

Saturday, October 19th, 1968



# THE BEACON

An Independent Anguillan Newspaper  
Published Weekly. Editor, Atlin Harrigan

Price 10¢

## EDITORIAL

The Talks in England may not produce any immediate results. There is nothing that the people of Anguilla or her leaders can do about it. Britain maintains that she has nothing to do with the internal matters of these islands; we in Anguilla feel differently. Her Majesty's Government created the State in the midst of confusion and discontent. Whether H.M.G was informed of the true situation in Anguilla before Statehood, we do not know. H.M.G sent Mr Henry Hall and Mr Arthur Bottomley from the C R O to Anguilla, and they apparently reported that the opposition here was negligible, and it was on their advice that Statehood was implemented, and so confusion started.

The arrival of H.M.S Salisbury is further proof that the Anguillans were protesting. We gather that these two gentlemen who gave a false report have already been removed from their positions, but that does not relieve H.M.G of her ultimate responsibility. The people of Anguilla protested then, but to no avail: today we send Mr Webster with the full mandate of his people to ask for the right of self-determination. Why has Mr Bradshaw or anyone else any right to deny this to us?

The people went to the polls, under the supervision of Mr Lee, the British Representative, and elected their Council: Then the Council chose Mr Webster as their chairman, and he is now in London, speaking for 6,000 people.

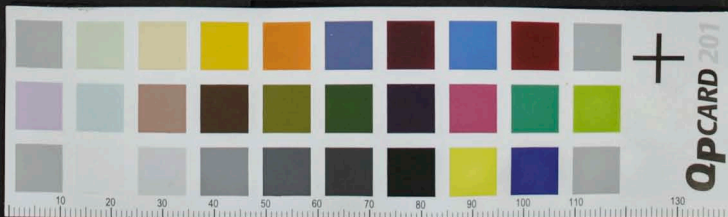
Will the wishes of the people be overlooked? Will H.M.G create a similar situation as in Rhodesia or Biafra? Or will she tell Mr Bradshaw that if the people do not want him, he should not try and impose himself on them. Will H.M. Government now admit that Henry Hall, Arthur Bottomley, and Governor Fred Philips grossly under-estimated or deliberately concealed Anguilla's opposition to Statehood.

We ask H.M.G to admit her mistakes and to seek the help of the Commonwealth Caribbean leaders and deal with the situation now (for delay is dangerous). We ask her to tell Mr Bradshaw and his Government that Anguillans have the right to self-determination, as have any other people in the world.

We have a right to this and are prepared to die for our convictions, rather to exist for another century as third-class citizens of another country.

Are we asking too much? Are we not asking Britain for the same thing that Bradshaw asked Britain for? Had he to fight for it, and even if he did, does that give Britain the right to keep us tied to him indefinitely?

We are asking Britain to undo a great wrong which she did to us, and to make a fresh beginning.



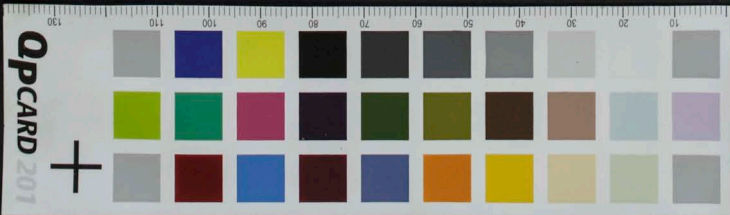
THE LONDON TALKS

Both Mr Webster and Mr Bradshaw were interviewed on their arrival in Britain. Mr Webster's remark that he had come with a firm mandate from the people, and yet with an open mind, appeared inconsistent to the interviewer. Yet, knowing Mr Webster, and his send off from Anguilla, we can say that both statements were true. He was coming with a firm purpose, with a definite goal, but how the goal was to be reached he was approaching with an open mind. He did not leave here to negotiate for a strong local government, or for the return of Anguilla to the fold of St Kitts. We are sure that the news of the presence of the Revd Leonard Carty at the talks will be welcomed, and that this will give strength to our deputations. We are not sure that Mr Bradshaw's choice of his delegates will strengthen his hand.

