

# THE BEACON

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## THE ELECTION.

No further candidates for the election to the council were received by the end of nomination day on October 17th. The Returning Officer has therefore declared the following persons elected to serve on the Council.

District 1.	Collins Hodge.	Mechanic
2.	Wallace Rey.	Businessman.
3.	Ronald Webster	Businessman.
4.	Hugo Rey	Contractor.
5.	John Hodge	Businessman.

Messrs Camile Connor and Charles Fleming who were expected to stand, did not do so. According to the Draft Constitution, at the first meeting of the new Council, they will chose one of thier number to be Chairman, and then will procede to nominate two further members, making a complete council of seven.

We are sorry that there is now no need for an election on October 25th. The people of Anguilla have had their chance to propose rival candidates; as they have not done so, we assume that they are prepared to accept these men as their government.

We hope that they will nominate two others to make this council truly representative of the island. We are sure that the new Council will perform their duties conscientiously, especially in the critical period of the next few months. We call upon all Anguillans to support these men. If you have any grievances, approach the member for your district, so that he can bring the matter to the Council.

**THE TRIALS AT ST KITTS** The attention of all the Caribbean, and of many people in the world is focussed on the trials presently taking place at St Kitts. On the monday afternoon of Oct 16th we were all tuned in to the Radio Station of St Kitts. feeling sure we would hear some news of the trial. All we heard were some trivialities and advertisements, ut of the trial-- nothing. But thanks to Radio Antilles we heard the truth, that the Government of St Kitts had been reprimanded for keeping the accused in prison; for not letting their counsel see them; and that they were all released on bail. We have heard eyewitness accounts of the ovation they received as they joined the crowd outside the court; the kisses from the women; the handshakes from the men. We have high hopes for the outcome of the trial. Meanwhile, what confidence can we ever place in the Radio Station Z.I.Z ? If they refused even to mention such outstanding news, just because it was unfavourable to their own cause, it shows how partial and one-sided they are.

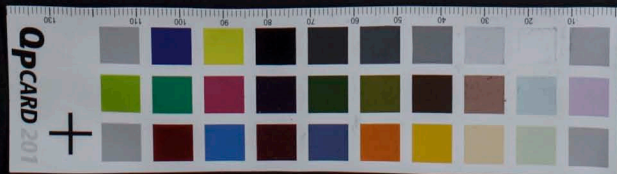
While the name of Dr Herbert is the important one in the eyes of the world, Anguillans will be thinking especially of those who belong to us. Todville Harrigan, Mitchell Harrigan, Churchill Smith, and Colin Hodge. The first for trial was Colin Hodge. News reaching us stated that Counsel for the defence had asked for an adjournment, and that the cases are adijourned for a week, and they with the others are released on bail of \$1500

**DEVELOPMENTS IN ANGUILLA** We hear that Kittitians are greatly impressed to hear that we have begun to tackle the problem of our roads. We are glad to report that a road gang of sixteen with two rollers, and a tar-sprayer have been working on the roads at Welches, Sandy Hill, and Mount Fortune. On Sandy Hill there are The new buildings that are already a prominent feature of the landscape, are to house the HAM Radio, which gives us a direct Radio link with St Thomas. In future we hope that it will link us with Cable and Wireless Station elsewhere in the Caribbean.

The site of this radio station is of historic interest, as it was from there that cannon were fired which repulsed an invasion of the French over 150 years ago.

Designs for a double class-room to relieve the present overcrowding of the boy's school in the Valley, are being presented to the Education Board for their approval, and shortly an appeal will be launched to raise the money needed. The estimate is in the region of \$4000, but this does not include the cost of labour, which we hope will be given. The children have begun to collect stomes for the job. Well done!

**STAMPS.** The supply of the over-printed stamps is strictly limited, and the Postmaster has had to refuse many requests from collectors. The public are asked, to buy Air Letter Forms, stamped Independant Anguilla, wherever possible.



DR FISHER. Anguillans will know by now that he is our lawyer, of international repute who has given much time and thought to our needs. We had hoped that he would have visited us this week. Alas, -no. He has however arranged for Mr Richard Kaynor to come in his place. Mr Kaynor comes to us to survey our present economy, and the possibility of future developments. He will return to the U.N on Oct. 20th.

CORRESPONDENCE. Sir, In your issue of the 7th inst, you made reference to Bradshawism at work in the Secondary School and the Hospital. Would you please define "Bradshawism", and let the public know what is referred to at the hospital and the school to which you give this name? I look forward to seeing a clear statement in your next issue. Yours for progress. P E Adams.

Reply Received too late for comment. We will reply next week. Editor.

NEIL MARTEN.M.P. A letter has been received from the House of Commons as a result of the letter to the Times referred to last week. In it he says, "I am doing what I can here to help. I have seen many people from St Kitts, and some from Anguilla, and have been pressing in Parliament, and have seen ministers about it. I am currently pressing for an all-party visit from U K and the Commonwealth countries to visit all three islands and report. I wish I could come over and see you. In the meantime you have many friends of Anguilla here, and I hope that you will tell your local friends what some of us are doing".

WHERE ARE WE GOING? WHAT DO WE WANT? It is time that Anguillans began to think this out. We have seceded from St Kitts. We are going it on our own. No other country has yet recognised us. We go on crying "We will never again go back to St Kitts".

But have we any positive answer to give, if for instance a deputation as mentioned above were to visit us, and were to ask "What do you really want?" Have we any positive answer to give?. These ideas are put forward for your consideration. Can we remain independent forever? How can we train our teachers, our nurses, or our police? What are we to do if some serious crime such as murder took place on the island? The answer is No, we can not stand on our own for ever. So what? We will not return to being a colony of St Kitts. So what? Have we any concrete suggestions to make? Supposing we asked the British Government, in consultation with the other Caribbean countries, ( yes, including St Kitts) to chose for us an Administrator, who will run this island much as Montserrat or the Virgin Islands are run, for a limited period, say for one or two years, until a permanent plan can be worked out. This would give time for hatred on all sides to die down, and enable us to think calmly. Let it be known that at the end of this interim period, a referendum would be taken by Anguillans to decide what their final position should be. This is just a suggestion for Anguillans to discuss among themselves. Perhaps it can be improved upon, but if as a result, Anguillans begin to know their own minds, they will be able to give a firm answer, when the time comes, and they are asked "Where are you going, and what do you really want" Contributed

NOTICE. The Beacon is on sale at the houses of:- Gabriel Brooks, South Hill. Mr Woods, the Valley. Watkin Hodge, Stony Ground. John Hodge, West End. Winston Harrigan, the Copse. Theima Hunts, Island Harbour, and at the Treasury.

For St Thomas, apply to Mr John Webster.

OUR ROVING AMBASSADOR. Mr Jeremiah Gumbs came back to Anguilla on Oct 18th. He arrived at Wallblake Airport on a plane of the Anguilla Airways, of which he is the owner, and announced that he had brought a New Flag for Anguilla, to replace the one now flying over the Air Terminal Building. Smaller flags are on sale for \$3. Mr Gumbs also said that he expected two business men who were interested in plans for the development of the island. One of these is Dr Sereno of Quality Broadcasting Station, Vancouver, Canada, who plans to build a Broadcasting Station on this island.

THE BEACON'S ADVICE TO THE NEW COUNCIL.

High up on the agenda must be the establishment of a Finance committee. We have a right to know where we stand financially. We should see a public statement of our income and expenditure, and so produce a working budget. There is urgent need for the appointment of a Public Service Commission, to deal with all matter concerning the Civil Service.

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