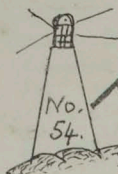


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EDITORIAL

Elsewhere in this paper, the Chief Executive of Anguilla, Mr Ronald Webster reports that he is shortly leaving for England, at the invitation of the Minister for Commonwealth Affairs for talks that may lead to the final settlement of the Anguilla situation.

This is really good news, and we wish Mr Webster God-speed, and pray that these talks will go a long way to obtaining a full settlement, even if not an immediate one. He can be assured of a good welcome in Britain as the leader of a people that has acquitted itself honourably over the last sixteen months, and is only coming to ask for justice. We know that the press will be alerted to welcome him and hear what he has to say, at that he will have the opportunity to be seen on the British T.V.

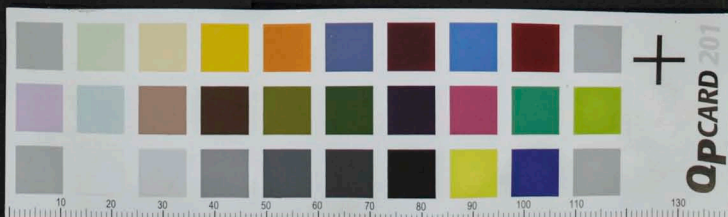
We back in Anguilla must act as responsible people. It is good to have high expectations, but always to leave room for disappointment. Good things in life don't come easily, and we must be patient, with a watchful eye.

This is a game that both sides can play, and the silence of the other party over the last few months only warns us that he realises that he has already said too much, and is only waiting for us to do the same. He has aggravated us, but we have remained quiet and patient, because we know that we have right on our side. Because we are not asking for any more than is our due, we have managed to keep on the right track all along without strain.

This has been a waiting game, with a smart referee to see which side will tire out first and throw in the towel. We here in Anguilla can play this game well and are not worried, and we are considerably fitter than when we started. The other side being the winners of many years' past, with the Trophy in holding, with plenty of players, but none good enough to attack for one reason or another, are getting dissatisfied with their leader, who himself is getting desperate because of his commitments.

When all this has been said, let us not lose hope that the referee may decide to stop the game. He is already committed to do something at the end of this innings, what that something is will be confidently awaited by all Anguillans. We are sure that the game will not have to continue as in the past, and that at least some of the most glaring injustices will be removed, and that Anguilla and St Kitts' captains will be treated as equals.

There is no fear of the conference being a failure. We may not get immediately all that we are asking for, but we have good hopes of getting quite as much as we can digest for some time to come. Whatever is the outcome, we should find ourselves in a much securer position, and be able to stake our claim to be an equal with our Commonwealth Caribbean brothers, and hope that Mr Webster will suggest this to the Minister.



SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF ANGUILLA

I am going to England at the invitation of the Minister of Commonwealth Affairs, to have discussions on an Anguillan Settlement.

The talks will begin on October 14th. I will be taking a lawyer with me, who, I hope will come to Anguilla to meet me and the Council before I leave for England. I also intend to hold a public meeting and speak to you before I go.

My dear people of Anguilla. In the name of the Lord, I am going to defend the cause of our island. In no way will I allow pressure to be brought upon me to surrender our human rights. Should these talks prove fruitless, I will by no means give up hope of some other settlement before the end of the year. Nevertheless, let us be prepared for that not-to-be-desired, but WELCOME task of going it alone. The world knows by this time that we have tried our best for a peaceful settlement, and we even stepped back on the threshold of independence to agree to the Interim Period, so that we could give it a trial for a peaceful solution to be worked out. We cannot allow this same situation to continue on this island beyond this year.

As the late President Kennedy once said, "Fear not to negotiate but let us not negotiate out of fear." There is no turning back for this island, as far as political unity with St Kitts is concerned, so let us forget it, regardless what one may think of Constitutions. Did Britain care about constitutions when she broke away from Rome? Did the United States bother about constitutions when she revolted and seceded from Britain?

No one should be deprived of the four human freedoms, which are enshrined in our democracy;— Freedom from fear; Freedom from want; Freedom of speech; Freedom of religion. God has given us talents to be used wisely, and not to be abused. We can not permit someone from outside our country, to tell us what is good and what is bad for us. The days of doing this are long gone, and if anyone wants those days to return, he should go with them.

Your servant,

Ronald Webster.

INQUEST.

On the second day of October, a Coroner's Inquest was held to enquire for our Sovereign Lady the Queen, when, and how, and by what means Nellie Henry came to her death.

