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This week the BEACON ^{EDITORIAL} completes its first year of publication. It was on Sept 21st 1967, that Canon Carleton and myself decided that we had the facilities to print a News-Sheet, to keep Anguillans at home and abroad abreast with the news. Neither of us knew much about the business, but we knew that it was needed. The same night there was a meeting of the Council, so we carried the idea to them. They welcomed the idea, and they preferred that it should be an Independent News Sheet, and not a Government one, and accordingly asked me to be Editor, with the full responsibilities and liabilities to be mine alone. They also asked Canon Carleton to assist in the mechanical production of the paper. Accordingly on September 27th, we produced the first BEACON. We printed 270 copies and all were quickly sold. On October 7th, we printed 440 copies. Since then the BEACON has appeared every week and increased its sales to 1000 copies. We have subscribers from all over the world, and many copies go to New York, Slough, St Inomas and Aruba. We are grateful for the patronage of our readers and look forward to their continued support. We would like to expand our production and ask our readers each to find one other to buy it weekly. We now have an electrical Press which will eventually be able to produce photographs. We regret that we have had teething troubles over the past two weeks, and hope we will be able to get over them. This week we start on an eight-page paper, and hope that it will find general approval. We welcome articles by Anguillans, not necessarily political, and suggest a series on the Ships of Anguilla would be welcome. Perhaps the Owners of the 'Betsy' can start the ball roll-in next week.

FATAL ACCIDENT. At about 8.25am on Wednesday Sept 18th, the car A.162, a Tempest Pontiac driven by Mr Robin Richardson was travelling south towards the airport at about 35m.p.h, and headed for a post at the upper side of the road. Mr R. Richardson said that he applied the brakes, and the car went into a crossways skid to the western side of the Road, hit Miss Nellie Henry, who was talking to a friend at the road-side killing her instantly. The car then turned over three times stopping finally at a mound of rocks. Other persons in the car were, Mr Hugo Carty of South Hill, Miss Verna Carty of South Hill, and Mr Shelly Brooks of George Hill. Mr Brooks suffered from a bad cut over the right eye and concussion, was thrown out of the car as it overturned and is in hospital, the others suffered from minor injuries and shock. The Car is a total loss and was owned by Mr Fabian R'dson, brother of Robin. A post mortem was held, and Miss Nellie Henry who was the sexton of St Mary's Church was buried the same afternoon. The driver is being detained at the Police Station.



RETIREMENT OF TEACHER. Mr Charles E Vanterpool, assistant teacher at East End School for over 30 years has now retired. The Staff of the school, together with members of the Parents' Teachers Association, gave him a grand send-off yesterday at 3.30pm. Speeches were made by several members of the community including the Headmaster. Mr Vanterpool was then presented with a gift from the Staff in appreciation of his many years' faithful service. Refreshments were served, and to the strains of "For he is a jolly good fellow" the afternoon's function was brought to a close. We join in wishing Teacher Eddy many happy years of well deserved retirement.

WEDDING. Alas! The grave diggers prayer in our last issue was not granted. Immediately following the funeral of Miss Nellie Henry, the sexton, the Gravedigger was married in St Mary's Church on September 19th he is James Renford Hennis known to all as Hookie, and Beryl Geneva Rogers, both of Stoney Ground. Messrs Joseph N Hennis and T.R Lake were the witnesses, and afterwards a reception was held.

MEDICAL NEWS LETTER. This occasional letter sent out by the Medical Department of the Government of Anguilla, contains the following news. Dr Felix Spector, now in his third month as Medical officer comes from a mission hospital at Castaner Puerto Rico and he had previously been in General Practice for nearly 25 years in Philadelphia, he is in the process of modernising the existing facilities. The Hospital addition is progressing rapidly, and will provide ten more maternity beds. Its construction is modern and ample. The Mobile Clinic, mounted on a large Dodge Truck Chassis contains a combination examining dental chair, a generator, a Movie Projector and screen, slide projector and tape-recorder, public announcement system, refrigerator, instruments etc. There is also given a list of Donations by friends of Anguilla, outside and inside the island, which is too long to be included here, but shows the great interest and help that is being given by our friends.

