

ORANGE FREE STATE BRANCH
PROCEEDINGS OF THE NOVEMBER, 1968, GENERAL
MEETING

The November General Meeting of the Branch was held at the St. Helena Club on Friday, 15th November, 1968.

Mr. J. G. Kirchner (Chairman of the O.F.S. Branch) was in the chair.

There were also present:

President: Mr R. C. J. Goode.

Eighteen Members: Mr A. E. Gilfillan (Council Member), Messrs T. Zadkin, J. N. Saunders, N. A. Honnet, D. D. Waterman, C. R. Netscher, (Committee Members), Messrs G. Thorburn, Z. Lombard, H. V. Henwood, C. J. Isaac, S. L. S. Swart, J. D. McNamara, H. H. Schellhorn, J. W. Wilson, G. C. P. Labuschagne, L. J. Thorne, R. C. Espley-Jones, J. Handley.

Seventeen Associate Members: Messrs H. J. Reeders, R. Campbell, P. A. Hoffman, D. E. Couperthwaite, M. D. de Lange, G. J. C. Young, G. W. Futcher, U. Visser, F. H. De Groot, E. Schmid, K. G. Pearce, D. A. Viljoen, H. W. M. Eschenburg, R. Still, W. B. Howe, A. H. Edwards, R. H. Drake.

Three Graduates: Messrs T. R. Stromsoe, J. G. Cockburn, T. A. Ward.

One Affiliate: Mr O. A. Huss.

Twenty-three visitors.

Total present: 64.

Apologies were received from Messrs L. O. W. Leimer, V. C. Barnes and A. Louw.

WELCOME TO VISITORS

The Chairman declared the meeting open and extended a special welcome to the following: Mr R. C. J. Goode, President of the S.A. Institute of Mining and Metallurgy; Mr A. E. Gilfillan, Member of Council and Mr D. A. Viljoen, all from Johannesburg. Also to Mr J. D. McNamara, the guest speaker for the evening who had made the trip from Oranjekrag.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETINGS

The minutes of two meetings, viz., the General Meeting held on 26th June, 1968 together with those of the Annual General Meeting held on 14th August, 1968 were taken as read and their adoption moved by Messrs T. Zadkin and D. D. Waterman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, MR R. C. J. GOODE

With regard to the 75th Anniversary of the Institute, the President called upon those present to bear the following two dates in mind, viz.:

21st March, 1969—Banquet at the Wanderers' Club, to which ladies are invited.

24th March, 1969—General Meeting at Kelvin House at 9.30 a.m., the speakers being the President of the Institute, the President of the Chamber of Mines and Dr H. J. van Eck.

The excursions planned for 24th March, after the meeting, will include the Research Departments of the Chamber of Mines and the various mining houses together with African Explosives. Visits to Witwatersrand University and African Wire Ropes Limited are also to be arranged.

The President also referred to The Professional Engineers' Act which was passed by Parliament during 1968 and which will come into operation on the 14th February, 1969. In terms of the Act all persons wishing to be registered as engineers shall within six months of this date apply to the South African Council for Professional Engineers for registration. The President emphasized that it is especially important for those members not having a university degree, but who nevertheless wish to register, that they take advantage of this six months to apply for registration.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Under this heading, the Chairman made a special appeal to senior management to approach members of their staff with a view to increasing membership of the Institute.

The Chairman mentioned that an invitation had been extended to members of the Witbank/Middelburg branch of the Institute to attend not only the evening's proceedings but also an all-day visit to places of interest in the Goldfields. However, in a letter thanking us for our invitation, it was mentioned with regret that there had been no positive response to our invitation.

The Chairman mentioned that the following meetings had already been planned for next year:

Wednesday, 19th February: Talk by Mr J. W. Wilson of the Anglo American O.F.S. Rock Mechanics Department on the practical applications of rock mechanics to mining.

June Meeting: Two talks, viz.:

- (a) 'Heavy media separation as practised at Free State Saaiplaas Gold Mining Co. Ltd.,' by D. E. Couperthwaite.
- (b) 'Engineering plastics,' by A. Leger.

The Chairman also gave details of future visits as follows:

- (a) Wednesday, 16th April: Visit to Anglo Alpha Cement Works, Lichtenburg.
- (b) July Visit: Railway workshops, Bloemfontein.

TALK BY MR J. D. MCNAMARA

The Chairman called upon Mr McNamara to address the meeting on the subject of the construction of the Hendrik Verwoerd Dam.

After a most interesting talk supported by an excellent slide show, the Chairman called upon Mr C. R. Netscher to thank the speaker.

CLOSURE

After thanking the speakers, the Chairman thanked members and visitors for their attendance and closed the meeting at about 10.30 p.m., after which refreshments were served.