

Alberton in the media (5) 1907

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“The annual public meeting convened by the Alberton Health Board was held on Tuesday night. There was a fair attendance with Thomas Wright acting as Chairman.

Mr Herbert Wain proposed that the system of voting by proxy at public meetings be abolished. He said he did not consider that people who had not sufficient interest in the proceedings to attend personally should have their laziness encouraged by allowing them to vote by proxy.

The Chairman said that as far as he was aware, the system of voting by proxy was an exclusively South African creation and he did not think that it was productive or did much good. The motion was carried.

The Chairman referred to a letter from the Magistrate Gilfillan of Germiston in which he hoped that Alberton could be included in the Germiston municipality. Mr Wright condemned the action of the Magistrate in making a proposition of that kind. He said that none of those present wished to see the township under the jurisdiction of the Germiston Municipality and heartily sympathised with the Germiston people in their misfortune in being governed by that body.

The meeting next proceeded to elect the new Board, to remain in office until August 14th 1908. The members elected were Herbert Wain, Thomas Wright, Job Patrick, John Marquis, John Vermeulen, Albert Fry, Edmund Stone, Jan van Bergen and George Overbury.”

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“A very regrettable bicycle accident occurred on Thursday evening at the entrance to town, as result of which Mr George Udrige lost his life. He was cycling home from work. Mr William Simpson saw Mr Udrige riding down the hill. A horse trap was approaching and the cyclist changed direction in order to try and avoid a collision. In doing so, he ran into the wall of Mr Patricks’s house. Witness saw him badly injured and sent for assistance, but Udrige died before the police arrived. No one was to blame for the accident. Udrige was 45 years of age, and leaves a widow and three children, for whom the greatest sympathy is felt.”



The site of Ulridge's accident in 1st Avenue 110 years later