Further Medical news. Mr Ronald Webster has received a letter from Dr B Schaffner President of the U.S. Caribbean Aid to Mental Health, Inc, saying that he was glad to hear that a previous supply of drugs had arrived safely, and also giving news that a further shipment of drugs, selected by Dr Hass, are on their way. They are donated by The Direct Relief Foundation in Santa Barbara, California. He says that the drugs are being sent free of charge, but the costs of \$150 must be taken care of. \$ 75.00 each has been paid by the US.CAMH and by the St Thomas' Rotary Club's Anguilla Medical Fund.

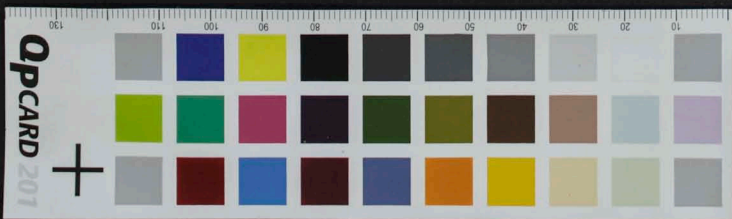
NEW MANAGER FOR BANK OF AMERICA. On Tuesday Sept 17th, Mr Jerry Seiffert of Los Angeles, California, arrived to take up his new appointment as Manager of the Anguilla Branch. He is 29 years of age, and is staying at Rendezvous Hotel. He says

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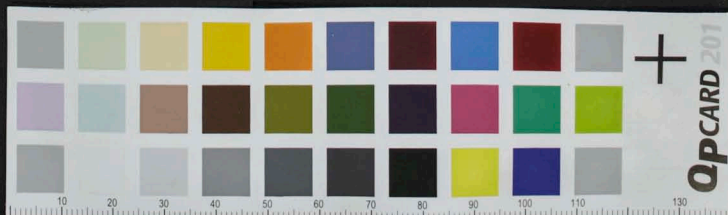


For those readers who may not know me, let me introduce myself. I am Gerry Thierstein, working for the Brace Research Institute of McGill University, Montreal, Canada, as a post-graduate student. Brace Research Institute was started 8 years ago as a department in the Faculty of Engineering to work on the development of water supplies for small communities in the tropics. Most of our activities have been in the Caribbean area.

Because water must usually be pumped or purified, both of which require power, we have considered various sources of power. Throughout the Caribbean there is usually an abundance of wind and sunshine. We have therefore concentrated our effort on using these. Our organization has two main functions. One is to do research in the application of solar heat and wind power to the problems of providing water supplies. Our second function is to provide engineering services for those who wish to use these forms of energy in solving some of their water problems. One of my reasons for working in Anguilla for the past few months is to determine the possibility of using some of our methods here. Two instruments have been set up behind Dr Spector's house, on land provided by the Agricultural Department. One measures the wind speed, the other the solar energy, or amount of heat produced by the sun. These will continue to be operated by Kenneth Banks in my absence. These two sources of energy present three very great advantages in a place like Anguilla. First, the energy from both sun and wind is free. Second, the equipment needed to utilise this energy is simple. Third, the operating cost is low. The disadvantages are that the cost of the equipment is rather high: and the available energy is not constant.

Using this information, we have begun to re-introduce the windmill, once the major source of stationary power in this part of the world. The windmill we are recommending for large power applications was designed by an aeronautical engineer. The blades are similar to an airplane propeller, and therefore very efficient. The sun's heat can be used very effectively for drying crops, heating water, and distilling water. Most Anguillians are acquainted with the large water-distillation plants in Aruba, St Martin and St Thomas. These are all very expensive plants requiring highly skilled technical personnel to operate them. Water distillation plants using the sun's heat are called solar distillation plants. These can be built in small size producing anything from 1 to 5,000 gallons per day. They are very simple to construct and operate. A small solar distillation plant has just been built at Island Harbour, on the roof of Mr Ronald Webster's Store. This is the type of co-operative effort in which Brace Research Institute usually participates. For this project Mr Webster has provided the site. The British Government with the cooperation of Mr Tony Lee has provided the money for the materials and labour. Brace Research Institute has provided the engineering design and technical supervision. Beltane Harrigan a young Secondary School Student is providing the daily supervision.

