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Dear Residents of Dukatole and Katlehong,

At the end of the month when I leave Germiston in order to take up an appointment as Manager, Native Affairs, Allanridge, Orange Free State, I will terminate what has perhaps been the most pleasant association of my career to date.

I am accordingly deeply appreciative of the opportunity given to me to bid you farewell through the medium of "Dukatole News."

I came to Germiston as a young man and made my first contact with the residents of Dukatole in the days of Magaxanduku., Mr. Turton, Sergeant Mack, Brakkies, Jan Moloi and Mostert. Later, very much later, when I was fortunate enough to secure appointment to the staff of the Manager, Non-European Affairs, during 1947, I had an opportunity to renew my association with you and your affairs.

Being entrusted with the task of securing employment for the vast number of non-european workers in our area in the immediate post war period certainly was no easy task and, but for the loyal support of my staff, the co-operation of the men at the head of affairs in local Trade and Industry, and your implicit trust in myself and my staff, nothing could have been achieved. The story of what has been done in Germiston in this particular respect during the past four years is well known to you, and need not be enlarged upon by me at this stage.

Though keen to assume my new appointment, it is none-the-less with a feeling of regret that I take my departure. So much still remains to be done, and such a large number of good friends from all walks of life will be left behind. I do know, however, that your future welfare and interests are in the best hands possible, and I will watch future developments with a keen sense of participation even though removed from you.

As this is a privileged occasion you will perhaps allow me to stress again the need for mutual trust and understanding between yourselves and those officials, European and Non-European, entrusted with the task of administration. There are few things that give rise to greater despair and unhappiness than the knowledge that an act of real unstinting service is perhaps not fully appreciated.

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In Gerniston this is a very rare occurrence and I sincerely trust that this will ever remain the same.

In conclusion, allow me once again to record my appreciation of the true fellowship and friendship that I have enjoyed as a member of the Non-European Affairs Department staff. - of the wisdom and experience I have gained in my contacts with them and the Non-European community as a whole, and of the loyalty and response I have had from the members of my own staff. My memory of these things will ever remain green.

I am not saying good-bye to you, but prefer the use of the word "Totsiens", because the child inevitably returns to visit his fathers "nusi". Until we meet again then, I say, Salani kahle, and may God bless you.

Yours sincerely,
J. W. ELLIS.

TOTSIENS, Mr. ELLIS.

Our leading article this month has been written by Mr. Ellis, our Registering Officer, on the eve of his departure for Allanridge on the Orange Free State gold fields where he is taking up an appointment as Manager, Native Administration Department.

Mr. Ellis, apart from being one of our most senior administrative officials also holds the distinction of having rendered faithful service to the public of Gerniston, both European and non-european, during his fifteen years association with public administration in this fair city of ours.

His tact and inherent fairness of mind made him a particularly valuable member of the staff and his contribution towards the achievement of better relations between employers and their non-european staff will always stand out as an example to be followed. In losing him to Allenridge not only the non-european community, but also that vast and intricate organisation, Gerniston Industry, has lost a sincere friend, a born mediator and a trusted adviser. The Free State Gold Fields are indeed to be congratulated on having secured the services of such an official at this stage of their development. Nobody knows this better than we his colleagues on the staff.

We know that we speak on behalf of all our readers when we extend our very best wishes to Mr. Ellis and his family in his new appointment. We will watch his future career with great expectations.

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PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH by Leslie Sehume.

Walking down an unpretentious street in Dukatole I came across what appeared to be a CAFE-BIO with a display window. I went inside and lo! I was caught in a glare of arc lamps and scenic backgrounds painted on canvas. I had walked into the New Look Photographic Studio. Stepping from behind a camera came Mr. A. Mhlungu, the proprietor, with a big smile.

He has been running the studio since 1948. It is a long time since that fateful day in 1922 when the Mhlungu family of the picturesque district of Ngutu in Zululand were blessed with a son. That very son came to Johannesburg in 1940 to work. In 1943 after various jobs he finally worked at a photographic studio in Gerniston for five years. With all the knowledge of developing, printing and enlarging safely tucked in his head, he opened his own business in Dukatole.