If we could confront Mr Bradshaw with the entire population of Anguilla saying WE DO NOT WANT YOU, would he still say YOU CAN NOT SECEDE? In his interview he claimed that we were all one nice family with St Kitts. Why does he not come and pay a visit to his family?

MAN ABOUT TOWN

We hear over Z.I.Z radio about the St Kitts Nevis Anguilla Electricity Dept; about St K.N.A recruits for the police force, that they may be stationed anywhere in St K N or A. We pity the announcer who has to say this, he is only obeying orders, but to put the record straight, there is no Police force or Defence force or Electricity Dept: that has anything to do with Anguilla.....If we are a nice happy family, why does he never pay us a visit?. No wonder Anguilla is claiming a divorce because of desertion.....He hopes to tell HMG what her position is in his state. Will he tell them to take Mr Lee out of here? Has he got a hint that HMG will have to do something about him?.....Everyone wonders how come that the two newspapers are getting along so well. The answer is that if you do the job yourself, it will need no help from the other one....Destroy yourself... From the Ditch to the Bump. We see that 'Careful John' has caused action to be taken about the ducts. How is that for a cooperative Government? ..... We hear that the Bank of America has taken photostat copies of the ledgers of the Savings accounts frozen at St Kitts, and that the originals will be sent to St Kitts. If nothing is done then, perhaps Britain can make a further deduction from the budgetary aid to that island. .... We are crediably informed that the Anguilla Cottage Hospital has already been given a new name, and so warn the post-office in Anguilla. However, we have decided to give to our esteemed contemporary "The Observer", the privilege of making the announcement. The BEACON deals with records in general, but we gather that 'The Observer' is the agent for "His Master's Voice.....The "Daily News" of St Thomas carries a two page illustrated feature on Anguilla's Mobile Clinic in its issue of Monday October 17th.....



I v  
of angu  
they kn  
genuine  
fat sal  
in St K  
been li  
for free  
face ag  
faults,  
'twould  
they wi  
Just  
St Kitt  
Some a  
ones wh  
Bradsh  
an Angu  
persecu  
On  
ready t  
the pre  
these h  
given t  
Ma  
fair is  
free fl  
crew, an

Dear Si  
letion  
for you  
felt, an  
one. An  
which ke  
May th  
of the  
Anguilla  
haven of  
The Edi  
Sons of  
This i  
the gif  
ago, an  
because

sports p  
it is a

CANDIDLY SPEAKING by Geo Vernon Fleming.S Kitts

I view the fact that some of our people deserted the cause of Anguilla in a very strong light. Deep within their hearts, they knew (and still know) that the fight for freedom has been genuine, but because of lack of stamina, greed and fear for their fat salaries, some of them ran to the cloak of Bradshawism here in St Kitts.

I must also refer to the Anguillans who have been living in St Kitts, and who conveniently denounces the bid for freedom, just to be favoured by the Government. How can they face again their loved ones at home? If anyone confesses their faults, forgive them, but if they continue in blissful ignorance 'twould be folly to make them wise. Do not forget them. One day they will try to return home, as wolves in sheep's clothing.

Just a glimpse of how these people are getting on here in St Kitts. Bradshaw has already begun to spit in their faces.

Some are being pushed here, some there; others demoted, and the ones who are left are still Anguillans. In short, clean Bradshaw's boots, or cry out against his oppression. If you are an Anguillan in St Kitts, you are still a rebel, so why not be persecuted for something of importance.

On the contrary, there are thousands of Kittitians, who are ready to die for the Anguillans and their beliefs in respect to the present crisis. And as a go-between, let me here thank these hardy men and women for their moral and financial support given to the cause of Anguilla, which you will never regret.

Many a man woman and child would welcome a reunion of our fair islands, but they maintain, let Anguilla stay under the free flag while Bradshaw reigns. Change him and his dictatorial crew, and we will cry with joy to have you back, Anguilla.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E .

