

# THE BEACON

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## EDITORIAL.

During the last few weeks, if one looked closely, one could see a little "Bradshawism" at work on the island. One of his supporters in Anguilla paid him a visit at St Kitts, and we can well believe that the "Dictator" has given the "go-ahead" for the only thing that could hamper the successful outcome of Anguilla's secession-- internal strife. We have been watching this closely and know that there are individuals trying to stir up internal strife. They tried first in the schools, but thanks to the loyalty of the teaching staff, all is going well there now. They tried next in the hospital, but here again the correct solution has been found. Where will they try next? The Provisional Government of Anguilla can tolerate no such action.

**NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR ISLAND COUNCIL.** An election will be held on Wednesday Oct. 25th to elect five members for the Island Council. Further details will be given later. Meanwhile it is important that all who are eligible to vote should have their names on the Voters' Roll. This applies particularly to those who have only recently reached the age of 21 years, and also to Anguillans who carry a foreign passport. Forms are now available at the Government Offices for getting your name on the roll. Please apply for a form at once, if you are eligible and your name is not on the existing roll.

A new party called the Anguilla Democratic Party has been formed and is putting up the following candidates: Ronald Webster;..Edwin Rey;.. Collin Hodge;.. Charles Fleming;.. Camille Connor. Names of other candidates can be accepted. All further nominations of candidates duly proposed and seconded, accompanied by a photograph (passport size) and a deposit of \$150 must be handed in to the Returning Officer, Mr R. T. Lake between the hours of 9-12, and 1-4 on October 17th.

Note that candidates need not reside in the district for which they are standing. Note also that Civil Servants are eligible as candidates.

**HOSPITAL BOARD.** A hospital board has been appointed consisting of these members. Medical Officer (Chairman) Ronald Webster, Edwin Rey, Emile Gumbs, Atlin Harrigan, Campbell Fleming (Secretary). At the first meeting of the board on Oct 2nd, it was decided that:-

Staff Nurse Adams be transferred from the Hospital, to be in charge of the Clinic at the East End, and Mid-wife. The vacancy caused at the Hospital to be filled by Staff-Nurse/ Midwife Gwendoline Hughes aged 26 of South Hill.

In view of the shortage of midwives in the Island Harbour area, an application by Mrs Thelma Hunte of Island Harbour to practice midwifery in that area was approved and permission given.

A post of Hospital Maintenance Officer was created, with responsibility for the smooth running of the hospital in all its departments. Mr Campbell Fleming, a trained male nurse was appointed to this post.

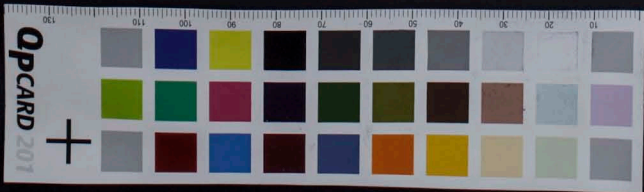
**EDUCATION BOARD (amended notice)** At a recent meeting of the Council it was decided to create an Education Board to handle such matters as, Employment of Teachers, Salaries, Vacations, Increments, Bonuses, Retirements etc. The Board is composed of The Headmaster of the Secondary School (Chairman and Convenor); Two teachers chosen by their fellow teachers; two members of the Council; and the Rector of Anguilla, or the Methodist Minister.

**CORRESPONDENCE.** Dear Mr Editor,

I have noticed in your issue of the Beacon dated Sept 27th that my name has been mentioned as a member of the School Board. The action of the Council has been unconstitutional, undemocratic, and lacking in common courtesy. My name should not have been mentioned on a board of which I had no knowledge, and I should have been given the privilege of exercising my rights of whether I was willing to participate on this Board or otherwise. I would therefore ask that my name be struck off until proper procedure is established.

Yours sincerely, Alvena Lake.

Reply A reasonable request. We regret any ill-feeling caused, and hope that the amended notice above will be satisfactory. Editor.