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Visitors are welcome to visit this water plant after contacting Mr Webster or Mr Morling. Mr Morling is cooperating by providing technical supervision which might be necessary while I am away.

It is my opinion that all water which is obtained from any additional wells and springs will always be salty in Anguilla. Good drinking water will probably only be supplied by rainwater and distillation plants. This type of solar distillation plant can supply some of the good water which is so badly needed in Anguilla. In Anguilla we are going a step beyond our normal programme. Part of my programme has been to collect information that should be of assistance to the Government in its future development. My major interest have been in the areas of water, power, and agriculture.

In water development I am first trying to learn what the present rate of consumption is. Several people are now measuring the water levels in their cisterns weekly, to show how much water is being used from this source. Records are being kept of the number of hours each of the water pumps work every day. The amount of water that is carried away in buckets from some wells has been checked. In this way it will be possible to learn just how much water is being used from different sources, and how much additional water will be required so that everyone may have a reasonable quantity of good water available. In the area of power, I have gathered information on vehicle registrations, fuel imports and electric plants. By looking at the growth of power over the past few years, one can make predictions for the expected increase that will come in the next few years. This should help in the preparing of plans for road and electricity development. The Agricultural Department has assisted in providing information on the income and expenses of various crops grown in Anguilla. With this information it should be possible to formulate a plan that will provide maximum food production from the limited agricultural land.

In closing I wish to thank all who have provided me with information and other assistance. I have had very good cooperation and a friendly welcome from everyone I have met in Anguilla. Gerry Thierstein.

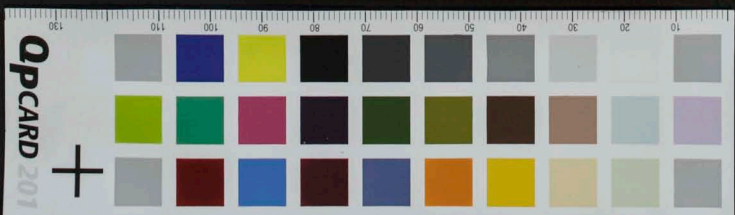
(The following article by Sid Moody appeared a few months ago in the Associated Press, and we hope that they will not mind its inclusion in the BEACON, as it is of great interest to all in Anguilla).

"Robespierre would have loathed it. Mack Sennett would have loved it, but few could argue that the revolution of this West Indian Island of Anguilla, of 6,000 souls is no less beguiling than its peacock coloured seas, its pillow-soft beaches, and its countless dusty goats. What else can one say of a rebellion that seeks DEpendence not INdependence? Whose first shots were fired not over redcoats at Concord, but beauty queens at the Community Centre? Whose weaponry includes cannon from the Napoleonic

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Wars, as liable to blow up their gunners as the enemy? Whose Constitution was written by a Harvard Law Professor on a borrowed typewriter probably on last July 4th, although no one seems sure? Whose budget is fleshed out by the aid of American Foundations and Stamp Collectors? Whose army rallies under a flag that has three orange porpoises languidly circling on a field of white and azure? The world may laugh, but if this be a rebellion, Anguilla is making the most of it.

