF THE COLOURED GROUP

History will soon be made when the first hotel for our coloured people is completed and formally opened in Ida's

Valley. An amenity of this nature, providing inter alia first class accommodation to visitors and the travelling public is long overdue in Stellenbosch and the community at large will welcome this addition to what has already been provided for the coloured community.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE JONKERSHOEK VALLEY

Mr. O. Kerfoot, the officer in charge of the Jonkershoek Forest Research Station, is preparing a publication on the history, development and scientific status of the Jonkershoek Valley.

With this object in view he would like to enlist the co-operation of the public in obtaining photographs, or preferably negatives of the area beyond the Fisheries which show more particularly the flora of the valley before 1942, the year of the great fire.

Full acknowledgement will be given in the publication to the donors of photographs.

Interested people can communicate with Mr. Kerfoot direct or through the Town Clerk.

12 November 1965.

ONS BEGROTING VIR 1966

By geleentheid van 'n spesiale vergadering van die Raad wat op 1 November 1965 gehou is, is ons begroting vir die komende jaar oorweeg en goedgekeur. Graag wil ek hierdie week se oorsig wy aan 'n kort uiteensetting van enkele aspekte daarvan.

Vergeleke met die posisie in 1965 styg die verwagte totale uitgawe van die Raad vir 1966 met R118,223 — 'n vermeerdering van 7.05%. Enkele van die items wat vir die toename verantwoordelik is, is die volgende:

Salarisse R39,600; rente en delging op nuwe lenings R32,700; elektrisiteitsaankope R7,000; verhoogde koste aan water en rioleringsdienste R8,000.

Die aansienlike styging op salarisse moet hoofsaaklik toegeskryf word aan verbeterde skale ten bedrae van R15,000 wat die Raad verplig was om aan te bring na die onlangse stygings in o.a. staatsdiensskale asook die aanvulling van bestaande vakatures op die personeel en jaarlikse verhogings volgens skaal.

Waar die Raad voor hierdie posisie te staan gekom het, moes hy met oorleg alle aanvrae deur die verskillende departemente oorweeg vir addisionele fondse. Hierdie aanvrae het vanjaar R110,000 bedra, maar dit is met R60,000 besnoei om slegs vir die allernoodsaaklikste uitgawes voorsiening te maak.

Teenoor die skerp styging in ons uitgawes sal inkomste na verwagting nie dienooreenkomstig toeneem nie. Daar word verwag dat die volgende poste vermeerderings sal toon: Eien-domsbelasting R7,800; watervoorsiening R800; riolering R1,200; vullisverwydering R1,500; elektrisiteitsverkope R10,000 en administratiewe heffings R12,000 — in totaal R33,300. Ongelukkig is daar weer ander inkomstebronne wat minder in 1966 sal oplewer en daardeur die verwagte stygings grootliks sal neutraliseer.

Die netto resultaat van dit alles is dat die Raad se begroting vir 1966 'n tekort van R105,133 aantoon en inkomste moes gevind word om dit uit te wis. Omdat die Raad uiters traag is om die eiendomsbelasting te verhoog vanweë die feit dat dit deur 'n kleiner groep belastingbetalers gedra moet word, was hy verplig om sy diensgelde te verhoog. Daar is besluit om die bestaande opslag van 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % op rioleringsgelde na 50% te verhoog en 'n opslag van 50% te plaas op die vullis-verwyderingsgelde. Hierdie verhogings sal die Raad 'n addisionele inkomste van R40,000 besorg, die restant van sowat R65,000 wat nodig is om die begroting te laat klop sal uit die opgehoopte reserwe waaroor die Raad beskik, geneem word.

Vir die gewone huiseienaar beteken hierdie verhoogde diensgelde 'n addisionele uitgawe van tussen R12 tot R15 per jaar.

Daar moet by oorweging van die finansies van die Raad onthou word dat die afgelope klompie jare kwaai laste mee-gebring het sonder dat die belastinge of spesifieke diensgelde verhoog is. Ek herinner net aan die jaarlikse verpligte bydrae van R17,700 aan die wentelfonds; uitgawes op blanke- en nie-blanke biblioteke R13,800; Kerkhof R7,200; toename in die koste van verkeersreëling R19,000 en verbeterde brandweerdienste R9,000 — 'n groototaal van R66,700.