After hearing the evidence of the witnesses, which lasted for about 2½ hours, the jurymen retired for half an hour. On returning the verdict they said that the traffic accident which cause the death of the above mentioned person was due to mis-adventure. The verdict was unanimous. The Coroner then discharged Robin Richardson, who had been detained in police custody since the accident, Richardson, who had a temporary driving license, was disqualified from driving for a period of one year.

NEW V.S.O. Mr David Owen of Liverpool who has been working as a VSO in St Vincent, arrived in Anguilla on Wednesday last. He is due to replace Mr Nicholas Brandes who leaves us on October 8th for St Vincent. We have greatly profited from the services of Mr Brandes, and we wish him well in St Vincent. We welcome Mr Owen and hope that he will soon adjust himself to the difficulties connected with his job, and find Anguilla a happy place.

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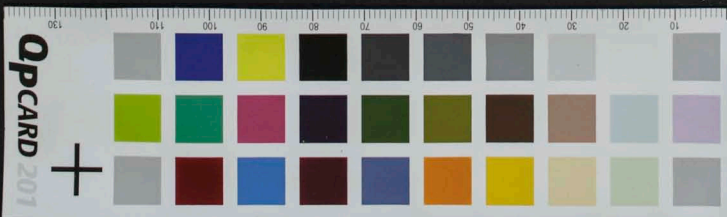
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"Young Patriot" (Name received. Ed)

Sid Moody Article (Concluded). Gamblers offered to open Casinos. A businessman who had bought a floating hotel from Expo, asked to moor it off shore: an American syndicate wanted to install a solar energy plant that would isolate gold and other minerals from sea-water, making the island rich beyond dreams; Aristotle Onassis was rumoured as interested in sailing his fleet under the Anguillan flag, and a drop out from Radcliffe found roomless romance with a hippie boyfriend, until the church-going Anguillans asked them to depart. "So far, by the Grace of God, the island has stayed away from the sharks" said a worldly resident.

More helpful have been a group of San Franciscans who shipped in some old Peruvian coins to help finance things in the beginning. But they, along with Fisher, Harvard's one-man constitutional convention have faded into island's history.

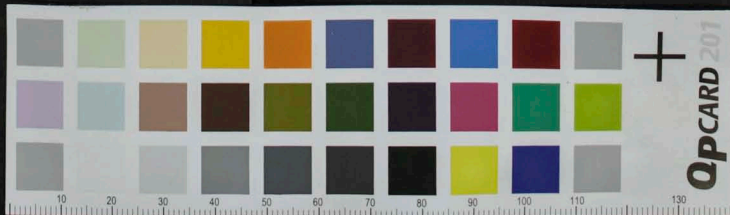
A West Indian development team is working up a plan for the island, and the Foreign Office, unbending ever so slightly, has sent a Mr Tony Lee out to observe. Lee insists his presence does not change London's unrecognition of Anguillan independence, but the islanders deem both the interim agreement and Lee's arrival as a double-barrelled whiff of grape at Bradshaw.

It is rumoured that Britain, which has not sent a farthing to Anguilla since "the troubles", may come across with £50,000 which would be all but recognition of recognition.

If she had her'druthers, Anguilla would probably like some direct tie with Britain, although a similar agreement with the British Virgin Isles or Canada has been suggested. If everyone follows Treasurer Walter Hodge's advice to spend 12% less this year, the projected \$ 36,000 budget deficit will disappear, and independence would become an economic reality, even without the help of donations that totalled \$ 40,000 last year. Meanwhile paving of the air-strip is due to begin with the aid of Kittitian bulldozers stranded on Anguilla by the revolt.

"I think they may be here a long time" said Hector, a smile spreading like dawn across his face. Telephone equipment is soon to arrive, which would work a revolution of its own on an island whose East End does not always know what its West End is doing. More road has been paved in the last six months than in the previous two years of Kittitian administration. Canada has donated a new water-pump. Chief Executive Ronald Webster says, frowning the government is no harder than running his store, and the Council has shown its mastery of basic economics by cutting the import duty on motor-vehicles in half, on the theory that more vehicles would be imported producing more tax income from gas-sales, which is what has happened. There are now 217 Vehicles on the island, all burning gas for independence. There are also some problems

Winston Browne, 20 languishes in jail, because no one is sure who is authorised to try him. The BEACON the islands new newspaper that is cranked out weekly on Canon Carleton's mimeograph machine, says that the council should publish its minutes and hold an election. And some people wonder why an island with only 50 Seventh Day Adventists, should have four members out of seven on the Council. Hugo Rey, a Councilman, defended the body, saying its meetings really weren't that interesting, and that the unopposition at last summer's unelection was tantamount to a vote.



