

ON THE FIRST JANUARY THIS YEAR THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF JOHANNESBURG WERE EXTENDED BY 92.87 SQ. MILES, NOW MAKING THE TOTAL MUNICIPAL AREA 196.50 SQ. MILES. I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO THIS COUNCIL IF I REVIEWED WHAT HAD HAPPENED IN THE PAST IN REGARD TO THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES.

YOU WILL RECALL THAT JOHANNESBURG WAS FIRST LAID OUT AS A STANDSDORP ON THE FARM RANDJESLAAGTE. THIS TRIANGULAR FARM WAS 5 SQ. MILES IN EXTENT, THE APEX OF THE TRIANGLE BEING THE CORNER OF LOUIS BOTHA AVENUE AND EAST AVENUE, VERY NEAR TO THE BEREA FIRE STATION. THE OTHER CORNERS BEING THE CORNER OF END AND COMMISSIONER /...

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COMMISSIONER STREETS AND THE CORNER OF DIAGONAL AND COMMISSIONER STREETS. THIS REMAINED THE BOUNDARY UNTIL UNDER PROCLAMATION NO. 16 OF 1901 THE BOUNDARIES WERE EXTENDED BY 4.05 SQ. MILES TO INCORPORATE INTO THE MUNICIPAL AREA THE SUBURBS OF MAYFAIR, PARKTOWN, BEREA, YEOVILLE, BELLEVUE, JUDITHS PAARL, LORENTZVILLE AND BERTRAMS.

THE MINING AREAS DID NOT FORM PART OF THE MUNICIPAL AREA, NOR DID SUBURBS SUCH AS OPHIRTON, BOOYSENS AND TURFFONTEIN. SO WE HAD AT THAT TIME A VERY LIMITED MUNICIPAL AREA SURROUNDED BY SATELLITE/...

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SATELLITE SUBURBS. BY PROCLAMATION NO. 13 OF 1902 THE MUNICIPAL AREA WAS INCREASED TO 75½ SQ. MILES, THE POLICY BEING TO TRY AND BRING WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL AREA COUNTRY WITHIN A RADIUS OF 5 MILES FROM THE POST OFFICE.

FURTHER EXTENSION WAS MADE IN 1903, WHEN THE AREA WAS INCREASED TO 81.80 SQ. MILES.

AFTER THE OUTBREAK OF PLAGUE IN WHAT WAS THEN CALLED THE INSANITARY AREA, NOW CALLED NEWTOWN, THE NATIVE POPULATION WAS/...

WAS MOVED TO THE KLIPSPRUIT SEWERAGE WORKS AND THIS ADDED 4.13 SQ. MILES TO THE BOUNDARIES. THIS WAS THE AREA WHICH WAS LATER TO BE KNOWN AS PIMVILLE. IT WAS NOT UNTIL 1939 THAT THERE WAS A FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE MUNICIPAL AREA, WHEN CRAIGHALL, ILLOVO, CRAIGHALL PARK, GREYMONT AND LINDEN WERE INCORPORATED, BRINGING THE AREA TO 90.67 SQ. MILES.

IN 1943 THE RAND AIRPORT WAS ADDED; IN 1944 SANDRINGHAM WAS INCORPORATED; IN 1949 LINKSFIELD NORTH AND THE ROYAL JOHANNESBURG GOLF COURSE CAME WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY.

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PRIOR TO THE INCORPORATION OF THE AREAS TO THE NORTH-EAST AND NORTH-WEST, THE MUNICIPAL AREA WAS 94.48 SQ. MILES. THE NORTH-EAST PORTION ADDED A FURTHER 4.90, THE NORTH-WESTERN 5.54 AND AFTER EXCISION OF THE RAND AIRPORT FROM OUR BOUNDARIES, THE AREA OF THE CITY WAS 103.63 SQ. MILES.

COUNCILLORS WILL THEREFORE REALISE THAT THIS ADDITION OF 92.87 SQ. MILES IS THE LARGEST SINGLE INCREASE IN OUR BOUNDARIES IN THE CITY'S HISTORY. IT IS NOT MERELY THE AREA THAT HAS BEEN ADDED THAT IS SO IMPORTANT. THE AREA OF SOWETO, PREVIOUSLY ADMINISTERED BY/...

BY THE CITY IS NOW FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE MUNICIPAL AREA.

BY THE INCORPORATION OF NANCEFIELD AND OTHER COLOURED GROUP AREAS, THERE WILL NOW BE A REASONABLE POSSIBILITY OF ADEQUATELY HOUSING THE COLOURED PEOPLE IN THE MUNICIPAL AREA. WHAT IS PERHAPS MORE SIGNIFICANT IS THE ADDITION OF LENASIA, THE INDIAN GROUP AREA. THIS WILL NOW ENABLE THE CITY TO CATER FOR A SECTION OF THE POPULATION WHICH HITHERTO HAD NO GROUP AREA WITHIN THE CITY'S BOUNDARIES.

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IN GIVING THIS INFORMATION ABOUT OUR EXTENDED BOUNDARIES, I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF WELCOMING OUR NEW CITIZENS OF ALL RACES AND SAY HOW PLEASED WE ARE TO WELCOME THEM AS JOHANNESBURGERS. I ALSO WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF WELCOMING THE NEW COUNCILLORS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT OUR NEW CITIZENS. COUNCILLOR H.V. NOLAN AND RAADSLID J.J. SADIE, I EXTEND A WELCOME TO YOU AND TRUST THAT YOUR PERIOD OF OFFICE IN THE COUNCIL WILL BE A PLEASANT ONE. WE WILL HAVE MANY PROBLEMS TO OVERCOME TO EXTEND FACILITIES TO THESE ADDITIONAL AREAS/...

AREAS AND WE KNOW THAT WE CAN COUNT ON YOU AS PERSONS HAVING A KNOWLEDGE OF THE NEW AREA TO ASSIST THE COUNCIL TO MAKE THE TRANSITION AS SMOOTH AS POSSIBLE.

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