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RIVER BANKS:

The Eerste River is the great heritage and the pride of Stellenbosch. The natural beauty of its banks must be preserved.

The Council has observed that refuse has been dumped on the banks and wherever possible, it has taken action to discourage this practice. Strong protests from the side of the public have also been received and the Council would appeal to all concerned within whose power it is, to co-operate with it by not taking from the river banks their beauty and by preventing others from doing so.

The Municipality provides a removal service for both household and garden refuse and, as far as building rubble and discarded materials are concerned, there appears to be no excuse for leaving them on the river banks to the annoyance of others.

MUNICIPAL HOUSING SCHEMES:

(a) The extension of "Kromrivieraanleg" for Europeans:

A loan of £28,300 has been approved for the building of 24 single dwellings. There has been some delay because of negotiations which have taken place which I.M.S. is glad to say, have had the result that a somewhat larger and more convenient type of house will be built and that there will be variety of design whereby monotony in appearance will be obviated.

There are three different designs each of which can be adapted to situation in streets and aspect. The National Housing Commission favoured the somewhat better type to be built to the one that had been visualised originally.

After this scheme has been completed there will be no further vacant erven at "Kromrivieraanleg".

Tenders/ .....

Tenders for the building of the houses will be called for in the near future. The scheme will be entirely economical. The rental will be £11.11.0d. per house per month.

(b) Extension of Housing Schemes at Idas Valley for Coloured people:

Of the 16 semi-detached and 7 single houses (39 dwellings), all on the economic basis, 16 were occupied as from the 2nd June, 1956. The others are nearing completion.

The Council is faced with a difficult task indeed in doing justice to the merits of all the applications for houses. There are at present 435 applications for houses for coloured people.

In this case only one design was used but staggered placing and variety in colour treatment of the exterior provide a pleasant appearance.

The rental in this case is £1.6.3d per week.

THE VOTERS' ROLL, 1956 - 1957:

The Revision Court, as provided for in the Municipal Ordinance, met on the 11th June, 1956, in order to deal with applications to have names put on the Roll and with objections of names on the Roll. As a result 296 names had to be removed from the Roll and 139 new names were placed on the supplementary voters' roll. The total number of names on the roll now stands at 2484 as compared to 2707 in the year 1954 which was the year of the most recent election of councillors.

Although the Council made known the fact that the Voters' Roll was being prepared and also sent out approximately 400 letters to individuals the reaction from the side of the public was disappointing.

In connection with supplementary voters' rolls, application must be made in writing according to the prescribed form. For the year 1957 an entirely new Voters' Roll will be drawn up and the Council will do its utmost to make sure that as many as possible of those that possess the necessary qualifications, will be given the Municipal franchise.



The main sources of information are the Rates Register and the Water & Electricity Registers. There are, however, persons whose names do not appear in the Municipal books but, who, nevertheless, may possess the necessary qualifications, for instance in their capacity as occupiers of parts of buildings which do not appear on the Rates Registers separately. When a property is jointly occupied by husband and wife, one of whom is the owner, the other qualifies as an occupier. In such cases it would assist greatly if those concerned, would realise that, according to the Ordinance, the onus is really on them to make application.

The most important date is actually the 15th March in every year and it is then that those who have any doubt as to whether their names are on the Roll, could be of assistance by communicating with the Town Clerk. Everything possible will again be done to draw the attention of the public to the provisions of the Ordinance in regard to the drawing up of the Voters' Roll.

As has been stated in I.M.S. previously, however, any communication to the Town Clerk concerning the Voters' Roll would be filed and kept available for the time when the 1957 - 1958 Voters' Roll will be drawn up.

#### TRAFFIC CONTROL:

The desire to make our streets safe, occupies the mind of the Council continually. It pins its faith not only to measures which it can take but also to the co-operation of the public and the results of approaches of which the recent courtesy week, initiated by the Rotarians, is an example.

The Council would also like as far as possible to be lenient in case of first offences in connection with which there is no suspicion of deliberate neglect of the law or indifference to the welfare and safety of others.

The question of adequate control has been a difficult one owing to the shortage of staff. The Council has succeeded in obtaining the services of two further traffic constables and it may be as well not to rely on the same degree of likelihood that offences may pass undetected.

The spot fine system has been introduced in the Municipality. Traffic constables will now issue notifications of the fines imposed for offences according to the list approved by the Magistrate. Payment is, however, not made to the constable, but at the office of the Receiver of Revenue.

ANTI-POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION:

The Council desires through its Health Department, to do all in its power to render the people of Stellenbosch, particularly children, safe against the possibility of the occurrence of this dread disease.

By means of the local press and through the regional news service of the S.A. Broadcasting Company, attention has been drawn to the fact that application forms for vaccination were available which should be completed if Stellenbosch was to be assured of a fair share of the vaccine available and was to benefit by it.

Application forms for the vaccination of 107 children were received and the Public Health Committee then instructed that principals of all the schools should be approached with the suggestion that they make known to the children in their schools direct that application forms for vaccination were available.

I.M.S. is glad to say that the co-operation of the principals was forthcoming and that the suggestion was made by them that it would be best if application forms for vaccination were made available to the schools for distribution to the children and subsequent submission to the parents by them. Approximately 4,000 forms have been issued and at the present time the application forms are being collected from the schools. The response to the new approach has been most encouraging so far and it is estimated that about 2,000 applications have already been received.