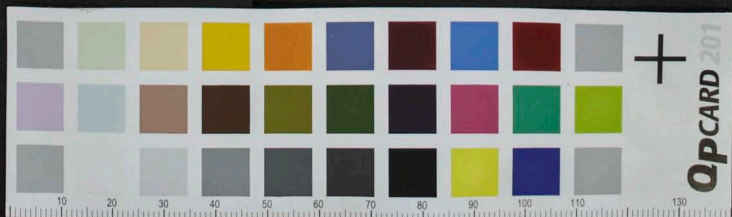
Anguilla is a flat island of 35 square miles known almost exclusively to the National Geographic Society and the Foreign Office in Britain, which has run it for the last 300 years. Because the nearest British possessions are the islands of St Kitts and Nevis some 54 miles distant as the frigate bird flies, Anguilla has always been lumped administratively with them, to the constant indignation of the Anguillans.

In 1873 Britain federated its Leeward Islands in the Caribbean. Anguilla wasn't even mentioned in the act. One hundred islanders protested against being administered by Kittitians "who are utter strangers to us, ignorant of the community, and careless of our wants" Anguillans argue that little has changed on St Kitts since, from which British funds flowed and where the books were kept.

A year ago, Britain, busy as a housewrecker dismantling the Empire, granted nominal independence to the "Associated State of St Kitts, Nevis and Anguilla," and suddenly found itself a lion at bay by a mouse that roared. Anguilla thought the act, of which it did not even see a copy until six weeks after it was signed, would give internal administration. But no such word came from St Kitts' Premier, Robert Bradshaw, a 51 year old former sugar cane worker and labour leader, who smoothes his bristling guardsman's moustache with a golden brush, likes fancy uniforms, and enraged Anguilla which has three miles of paved roads, by importing a yellow Rolls Royce to drive about St Kitts, whose roads are surfaced "right to the top of da mountain".

To mollify Anguilla and get it in the merriment of Statehood, Bradshaw sent over Miss St Kitts and Miss Nevis, shortly before the Statehood act was to be signed a year ago. Instead of admiring the view, the Anguillans from the East End of the island, many of them descendants of an Englishman named Webster, who was shipwrecked there in the 17th century, descended on the Community Centre, and broke up the festivities. Anguilla's baker's dozen police force, most of them Kittitians, dug up some tear gas somewhere, and in turn broke up the mob.

They were the shots heard round the world of Anguilla. Islanders began firing at night at the police station-aiming to miss but still make their point. Meanwhile at a pre-dawn ceremony, the Warden or Administrator of the island, Winston Byron, a Kittitian, stood at attention in his pyjamas, while the new Statehood flag- a palmtree rampant on a field of yellow, green and blue- was raised. Some days later, Mr Byron, again in his pyjamas, awoke to find his house in flames. He then fled the island- reportedly still in his night clothes. *Cont. Page 6.*



There followed what has been variously described as "The Fracas" "The Troubles" and the "Revolution". On May 30th a group of Anguillans led by Ronald Webster, a 42 year-old millionaire shopkeeper, went to the police headquarters and demanded the 60 or so men of the beefed up force leave the island. Jumpy enough already, the fuzz dutifully decamped leaving behind some small arms, including a machine gun or so, their paddy wagon, and a free for the moment Anguilla.

"No one was hurt, we did it with our mouths" said an islander. Anguillans quickly rolled oilcans on to the dirt landing strip to prevent Bradshaw from flying in reinforcements-- which he scarcely had-- and as Webster put it "declared our selves not independent but undependent on St Kitts".

Bradshaw, who figures himself a "spiritual descendant" of Henri Christophe, a native of St Kitts, who drove the whites out of Haiti last century, went mad, and killed himself with a golden bullet, became enraged. He declared a state of emergency, donned an honorary colonel's uniform, and marched through the streets of Basseterre, his capital, with a rifle on his shoulder. But with only 200 or so policemen (not including his own toughs, known locally as the "Breadfruit Boys"), no navy (Kittitians are almost entirely sugar cane workers, not sailors as are the Anguillans who own about 30 sloops), and no air-force (Anguilla has three aircraft that serve the island), there was little the Premier could do but get the Government Radio Station, Z.I.Z, and rail at the Anguillans, who listened with glee via transistor radios, (Anguilla has no electricity other than a few private generators). To be continued.

EXAMINATION RESULTS. College of Preceptors Certificates.