7 Burlington Ave: Slough. Bucks.

Dear Sir,

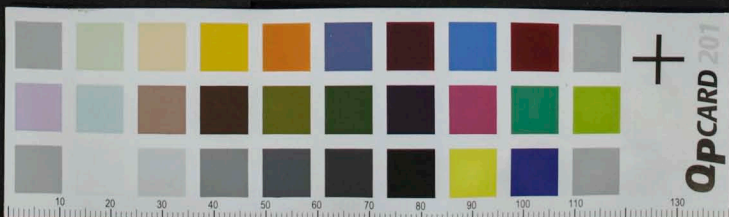
Please accept my heartiest congratulations on the completion of your first year of publication, and sincerest wishes for your continued success. The need of a newspaper was keenly felt, and the recent crisis was the right opportunity to start one. Anguillans overseas look forward to your weekly issues, which keep us abreast of the times though away from home.

May the light of the BEACON kindled during the darkest days of the island's political storm, be a guide to all progressive Anguillans to help keep the ship of state moving towards the haven of Success. Very truly yours. Kenneth Gumbs

The Editor of the BEACON wishes to thank Messrs Brisbane and Sons of St Kitts for the gift of the "Laurels Special" football.

This is doubly appreciated, first because of the rapidity of the gift, as the need of the football was only announced a week ago, and the Football arrived here on Monday 14th, and second because the ball has come from a well wisher in St Kitts.

The Ball has already been handed over to Mr Ralph Hodge sports promoter, and sports writer in this paper, and no doubt it is already in play.



## A GRAND OLD LADY OF ANGUILLA

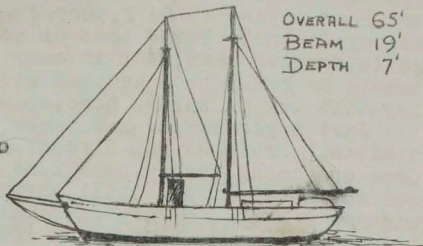
Proper feminine reluctance to confess her age obscures her beginnings, but Mr J.B.Owen (Anguilla's beloved 'Uncle Joe') believes that she was born in the last century, probably in Bonaire. She came to Anguilla in 1908, when, already a matron of the sea, she was purchased by Mr Carter Rey from Mr Pearle Gumbs in St Martin.

The big sloop, noted for her trim lines and speed, named the Leocadie, was re-named the Betsy R. in honour of Mr Rey's favourite sister, and began many years of work carrying cotton seed to Barbados, and baled cotton from Anguilla's ginners to an island lying to the S.E. of Anguilla, for eventual shipment to England's mills.

With the opening of a store in Anguilla, the Betsy became a life-line, bringing in all kinds of needed goods, also carrying cane-cutters to Santo Domingo, and bringing them home again after making the crop.

But with all her sober industry, the Betsy indulged in feminine skittishness and engaged in escapades that, had she been less lucky, might have dubbed her accident-prone. Heavily loaded with cotton seed for Barbados, she met with a heavy squall in the Anguillian channel and drifted on to the rocks in the lee reef. The seed was jettisoned, and dried on the beach while the Betsy was hauled on to the beach at the Forest, cut in two, enlarged and converted into a schooner. Once she broke a  $\frac{3}{4}$  in new galvanised chain, and went aground at the Forest with no damage; years later at Lockrum she drifted onto the rocks, but was eased over them back into deep water. Doubtless much of the Betsy's good luck was due to the skill and devotion of her master for many years, the late Captain Hershell Gumbs, who shipped on her as a young boy, and rose to be her skipper for many years till his retirement.

In the strange and unexpected hurricane of Sun; 1st Jan: 1955, Anguillans were walking home from church, enjoying the fresh breeze, which quickly grew to gale force, catching all the vessels unprepared. The Betsy along with the Excelsior dragged anchor and went on the rocks at the Forest. Badly damaged and settled on the rocks, the Betsy was in grave trouble, but Uncle Joe devised an ingenious method of strapping air-tight drums to her hull, and bit by bit she was raised to floating level and beached where she could be repaired. It was the green hard keel from B.G. that saved her. In the well remembered Donna in 1960 the Betsy rode out the storm triumphantly at the Forest, the only vessel to survive unscathed. Pulled up at the Road in 1964, she was completely rebuilt, and given a marine Diesel engine..all that was left was the model and her name.