As for the Seventh Day Adventists, who would make a commotion when Ronald Webster, the George Washington of the "fracas", is one himself, contributes generously from his own funds to the Treasury and serves without pay?

Furthermore, why suspect skulduggery on an island whose paddy-waggon is used, if at all, as a bus?

So Anguilla, a forgotten and flat ugly duckling among her lovely mountainous island neighbours such as St Maarten and St Barts, keeps watch along her white sands, for the so far nonexistent navy of St Kitts.

If the island has made its mind up about one thing, it is that it will never go back to Statehood, come what may.

If Britain says, "Look, you have been naughty boys", and forces the island back to St Kitts, it would be bloody awful, said an Anguillian who once bore arms for the Empire. "I think it might move me to unsheath my sword for the first time in years".

Said Hector "This is my home, the only one I know, I have 50 acres and four sons. This will be their home. My land will be theirs. The way we have lived under Bradshaw, no one should have to live like that. No one. Yes, this is my home, I will either live here or I will die here." Patrick Henry never said it better. THE END.

SCOUTING NEWS.

On the night of Saturday, September 28th, some thirty scouts met on the environs of the Road School, and engaged in a big cooking exercise. There were at least 15 fire-places, and the scouts cooked in groups as well as individually. The materials used were rice, meat, Irish potatoes, macaroni, beef, pork and chicken. Never before had a Scout Leader nor the Chief Commissioner ever seen such a wide variety of native dishes. Everybody went home with filled abdomens, having had a very enjoyable outing.

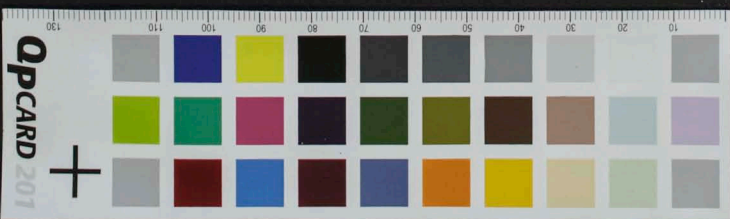
This was the first undertaking of its kind in recent times for the Sixth Anguilla Scout Troup which is attached to the Road School. Valentine B Hodge, Scout Leader 6th Anguilla

Editor comments Valentine Hodge, known to all as Harney, leaves this week for the Anglican seminary at Codrington to train for Holy Order. He was given a farewell party at the Scout Headquarters on the night of Monday Sept 30th. A large representative company met to bid him farewell who were themselves fed amply if not so succulently as in the Road meeting. Speeches were made by The Scout Commissioner, The Rector, his brother Menes V Hodge and Mr Murray of St Kitts. Valentine made a fine speech in reply which augurs well for his future appearances in the pulpit.

Miss Wilma Lake, M.B.E left the island on Mon: 30th to attend the Caribbean Link Conference of Girl Guide Commissioners held in Antigua under Mrs Moffett, Deputy Commissioner for Overseas. The Conference began on Sept 30th, and will end on October 5th.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT NOTICE

For some week a rumour has been circulating in the Deep-Waters area to the effect that when the well was cleaned out on Sept: 2nd, the body of a dead child was removed from the water. I was present when the well was cleaned out, and no such thing or part thereof was removed from the water. One lady (very close to the well, commenting on the water) told me two days ago "I have been using it ever since and it is far better!" However in the light of the present drought, I would advise you to boil all drinking water. Parents and guardians should warn their children not to play round the wells, nor to throw



Correspondence. Dear Mr Editor, Please allow me some of your valuable space to say that it has been quite an accomplishment for Government to see fit to minimise the chances of accidents on our roads, and for this they should be complimented. Kindly permit me, however, to express the following views about the "ducts", or "ditches" (as they have been more appropriately named officially). The matter of constructing ditches or curtailing speed concerns the whole island, and it should have been extensively debated by Government and a cross-section of the community, and the advice of road experts sought, so that the best solution could have been arrived at. The implementation of the idea was obviously rushed through, because there was evidence of guess work as the workmen groped around before they could get off to a start, and up to now no proper road signs have been erected to warn motorists and pedestrians of the hazard that exists on the road. The ditches cannot be seen during the day until one reaches within a few yards of them, and they are not even painted. The shape of the ditches near the Valley Secondary School makes them a public danger. They seem to have been built to trick road users, rather than to protect the children and curtail the speed of some drivers. Whether a person is a motorist or a pedestrian he needs protection on the road.