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To-day he has a lucrative business which promises security for many years to come. Among his most important "sitters" are Bishop Bonner of the A.M.E. Church, Dukatole officials and an African church leader from Pietersburg.

His main hobbies besides training African girls in the art of photography, are music and religion. He believes that the church is the only foundation on which a stable African race can be built. His favourite phrase is : "whatever we do we should'nt forget our Creator".

On Wednesday evening I visited the Dukatole Library and found a group of young people having a round-table discussion. I was invited to sit down with them. Then Mr. Tommy Ranokgopa, the star of the ALL-
AFRICAN film "Magic Garden" stood up. He sketched the progress of Africans in films from the propoganda series made by the Tea Bureau to the present commercial filmlets and full-length features. He said the cinema had an advantage over the radio, books and newspapers, in that even an illiterate person could understand moving pictures.

A week later I again went to the Library. I listened to a Record Recital. Since then I have enjoyed a Book Review, Quiz Night, Play Reading and a Debate. All these functions are organised by the Gerniston Cultural Society in Dukatole.

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FORT COX NATIVE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE:

We are indebted to our Native Commissioner, Mr. Ranwell, for the following information on courses at Fort Cox, which we pass on to you :-

"It is notified for general information that the Fort Cox Native Agricultural College provides the following courses :

- (a) Two year Diploma in Agriculture with Junior Certificate (Standard VIII) as the minimum qualification;
- (b) Assistant - Stock Inspectors Course of one year's duration. Candidates for this course must be in possession of the Junior Certificate and the Two year Diploma in Agriculture;
- (c) Engineering Assistant's course of two year's duration with Junior Certificate as the minimum entrance qualification.
- (d) Teachers Certificate Course in Agriculture of one year's duration. Candidates for this course must be in possession of a recognised Teacher's Certificate.

Application forms and further particulars in connection with these courses can be obtained direct from the Principal, Fort Cox Native College of Agriculture, P.O. Middledrift, C.P."

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The following notes on Road Safety matters have been contributed by Mr. Thurley, the secretary of the Gerniston and District Road Safety Association :-

"Mr. F.W.C. Buitendag was re-elected chairman for the 1951/52 year with Mr. P.J. Muller as Vice-chairman and Mr. J.J. Veldman as Hon. Secretary

It was noted that the work of the Location Sub-Committee was proceeding steadily but that very little new ground had been broken due to the heavy work entailed by the official census in /

in the locations.

It was reported that a new series of films had been shown at the Gerniston Location and that the Questionnaire Competition would be held during August, 1951. The Secretary was instructed to request the National Road Safety Organisation for a supply of "Vernacular" films and to contact the Gerniston Traffic Department regarding the regular supply of information for the purpose of flying accident flags.

Mr. J. D. Vorster and the Secretary undertook to visit Kempton Park during August, 1951 for the purpose of meeting the local Location representatives and of forming a Location Road Safety Sub-Committee.

The Secretary was instructed to apply to the Transvaal Road Safety Committee for the use of a patrol van for 4 days during September, 1951."

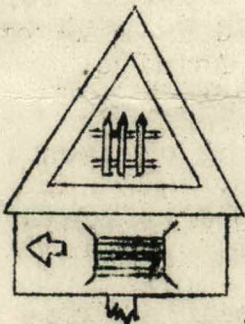
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At the time of writing we are advised that a very active Non-European Sub-committee of the Road Safety Association has been formed at Kempton Park. We wish this new Committee every success.

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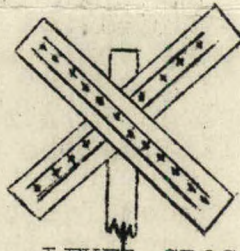
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S P R I N G F L A S H E S

With the coming of spring there are signs of growth all round us. Spring appears to be in the air!

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At Katlehong a Non-European Creche Committee has been formed. The Committee already has about 30 children at their temporary Creche and arrangements are being made for a suitable building to be erected from funds made available for this purpose by the Council.

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The erection of a Public Primary School at Katlehong is at present under consideration and should be put in hand in the near future.

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The first few cottages under the Council's assisted housing scheme have now been completed and are already occupied.

