

Apathy

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THE Cape Town Divisional Council is responsible for developing new areas. When all services have been provided and an area fully developed it is handed over to the City Council.

Only three of the 15 wards were contested in the 1974 elections, all the other candidates being unopposed. The percentage polls were 8,9 in Ward 8; 26,94 in Ward 11; 22,2 in Ward 14. This shows tremendous public apathy towards a committee that has a large say over community welfare.

It is worthwhile attending meetings and meeting the councillors, or at least being able to put a name to a face. It concerns me that so little interest is taken by the public in the duties of the Council. Having attended 18 monthly meetings I have been the sole person in the public gallery for 13 of them.



BOOK CORNER

FAREWELL TO INNOCENCE, Allan Boesak

A learned dissertation on black theology and black power and a must for every serious student of the South African scene. This is a thought-provoking and uplifting book, containing a wealth of original thought.

Obtainable from Ravan Press, soft cover, R4,50.

REMINISCENCES OF A RAND PIONEER, Renault Courtney Acutt

This readable autobiography of an adventurous and ingenious man covers the years from 1876 to 1973, and contains much of interest for the reader who would like to recapture some of the atmosphere and way of life in South Africa in the early part of this century.

Obtainable from Ravan Press, hard cover R9,50, soft cover R6,90.