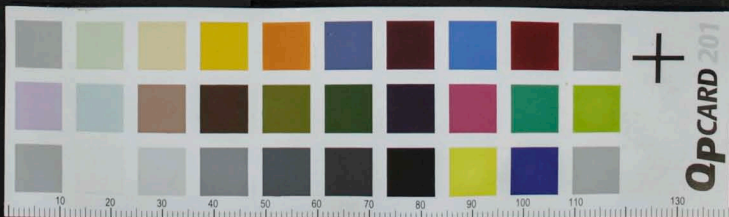
The ditch hazard is great during the daytime, but when we realise that the only public lighting so far designed for Anguilla is divided into New Moon, First Quarter, Full Moon and Last Quarter, then one cannot overlook the greater harm and danger a person can experience, while walking home from Evening Service on a Sunday night, or simply walking at night. I repeat that the idea behind the curtailing speed is understandable, but the many careful drivers in Anguilla are being penalised because of a few who are inclined to be reckless. No effort has been made to control the reckless chauffeurs by having them up in the courts, and dealing with them severely if found guilty. No one has been so treated by the Court, for no one has yet been charged. The speed limit should be written on signs placed at various distances along the street. It would cost little, and would indicate that we are thinking on an international traffic-level, and striving to bring our island up to date. In Anguilla to-day, we see visitors from countries as far apart as Denmark and Columbia, or England and Japan, and many of them hire self-drive cars.

We have convinced the world that we are capable people. We have convinced Bradshaw that the Anguillan is not to be trifled with. We have earned the respect of all countries (except St Kitts) that we are law-abiding. These are all facts. We have to convince ourselves now that the unpainted and poorly constructed DITCHES are road hazards.

My earnest prayer is "From a bump in the ditch
Good Lord, deliver me"

Yours faithfully "Careful John" (Name supplied. Ed.)

Sir, The Boy Scout Movement has a lot to offer. It has existed in Anguilla for years with its ups and downs. It is the biggest uniformed organization for boys and young men the world over. It has more than 10 million members in over 80 countries of all races and religions. Scouting gives boys healthy and useful enjoyment in their spare time, but its real aim is much more important. Scouting aims to make boys into good citizens, able to look after themselves and their families, who will serve their religion and their fellow men.



Scouting is for all boys who want it. Every active boy, and even those who are not active (because scouting trains one to become active) between the ages of 11 and 17 should aim at becoming a scout, and follow the rules laid down by Lord Baden Powell, the founder of this large organization. Being a scout makes you feel that you belong to a brotherhood, and also remember that scouting has a lot to offer, so let us wake up in Anguilla again.

Thank you, Yours Benjamin Fenton (active Scouter).

ANGUILLA

A is for Anguilla, A Paradise regain
 N is for Nationality, we shall ever maintain
 G is for God, Our Protector and Guide
 U is for Unity, We have it island-wide.
 I is for Independence, A release from oppression
 L is for Liberty, we achieved at our secession
 H is for Love, an element from above,
 A is for Anguillans, their personality is love.

Anguilla's famous for her salt, her sons, her saints, her sand,
 Her stamps, her coins, her boats her planes, the beauty of her land.

Her Doctors, dentists, preachers, police, her rulers and defence
 Her volunteers, her pioneers, her calm, and common sense.

Anguilla's such a happy place where people laugh and sing,
 They always have a smiling face, nor shrink at anything.

Anguilla now depends on you to do your very best,
 To take her safely to the shore from Danger and distress.

Yvonne Webster

Sir, Can there be any truth in saying that a building can be constructed without a foundation? To get in the centre or to achieve an ending there must be a starting point. Anguilla, an island not known to many had to have a start, which is its past, which has led us to where we stand now. Our forefathers were the hard labouring men, but in spite of this they were stricken with poverty, which seemed correlated to them in such a peculiar manner, that no one could ever find out its secret. They possessed many fine qualities and much hidden talent which has been passed on to subsequent generations. Their courage never failed, for they once counter-attacked an invading French army, forced them to retreat and saved this little paradise from what appeared to be certain defeat. Years rolled by, and many made fruitless attempts to better their living conditions, but they never gave up the jubilant hope of what they were aiming at. Through thorns, oppression and pains they learned to uphold their beliefs, and kept on fighting because there was always the desire to be free. Another era, another people, but the same Anguilla. We still have the determination of our forefathers to be free. Deciding that the little done for us by the Central Government in St Kitts was not enough, we protested, we pleaded, and they rejected our wants and desires, so we went our own way, to decide our own destiny. One common aspect that can not be overlooked is that Anguillans are determined to take the bits left over from their island after it was the decision of a one handed giant to turn it into a desert, and to mould them into a New Anguilla. Determination brought us from nowhere to the foot of a golden ladder. As we are about to

