

EEUFEEES - ALBUM

STADSRAAD VAN PRETORIA

Die Stadsraad van Pretoria sal in Januarie volgende jaar 'n Eeufees-Album van Pretoria uitgee waarin beoog word om die geskiedenis van Pretoria in beeld te stel.

Die oorspronklike idee was dat hierdie boek 'n deel sou uitmaak van die publikasies wat die Stadsraad van plan is om tydens die Eeufees in 1955 uit te gee, maar toe het die plaaslike Van Riebeeck Fees-komitee gevra of dit nie vroeër beskikbaar gestel kon word sodat dit met die poskoets na Kaapstad gestuur kan word nie. Die Redaksieraad wat op versoek van die Stadsraad die werk behartig, het toe onderneem om te probeer om die boek betyds uit te gee.

Die foto's wat daarin gebruik word, is hoofsaaklik uit die munisipale versameling en aangevul deur foto's in die Transvaalse Museum, die Argief en in prof. S.P. Engelbrecht se versameling. Hierdie "prente verhaal" begin met dokumente wat terug dateer na 1853 en op die laaste bladsy sal 'n foto verskyn van die poskoets waarin die boek na Kaapstad geneem sal word. Baie foto's en dokumente is heeltemal nuut en word vir die eerste keer afgedruk.

Die Redaksieraad wat verantwoordelik is vir hierdie werk bestaan uit prof. S.P. Engelbrecht (voorsitter), mnr. J.A.I. Agar-Hamilton en prof. A.N. Pelzer met die Stedelike Skakelbeampte, Mnr. H.P.H. Behrens, as sekretaris.

CENTENARY + ALBUM

CITY COUNCIL OF PRETORIA

The City Council of Pretoria will publish in January next year a Centenary Album in which an attempt is made to tell in photographs the history of Pretoria since it was established in 1855. At first it was intended that this volume should be one of the publications which the City Council intends issuing in connection with the city's Centenary. The Pretoria Van Riebeeck Committee, however, asked whether it could not be published in time so that a copy thereof could be sent in the mail coach to Cape Town. The Editorial Board responsible for this work agreed to do so.

The photographs are mainly from the municipal collection, supplemented by photographs from the Transvaal Museum, Archives

and from photographs in Prof. S.P. Engelbrecht's collection. The story told in this book begins with documents dating back to 1853 and on the last page will appear a photograph of the mail coach in which the book will travel to Cape Town. Many of these photographs and documents are completely new and have not been reproduced before.

The Editorial Board editing the album consists of Prof. S.P. Engelbrecht (chairman), Mr. J.A.I. Agar-Hamilton and Prof. A.N. Pelzer with the Public Relations Officer, Mr. H.P.H. Behrens, as secretary.

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES

relative to the

CEREMONY OF THE LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE

of the

NATIONALE BANK & MINT BUILDINGS, PRETORIA

On Wednesday, 6th July 1898 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon the Ceremony of the Laying of the Foundation Stone of the Nationale Bank & Mint Buildings was performed by His Honour President S.J.P. Kruger, assisted by Mr. T.W. Beckett, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Mr. H. Milits, Joint General Manager of the Bank.

The Board of Directors, the members of the Executive Council and the two "Volksraden", heads of most of the official departments, the Representatives of Foreign Powers besides the leading citizens, were present.

Hereafter follows the detailed description of the Ceremony: Long before Wednesday afternoon was far advanced, the north side of Church Square presented a scene of bustling activity. From the Landdrost's office to the present National Bank building a long garland of flags waved in the breeze, comprising the national colours of all countries arranged in brilliant contrast. From a high staff in front of the spot which the new building will occupy a very large vierkleur blew gaily over the surroundings. About three o'clock a large crowd assembled outside the railings, and several hundreds of invited guests were wending their way on to the platform erected over the