

ANC North West congratulates Mama Ruta

MAHIKENG - The African National Congress in North West this week joined the large number of people who congratulated Mme Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti on her honour as Isithwalandwe/Seaparankoe, bestowed upon her by President Jacob Zuma over the weekend during the ANC's 102 anniversary celebrations at Mbombela Stadium-Mpumalanga province.

Mme Ruth Mompoti is amongst one of the leaving legends who South Africa and the North West province prides itself with.

Isithwalandwe/Seaparankoe is the highest honour awarded by the ANC to those who have made an outstanding contribution and sacrifice to the liberation struggle.

Isithwalandwe, literally translated, means "the one who wears the plumes of the rare bird" and was traditionally bestowed only on the bravest warriors of the people, on those who distinguished themselves in the eyes of all the people for exceptional qualities of leadership and heroism.

Dr Ruth Mompoti was born on September 14 1925 in Vryburg.

She was a Member of Parliament, South African ambassador and a Mayor of a Municipality named after her.

From 1953 to 1961 she worked as a typist for Nelson Mandela and Oliver Tambo in their law practice in Johannesburg. In 1954, she was joined the African National Congress (ANC) and was elected to the National Executive Committee of the Women's League.

She was involved in the Defiance Campaign in 1952, and was a founding member of the Federation of South African Women (FEDSAW) in 1954. She was later one of the leaders of the Women's March on

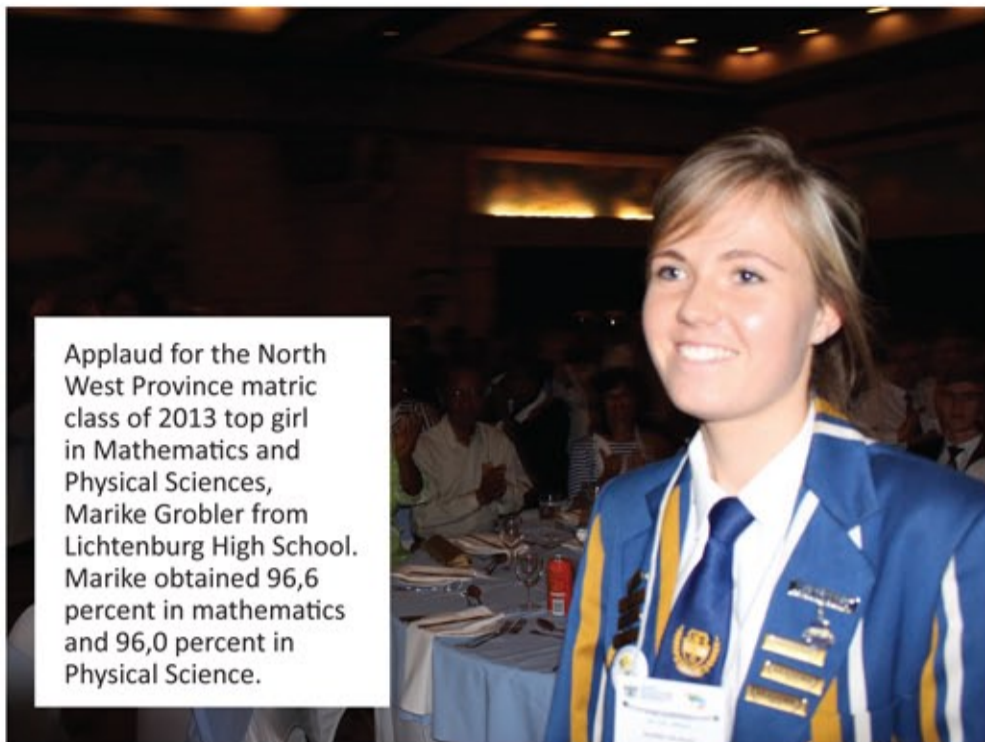
August 9 1956.

She went into exile in 1962 where she underwent military training and held office as secretary and head of the Women's section of the ANC in Tanzania. From 1966 to 1973, Mompoti remained a member of the ANC's National Executive Council. During this time, she also formed part of the president's office of the ANC.

One of Mompoti's more prominent roles was the one she played as the head of the ANC's Board of Religious Affairs. Between 1981 and 1982, Mompoti served as the chief representative of the ANC in the United Kingdom and became part of the delegation that opened talks with the South African government at Groote Schuur in 1990.

On August 10 1992, a day after the anniversary of the historic Women's March to Pretoria in 1956, she addressed the United Nations Special Committee against Apartheid in New York on the subject of women. The day was then declared an International Day of Solidarity with Women in South Africa.

In 1994, she was elected a member of parliament in the National Assembly. She was appointed ambassador to Switzerland from 1996 to 2000 and on her return became the mayor of Vryburg (Naledi) in the North-West Province.



Applaud for the North West Province matric class of 2013 top girl in Mathematics and Physical Sciences, Marike Grobler from Lichtenburg High School. Marike obtained 96,6 percent in mathematics and 96,0 percent in Physical Science.



Celebrating a top performer against all odds-MEC Mmaphefo Matsemela and Premier Thandi Modise applaud wheelchair enabled learner with spinal muscular atrophy disability Selouna Visser. Arch Bishop Zondo and Bishop Daniel Matebesi also in the picture.

A public announcement by Mahikeng Local Municipality:

MAHIKENG - Due to the depreciation of our water levels, we would like to inform the residents of Mahikeng and surrounding areas of water restrictions which will be imposed and become effective from the 9th January 2014 until the reserves have recouped the water levels.

The cut off times are from 10:00am - 15:00pm and 22:00pm - 4:59am during week days. No restrictions will be imposed over weekends.

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