

Pretoriana

PEOPLE at leisure can do worse than call at the Burgers Park, where tranquil surroundings provide a pleasant change from the city's bustle. Apart from its many scenic spots, the park has a kiosk where tea and refreshments are available.

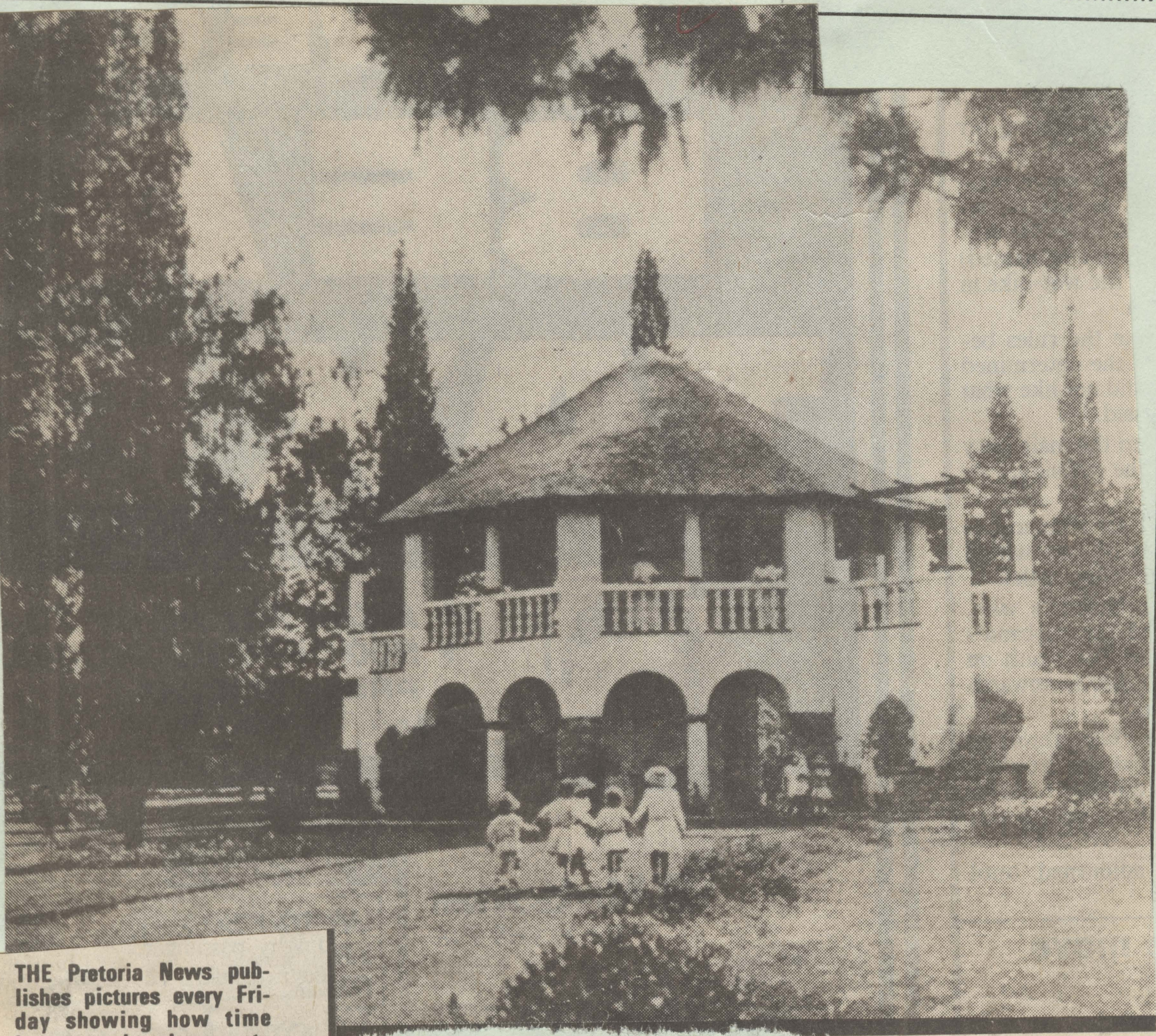
The kiosk, or Burgers Park Pavilion as it was more commonly known in years gone by, is set in the southern part of the park, easily accessible through the main entrance in Jacob Mare Street. Our picture below (taken in 1913) shows that the gardens around the kiosk have not changed much over the years, except for more shrubs (shown in today's picture alongside).

This retreat from the hubbub was named after President Thomas F Burger when 18 erven were laid out as a public park in 1889. Also in the park is a Moses Kottler statue of President Burger, a Transvaal Scottish Regiment Memorial — and a tree planted in 1898 to commemorate the birthday of Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands.

(Pretoriana picture submitted by Mr Greville Sheard of Waterkloof. Text by staff writer Daan de Beer.)

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