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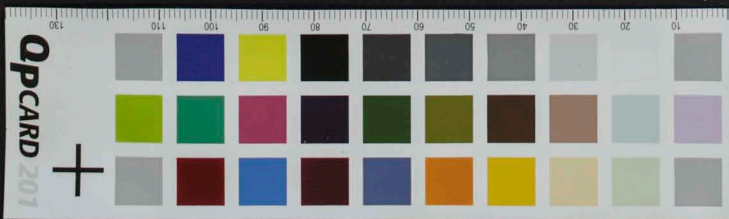
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Report have also been reaching the Sanitation Office that shop keepers are selling food-stuff (especially flour and corn-meal) which is bad. You are therefore advised to pay special attention to the goods you buy and not to hesitate in lodging complaints to me at the Sanitation Office.

You shopkeepers who have forgotten the golden rule for food, "if in doubt, throw it out". I will be visiting you again during the coming weeks. Stanley Mussington. P.H.I.

GARBAGE TRUCK APPEAL FUND. We are told that this fund has now reached the sum of \$287, thanks to a good push from friends in Caneel Bay Plantation S John.V.I. A full list of donors will be published later.

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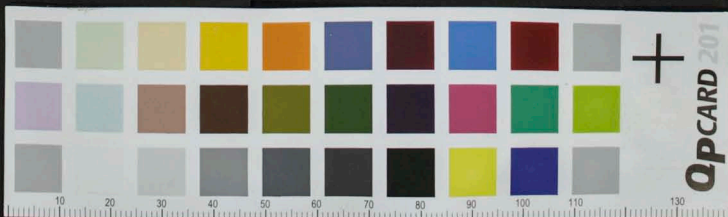
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METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday October 6th. The Road. 11.0am & 7.0pm Valley. 9.0am & 6.30pm West End 9.0am & 6.30pm Advance notice for Oct: 13th Missionary Services will be held at all four societies. The Revd D Henry, B.D will be the Deputation and will preach at West End 9.0am & Road, 11.0am Meetings will be Sunday 13th Blowing Point. 6.30 Mon: 14 Read at 7.30pm Tues 15th West End at 7.30 Wed: 16th Valley at 7.30. Chairman will speak at all.

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SURE BUT SLOWLY

So goes on the work at the Airport. It must be realised that the legacy of the bull-dozers and other heavy equipment kindly left to us by the Government in St Kitts, were in very poor condition, and much time and money has been spent in getting them to work and keeping them working, which has delayed operations very much.

The ship "Ruth" left here on Sunday September 29th for Antigua, where she was to load 100 tons of Bitumen for the completion of the lower end of the runway. Unfortunately the motor broke down, and the Ruth landed at St Thomas. Mr Nicholas Brandes, the V.S.O engineer who is in charge of the airport was on board. Elsewhere we record the arrival of Mr Owen who is due to replace Mr Brandes on October 8th. Meanwhile Mr Jeffrey Morling has just left for Barbados, where he will attend a ten day course on road-construction, after which he is due to return to Anguilla to complete the Air-port run-way.

This course on Road Building will be most opportune, as work is due to begin on the roads, details of which were given in a previous number of the BEACON. Mr Morling will report on the bad condition of the equipment, and we hope that he will bring money and the mechanics to effect the necessary repairs.

According to Mr Morling, if all goes well the ribbon cutting ceremony for the airport should take place in mid-november, when the first planes will touch down on the new portion. We hope that this will also see the restarting of the LIAT services, if not before.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO U.K. Since writing the article in the earlier pages of this issue, we have learned that Mr Webster will be leaving Anguilla for Britain on or about October 11th. This invitation is the result of a lengthy letter written to Mr Whitlock, Minister for Commonwealth Affairs, a little time ago after the inauguration of the present Council. The minister's reply has been anxiously awaited by members of the Council, and this is it.

We gather that a similar invitation has been sent to Mr Robert Bradshaw, the Premier of St Kitts-Nevis, but we do not know if he has accepted the invitation.

We also learn that Mr Tony Lee has been invited by Mr Bradshaw to meet him in St Kitts on Friday October 4th. Mr Lee will return to Anguilla on Saturday or Sunday. It is not known whether Mr Lee will be present at the London Talks.

We welcome the announcement that Mr Ronald Webster will bring his Lawyer to Anguilla before he leaves for London, so that they may have full discussion with the Council, and we further are glad that there will be a public meeting, so that Mr Webster will go to London with a clear mandate from the people as to what can be accepted, and what can be negotiated. We do not want a repetition of The Barbados Fiasco, when the proposals had to be referred back to the Anguillan people, and were rightly rejected by them.

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