Basies bly ons finansies uiters gesond maar die huidige posisie beklemtoon weer die noodsaaklikheid dat ontwikkeling in die dorp aangemoedig moet word. Veral groot ontwikkelingskemas is vir die Raad 'n belangrike bron van inkomste en sal in die toekoms simpatieke oorweging moet geniet.

19th November 1965

FIRES.

As the end of the year approaches, those in charge of our far-flung lands and plantations realise that another period of watchfulness and preparedness to fight fires, if and when they occur, is at hand.

As in former years I have been asked to appeal to the public to co-operate firstly by reporting any fires that they

may observe and secondly by not creating fire hazards at picnic and similar spots and on private property.

Dry grass and other growth found on privately owned land should be cleared away without delay. The Municipal regulations require the owner to do this. But in cases where difficulties are encountered by owners the Municipality, if asked to do so, will make every effort to render this service at a reasonable charge and recover the cost from the owner.

A DRIVE-IN CINEMA FOR STELLENBOSCH.

The Council has received an application for the lease of a piece of Municipal land between the main road to Somerset West and the Blaauwklip road, for the establishment of a drive-in cinema. The Council has resolved that the matter be referred to the Joint Town Planning Committee in Cape Town for its comments. Before a final decision is arrived at, the public will be given an opportunity to express its views.

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF THE JAN MARAIS PARK

The Committee which deals with the development of the Jan Marais Park Wild Flower Reserve has, in consultation with advisory members who have been co-opted, produced a report which contains a number of proposals which have been adopted by the Council and should bring about a great improvement.

They include inter alia erection of notice boards, establishment of a nursery where plants can be raised, planting of a lawn between the pergola and Marais Street, the graveling of the paths, the laying on of water, the design and erection of the proposed rustic fence on the outside perimeter of the Park and a general cleaning up by an adequate number of labourers.

In order to expedite this work the Council has decided to close the park from the 15th December to the 15th January. It will subsequently be open to Whites only, but plans for a park in the vicinity of Idas Valley for the Coloured community are being prepared.

CHOICE OF PROVINCIAL EMBLEM.

The Department of Nature Conservation has sent out a letter enlisting the assistance of the public in connection with the choice of a bird, an animal and a flower which could serve as an emblem for the Cape Province. The Transvaal has already made its choice, namely the Bokmakierie, the Mapog Lily (Yellow Arum) and the Impala.

It is suggested that although such a choice is a personal matter certain standards should be set to which it should conform. The birds, animals and flowers should be indi-

genous to the Cape Province and yet as far as possible confined to its area. They should be well established in public favour, well liked, thus harmless, striking, distinctive, likely to attract attention and therefore suitable for inclusion in designs of badges and emblems.

Recommendations have been made by certain Societies interested in Ornithology and by the Botanical Association of South Africa.

I should be very pleased if members of the public would come forward with suggestions of their own and these will in due course be submitted to the provincial authorities.

THE USE OF THE UNIVERSITY SWIMMING BATH DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

The University is placing the swimming bath at the disposal of the Municipality as from the 11th December this year and I hope that the public, particularly the children, will make good use of it.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

In order to enable the Librarian and her staff to compile a proper catalogue of all the grammophone records in the library, the Council has resolved to agree to a proposal that for this purpose the issue of records be stopped from the 14th to the 31st December, 1965.

AUGMENTATION OF OUR WATER SUPPLY.

The public will recall that mention was made some time ago of the fact that the Department of Water Affairs was involved in some experimental drilling in both the Jonkershoek and the Cloetesdal areas with a view to finding a suitable site for a major water conservation scheme which could serve both town and district.

This work has, to our knowledge not been completed and it has become quite clear that some time will elapse before finality is reached.

With this in view the Department of Water Affairs advised the Council to proceed with a scheme of its own for augmenting its water supply.

The Council has now decided to act on this advice.

A suggestion by the Department that the wall of the existing dam be raised has been investigated by the Council's consultants, but proved to be too costly.

A second storage dam in Idas Valley is the only alternative and the Council is engaged in obtaining all the necessary particulars mainly with reference to costs and capacity.

All the details will in due course be made known to the public.

W. C. DEMPSEY.