Subjects are :- English, E. French, F. Latin, L. History, H. Geography G. Arithmetic A. Algebra a. Biology B. Woodwork, W. Geometry g. Religious Knowledge, R.

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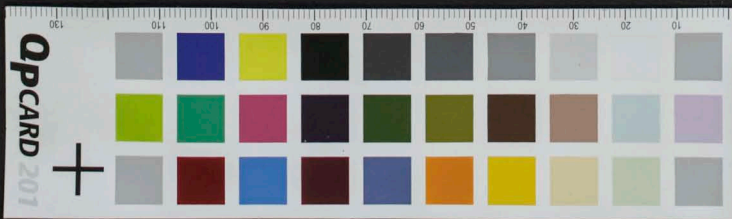
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- Salome Lake. R.E.F.B. Lelia Maynard. R.E.a.
- Cecil R'dson. R.H.G.W. Susan Vanterpool. R.E.a.

General Certificate of Education. Ordinary Level.

Subjects are:- E. English Language E a, English Literature, e. Bible Knowledge, B. Biology, b. Geography, G. History, H. Woodwork, W. Mathematics. M. Latin. L.

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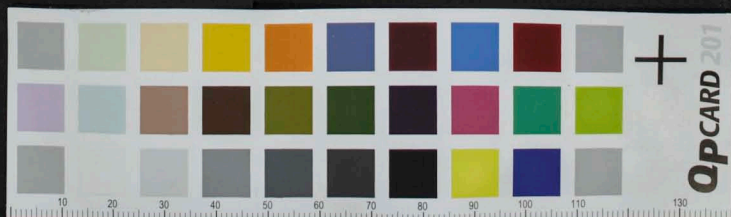
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Evan Gumbs. E.B.H.G. (4)	Wendell Proctor. H.G.L.B. (4)
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Lolita R'dson. e.B.H. (3)	Errol Brooks. e.B.H. (3)
Gerald Gumbs. e.B.H. (3)	Roland Hodge. E.M.W. (3)
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Wycliffe Smith. e.H.B. (3)	Laurel Benjamin. E. e. (2)
Lana Connor. E.B. (2)	Kathleen Hodge. e.B. (2)
Kathleen Lake. e. E. (2)	Lauretta Hughes. e. H. (2)
Patricia Rogers. e.H. (2)	Valentine Banks. e.H. (2)
Walcott Richardson e.H. (2)	Ronetta Fahie. E.e. (2)
Angela Baird. E. (1)	Janice Busby. e. (1)
Patricia Carty. e. (1)	Veronica Gumbs. e. (1)
Adelma Harrigan. B. (1)	Ingrid Lake. e. (1)
Marilyn Richardson e. (1)	Maycille Romney. e. (1)
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For the first time candidates for the Preceptors' Examination were entered from the Primary Schools. The Road entered 10 of whom Sylvia Carty, Dorothy Franklin, Rhoda Proctor, Allison Romney gained certificates and Eryn Buchanan, Samuel R'dson, Cynthia R'dson, Rosamond R'dson, Arnold R'dson, Robilee Gumbs received Statements. At East End School, six were entered, and 5 sat, and Lucia R'dson and Everette Lake gained full certificates, and the other three got statements.

The scholarships given to needy children by St Thomas' Church, St Thomas have been awarded to Leita Brooks (Valley girls), Janice Fleming (East End), Donald Buchanan, (Road).