**PROPOSED RADIO STATION** Development of the proposed 100,000 watt Radio Station took on a more concrete form this week, with the Council's approval of a Letter of Intent, drawn up by the Canadian Firm. More complete, and embracing a wider field of benefits, its contents disclose the following:-

1. A sum of \$65,000 will be paid to the Government of Anguilla upon the signing of the Letter of Intent by Mr Ronald Webster.
2. A second \$65,000 will be paid on the completion of the installation of the equipment.
3. A third \$65,000, will be paid one year after the completion date.

The Letter of Intent includes many other benefits which will be presented more completely in forthcoming issues of this paper.

**USA RESUMES PARCEL POST TO ANGUILLA.** The following letter has been received by the Anguilla Post Office from Exchange Office, New York. (Bulletin of Verification No 2338. Despatch No 15. Parcel Post)

Despatches for Anguilla will be way-billed for discharge at Philipsburg, Saint Martin, instead of via St Kitts as heretofore. The last despatch on parcel post for Anguilla was No 14 via St Kitts. The Parcel Bill numbers for Anguilla will continue in numerical order. A duplicate copy of the parcel bill concerning each despatch will be sent by mail to the Postmaster, Willemstad, Curacao, N.A. for accounting purposes. Copies of this bulletin will be sent to Curacao and St Kitts for information.

The Chairman of the Council was informed to-day by the Postmaster of Anguilla that the first parcels have reached here from New York, via S Martin. This is the result of the new scheme which the US Government put into effect earlier this month, when they re-routed all mail passing through the USA for Anguilla.

**BOOKS FOR ANGUILLA.** A large supply of books and stationary for the use of the schools in Anguilla has recently arrived on the island. We learn that the main donors are The Rotary Club of S Thomas, who wish to assist the schools of Anguilla in every way they can. Other Donors are, Antilles School, Beach Cats; Elma Gumbs; O Warner; Anita Seaton; Mr & Mrs Lionel Smith; Mrs Addie Hendrickson; and WSTA Radio Station. Thank you, one and all. The Books are being brought in by the Anguilla Airways, and are being stored in the Treasury Building until they can be handed over to the Education Board for distribution to all the six schools of the island.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE VISITS U.N.** The chief executive for Anguilla, Mr Ronald Webster left Anguilla on Sept 26th, via St Thomas for New York. The purpose of the visit has not been disclosed. We gather, however, that Mr Webster, accompanied by the Legal Adviser of Anguilla, Professor Roger Fisher, visited the United Nations, and saw many of the delegates there. During his absence, Mr Webster was kept informed of events in Anguilla by the ham radio. Mr Walter Hodge acted for him in Anguilla, while Mr John Webster took up duties that night at Captain's Bay in charge of Defence. Mr Webster returned to Anguilla on Sept. 30th.

**EYE SPECIALIST IN ANGUILLA** On Saturday Sept 30th Dr De Frietas visited the island and saw some twenty people with eye-troubles. His patients were pleased with his treatment, and his fees are moderate. Orders for glasses should be fulfilled in about a week. Dr De Frietas was born in St Thomas, and qualified in Canada; he has worked in many islands of the Caribbean including Anguilla in the past. Previously Dr Lloyd, and Anguillan used to visit Anguilla from St Kitts.

**APPRECIATION OF THE BEACON.** We have received many congratulations on the first issue of this bulletin. We have started in a very humble way, and hope in time to get a proper printing press. The first edition was quickly sold out, and copies were sent to the news agencies all over the world. We know that the people of Anguilla not only have a right to know what is being decided, and they will be encouraged by what they read in the Beacon. We welcome letters, and advertisements, but the public will realise that space is very limited, and we may not be able to print all letters that we receive.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.** There is a real need of such a Commission for the benefit of Civil Servants, and we ask the Government that steps be taken to establish such a Commission as soon as possible, and so help the smooth running of affairs on Anguilla.

**RAIN.** We had some very welcome rain over the last week end. Anguilla is really green again, and there has been much activity in the fields.