OVERALL 65'  
BEAM 19'  
DEPTH 7'

Still  
ing s  
await  
yet  
vert  
could  
would  
water  
Betsy

How d  
dards  
ing to  
for th  
knowle  
Here a  
full o  
5. Tre  
7. Set  
compet  
12. St  
patien  
ice. 1  
20. Av  
22. St  
24. Sh

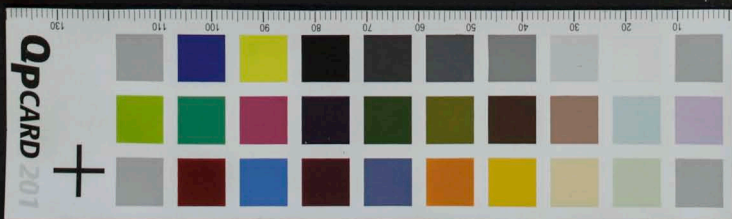
him th  
well b  
and th  
of the  
ities.  
what h  
way re  
the lea  
takes.  
teacher  
supply:  
questi

NOTICES

meeting  
at 4.0  
service

Valley

London.  
They ha  
be in c



Still fine looking and able, this spry old lady has been resting since active trade with the south east was cut off, and she awaits new tasks to lure her over the many sea miles she has yet to sail. Perhaps some energetic young Anguillan will convert this gallant old girl into a cruise ship, and the Betsy could once again poke her prow into further escapades. Anguilla would be an ideal home base for charter-cruising in these lovely waters and enchanted islands. In any event Good luck to the Betsy, and may she always have a fair wind and a true land-fall.

#### LEADERS HAVE STANDARDS

How do men get out in front and stay there? They raise the standards by which they judge themselves, and by which they are willing to be judged. They raise their aim, both for themselves and for the group they lead. They develop with energy their own knowledge and skill so as to reach the standards they have set. Here are 25 leadership secrets. 1. Don't be a watchdog. 2. Give full credit. 3. Lead, do'n't force. 4. Never hurt a man's pride. 5. Treat each person as an individual. 6. Explain everything. 7. Set an example. 8. Weigh what you say. 9. Promote friendly competition. 10. Be a good listener. 11. Don't play favourites. 12. Stop trouble before it starts. 13. Don't gripe. 14. Learn patience. 15. Be fair. 16. Praise good work. 17. Avoid prejudice. 18. Build the man's job. 19. Accentuate the future. 20. Avoid destructive criticism. 21. Discuss job problems. 22. Stress individual initiative. 23. Do'n't make false promises. 24. Show appreciation. 25. Be consistent.

The leader whether in business or government, carries with him this sense of idealism, a vision of what might be. He acts well because he has a clear idea of the part he is going to play and the results he seeks. Dependability is another quality of the leader. He keeps his promises; he accepts responsibilities. He takes council from his people, but he will act on what his mind tells him is right. To live in this responsible way requires a good stock of self-confidence. It demands that the leader shall train himself out of the fears of making mistakes. He has long since outgrown dependence on his parents, teachers, foremen, and all others who played dominant roles in supplying his wants, quieting his fears, and answering his questions as he grew up. Christopher Romney

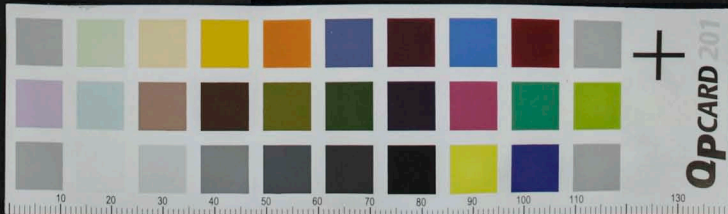
(Next week. Self-discipline)

#### NOTICES.

Anguilla Teachers' Union. There will be an important meeting of the A.T.U. at the Valley Girls' school on Wed: Oct 23 at 4.0pm. All the young teachers who have recently joined the service are urged to be present and to become members.

Dr J.T. Nicholson, Dentist, will be available at the Valley Dental Clinic on Mon and Tuesday. Oct 21st & 22nd

The Ranfurly Library Service. of 18 Carlton House Terr: London. S.W.1 have donated six chests of used books to Anguilla. They have been handed over to the Librarian, and will soon be in circulation. Thank you Ranfurly.



OIL DISCOVERED NEAR ANGUILLA.