STUDENTS FOR PUERTO RICO. On Thursday Sept: 19th seven students from the Valley Secondary School left for the Educational Opportunities Centre in Puerto Rico. Mr Webster said that the Department had offered two year scholarships to these students. They will provide their own pocket money, but will be housed and educated free of cost. They are Cecil Miles of South Hill, Bernard R'dson of the Valley, Wishburne Hunte of Island Harbour, Joseph Payne, of the Quarter, Montrose Hodge and Monsiur Hodge of Stoney Ground. They had a grand send off by Government officials and their school mates, and were accompanied by Mr Edison Hughes, the Headmaster, they went by Winair to St Martin, and thence by LIAT to Puerto Rico, the passages being paid by the Government. + *Evan Gumbs of Blang Point.*

MOBILE CLINIC. The schedule for alternate weeks, beginning on September 16th is Tuesday mornings Little Dicks and Deep Waters, afternoon, Island Harbour. Wednesday mornings Blowing Point & Sandy Ground, afternoons, North Hill. Friday mornings Long Bay & Lower West End. The alternate week will be for Schools. Reporting on the first week's work, Nurse Lavinia, V.S.O said that she was very busy at Little Dicks, and a lot of people turned out. At Island Harbour they did not turn out till the Loud Speaker began to advertise the presence of the Clinic, after which they came in their crowds. Mondays and Thursdays will be reserved for Dental work when a dentist is available.



that he finds the island very warm and more humid than in Los Angeles. He is interested in water sports, running and football. Mr Douglas McDonald whom he replaces, hopes to remain on Anguilla for another month, to negotiate the purchase of land on which to build a new modern bank building.

ADVERTISEMENTS. Albert's Dept Anguilla offer special prices on various items such as:- Combs, Sewing threads, Enamel & Steel Kitchen Sinks, Wash-Basins, All sorts of Toilet Sets, Stainless Steel Sets, Fish Pot Wire, China Ware Sets

Italian Beach-wood Furniture Mens' Terylene Suiting, Cromie & 6 piece Dining Room Sets, Modern Aluminium Shutters, Electric Wire, Fry's Cocoa, Ovaltine, Vegetable Soups, Quaker Oats, Pigeon Peas, Pet Milk, Plastic pipes & fittings, Vynil Tiles, Mosaic Tiles, Philips' Radios, Colourcrete Laxative Tablets, Writing - Pads, Exercise books, Slates & Pencils, Painting Pencils, Blacklead Pencils. Also a wide range of mens' & boys' working pants available at big reduced prices.

Galaxy Month End Sale Sept 21st to 30th. Ladies' Dresses (dacron and Cotton) 20% discount. Ladies' & Girls' Blouses, Dusters, Skirts, Hats, Handbags & Gowns 10% off. Ladies' and Gents' and childrens' shoes also reduced 10%. Clearance Sale on Dress Material. Cotton prints now reduced to 65¢ per yard, and cottons to \$ 1.00 per yd. Special Discount on Hardware and Home furnishing.

Metal Beds, Gas-Ranges, Coleman Lamps, Irons & Ovens, Kitchen & Bedroom Utensils, Paint Brushes Paint, Rope (Nylon & Manilla) Long Handle Shovels, Barrel - Pumps & Kerosene Cook Stoves including 3 Burner stoves.

(Galaxy continued) Visit us and see our New Cosmetic display of NESTLE LEMUR products, the cosmetic line that was invented for Moovie Stars and Aristocrats, but now available at the GALAXY.

Help Wanted. A few more girls for mica-processing. Apply to Expan. Co.

Camora Hotel When you visit Anguilla, come and stay at the "Camora Hotel", where the hospitality is good. Hot & cold water, free transportation to the beach, twice per week. Your host, Camile Connor

ANNOUNCEMENT. The Annual Scout Association meeting will be held on Thursday Sept: 26th at 4.30 pm. All members are asked to attend.

Kenneth Harrigan

Deaths. Mrs Leocaddi Hodge, on Sept. 15th aged 78. Miss Nellie Henry on Sept 18th aged 52.

Births To Mr & Mrs Clive Carty on Sept 13th, a girl. He is a teacher at the Road School: she is Secretary to Ronald Webster Mr Leo Adams of Gauls Bottom thanks all who made his recent visit a happy one, and hopes to return to Anguilla to set up a Motor Business.

Anglican Church Sun Sept 22nd St Mary's, Mattins 9.0am (J.N.G) St Augustines 7.15 am. St Andrew's 9.0am St Mary's, Evensong 5.30pm