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Katlehong residents are very proud of the fact that during the past ten days nearly seven hundred fruit trees, provided by the Council at a shilling per tree, have been planted in the Township.

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Progress in the erection of a further 800 houses at Katlehong is proceeding apace and it is hoped that the first batch of houses under this contract will be available towards the end of November.

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At Dukatole an athletic track has now been provided around the Soccer field at the Robert Strachan Hostel.

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Natalspruit residents too now have the use of a fine soccer ground and athletic track.

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BIOSCOPE:

The following programmes will be shown at the Turton Hall Bioscope :-

- 24/25 August : Barkleys of Broadway : starring Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire.
It looks like rain (passing parade) Serial.
- Aug 31/
Sept 1. : David Copperfield. featuring W.C.Fields and Freddie Bartholomeu.
More about Nostradanus (Minature) and Serial.
- Sept 7/8 : Luxury Liner, a colour musical with Lawrence Melchior and Jane Powell.
Ice Aces (P.Smith)
Mouse Cleaning (Cartoon)
Serial.
- Sept 14/15 : Adams Rib; a conedy featuring Spencer Tracey and Katherine Hepburn.
Jerry's Diary (Cartoon)
Serial.
- Sept. 21/22 : Green Years, the A.J.Cronin best seller.
Bikini Aton Island (Minature)
Serial.

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Mr. Humpel reports that during July, 1951, 7404 gallons of milk were sold through the depot at 3d. per pint. The loss to the Council through the sale was £113.12.11.

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Mr. Dittrich advises that the sale of vegetables at the Location Market for the month of July, 1951, was £109.15.9d.

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ADVISORY BOARD ELECTIONS, 1951/52.

(1) GERMISTON LOCATION:

The Gerniston Location Advisory Board elections are due to take place early in September. Nominations for the six Wards are as follows :-

- Ward 1, is being contested, the two nominees being Mr. Peter Sali, Stand 1315, last year's Board member for Ward 1, and Mr. Peter Zuma, Stand 1443.
- Ward 2, Mr. J. W. Makula, Stand 5(H), last years Board member for this Ward, is returned unopposed.
- Ward 3, Mr. M. K. Maphanga, Stand 1337, last year's Board member for this Ward, is returned unopposed.
- Ward 4, Mr. James Monaheng, Stand 270, who was last year's Board member for Ward 4, is returned unopposed.
- Ward 5, is being contested by Mr. P. J. Ngema, Stand 311, last year's Board member for this Ward, and Mr. Abe Motloun, Stand 815.
- Ward 6. Mr. Frank Credi, Stand 513, has been returned unopposed. This seat was held last year by Mr. A. H. Mosia.

(2) NATALSPRUIT TOWNSHIP:

The date for the Katlehong elections has still to be decided. It is interesting to note that all three wards are being contested. Nominees for the three wards are as follows :-

- Ward (a) : Mr. Moshoshoe and Mr. J. Tshabangu will contest this Ward. Mr. Mashoeshoe was last year's member.
- Ward (b) : In this Ward there is a three cornered contest, the nominees being Mr. W. Mopedi, Mr. S. M. Mahoa, and Mr. Z. Mohale. Mr. A. Sokele was the Advisory Committee member for this ward last year.
- Ward (c) : The nominees for this Ward are Mr. T. Rampai, who was the Advisory Committee member for this Ward last year, and Mr. R. Nhlapo.

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CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:

Our domestic animals give us faithful service, and it is our duty to care for them. We are inclined to forget that these animals can suffer pain, and require food and water regularly. Because of cruelty of some people to the dumb animals in their care it has been found necessary to pass laws which enable the Courts to punish offenders for cruelty to animals. Your dog guards your property, your cow gives you milk, and your horse pulls your cart. DON'T FORGET TO FEED THEM, DON'T FORGET TO GIVE THEM WATER, DON'T LET THEIR SORES AND INJURIES GO UNATTENDED.

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Next month we hope to publish an account of the Arts and Crafts Festival which is being held in the Benoni Location on the 18th and 25th of August, 1951. Entries from all along the Reef have been received, and the work is of a very high standard,

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