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A few years ago this house at the corner of Proctor and Sheppard Streets in Mahikeng was a classic British-styled home admired by many. However, as this picture shows, today the property has been totally vandalised, neglected and left in a devastating state under the ownership of the Department of Public Works and Roads. According to popular reports, the department has announced that they intended to sell hundreds of properties which include neglected houses and buildings as well as government-owned homes rented out to a large number of public servants and private persons in the province. Many of these occupants have reportedly not been paying rent, or water and electricity bills—leading to the department threatening to evict them from these properties. Read more on P.3.