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## QUESTIONS ASKED IN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

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**A**RMED with a clipping from the "Sunday Times," Mr. George Hills, M.P.C. (Lab., Benoni), startled the Provincial Council, sitting in the Raadsaal of the Old Government Buildings, Pretoria, on Tuesday, by referring to the revelations made in this paper in connection with the erection of a new house for the Principal of the Johannesburg Normal College, Professor W. R. MacGregor.

"If the 'Sunday Times' is right, as I have every reason to believe it is, what is the meaning of the expenditure of £2,600 on the building of a miniature palace for the principal of the Johannesburg Normal College, when the daily dirge of the Administrator and Executive Committee is concerned with the dire necessity for economy?" demanded Mr. Hills.

Looking anything but at ease, the Administrator and the other members of the Executive waited for further disclosures.

"Is this palace being built from the proceeds of the five per cent. cut in teachers' salaries?" Mr. Hills proceeded.

"It is a very curious fact that in spite of the hard times, one of the finest hill sites in Johannesburg should have been selected for the building of a magnificent residence for the principal of the Johannesburg Normal College. Designed by one of South Africa's promising young architects, Mr. Gerard Moerdyk, the house suggests mine magnates and ample financial resources."