

MOLIETZIES BANTU TOWNSHIP

A regional Bantu Township where at present mainly Bantu working in Pietersburg are domiciled.

The intention is that all Bantu at present residing in the Municipal Location should eventually move to the Molietzies Township.

Accommodation will also be provided later for Bantu who desire to obtain housing for their dependants.

Bantus, who for some or other reason no longer desire to live in the European Urban Areas will also eventually be absorbed

There are at present two Bantu locations in close proximity to Pietersburg, the Municipal Location and New Pietersburg

As far as new Pietersburg is concerned it is intended that under the Group Areas Act it will become a European Area.

It is further intended that the present Pietersburg Bantu Location will become an industrial area as soon as all the present families have vacated their properties.

Only members of the Northern Sotho Ethnic Group are allowed to reside in the Molietzies Township as regional townships for other ethnic groups are to be established in their own areas. The Molietzies Township is situated eight miles from Pietersburg and a bus service, owned by a European operates daily between the two centres, All houses are build by Bantu contractors. The . . . houses vary in size, some have four rooms and others five. Ultimately 12,000 houses will be built in the township.

All 1,830 completed houses are already occupied.

The purchase price of completed houses depends on the size of the erf and type of house. The erven are valued at R2-00 per 500 feet. Eeven vary in size from 50 feet by 80 to 60 feet with a few larger areas.

When a house is sold ~~it is request~~ a R50 deposit, ^{is required} but should the buyer not have the ready cash all cases are dealt with on merit and lower deposits may be accepted.

The term of payment is calculated as 30 years and monthly instalments amount to R3.93, services included.

Should a Bantu desire to build his own house the plans must be apporved by the Department and plans can be obtained from the Department free of charge.

Two types of houses are built by the Department, the 51/9 type and the 51/6 type. The one has water sewerage in the house and the other sewerage away from the house.

The rental for a 51/9 type house is R2.77 per month plus R1.81 for service while for the 51/6 type the rental is R2.52 plus R1.81 for services.

The proportion of houses with inside and outside sewerage systems is 50 - 50

No communal facilities are provided. The following institutions have so far been erected in the townships:

- 3 Lower Primary Schools
- 2 Higher Primary Schools
- 1 Secondary School
- 1 Trade School
- 1 Health School

A 600,000, ⁰⁰⁰gallon dam built by the Department and 5 boreholes supply the town with water.

In the distant future additional water supplies may be obtained from the Pietersburg Municipality. Coal for heating and cooking purposes can be obtained from Bantu coal merchants in the townships.

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