Alas, not enough to make the island rich, but enough to keep the boys looking for it. Two drums were picked up by Mr Alton Ruan Fisherman of Island Harbour. He had been in the S.E of Anguilla on Fri: Oct: 11th, setting his lobster traps, when he came across four drums floating. He picked them up, and on closer inspection they were identified as containing 30 and 90 Motor Oil, and addressed to St Kitts, the other two marked METHMIX were addressed to Antigua. Two further drums of METHMIX were picked up next day by Mr Wm Lloyd, Fisherman of the same address.

ALL OF THE TURTLES AIN'T IN THE SEA

David and Jab went to Shoal Bay Where they suspected a turtle would lay. They decided to wait for the moon to rise, Then lo and behold, Foggie was the prize.

When Jab raised his cutlass, filled with glee, The turtle screamed out 'Oh Jab, 'tis me' Then David with his little fearful pluck Touched Jab and whispered....., Get Up.

METHODIST CHURCH MISSIONARY MEETINGS IN ANGUILLA

The Revd Donald Henry, B.D. Chairman and General Superintendent of the Leeward Islands District of the Methodist Church, in the Caribbean and the Americas, arrived in Anguilla on Sat: Oct 12th at the invitation of the circuit as guest preacher.

He preached to large congregations in all four churches and challenged and inspired his hearers. He spoke to them of the Mission of the Church, the individual Christian's responsibility, and the sharing in the ministry of Christ. He impressed on them their duty to God and their fellowmen "We are called to faith and obedience" he said. The services were refreshing and inspiring. The Chairman on behalf of the district expressed his thanks to the members and friends who gave sacrificially.

The Contributions by the societies were:-

Blowing Point. \$ 1100.63 The Road \$ 2371.32  
West End. \$ 2202.23 The Valley \$ 3400.00

Making a total of \$9074.18 From this amount the circuit will make contributions to the work of the Church in Haiti, British Honduras, and among the Valiente Indians in Panama

Church Services, Sunday Oct: 20th.

Anglican Church

St Mary's. 7.15am & 5.30pm  
St Augustine's 9.00am  
St Andrew. (J.N.Gumbs 8.00am

Methodist Church.

The Road. 11.00am & 7.00pm  
Valley 9.0am & 6.30pm  
West End 9.00am & 6.30pm  
Blowing Pt 7.30am

St Ronal's Roman Catholic

8.00am or when bus arrives.

YOUR MONEY I when you wan sons for ope out at the ANGUILLA. every bankin pysical int If you are receiving m let us handl for you. Com more about t

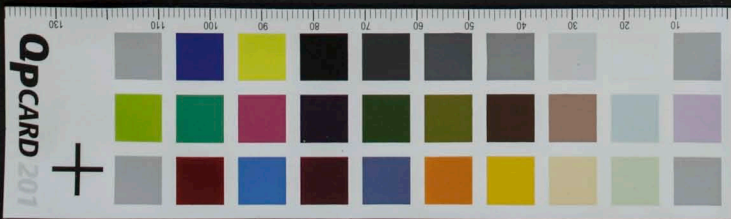
FLY VALLEY A most dependa on Anguilla, uilla with t Islands. Dai Sundays to S Lv. Anguilla Lv St Thomas Lv. Anguilla Also accept any island in

WANTED TO BU good running Please contac c/o Mr J.B.D

Dr De Pietas will be in a Valley Admin on Saturday,

Here's your CERTIFIED TY ing opening Fees moderate mation contac ardson, Richa Establishment

NEED AN ELECT your commerc House Wiring, Lone Star. AN Estimates. G



A D V E R T I S E M E N T S

**YOUR MONEY IS SAFE**, and is ready when you want it. Two good reasons for opening a Savings Account at the **BANK OF AMERICA IN ANGUILLA**. Here to serve your every banking need. We take a personal interest in our clients. If you are sending money to, or receiving money from the V.I; let us handle the transaction for you. Come in soon and learn more about these services

**FLY VALLEY AIR SERVICE.** Your most dependable Air-Taxi, based on Anguilla, which connects Anguilla with the other Caribbean Islands. Daily flights except Sundays to St Thomas & S Maarten. Lv. Anguilla 7.45 for St Thomas. Lv St Thomas 9.30 for Anguilla. Lv. Anguilla 10.30 for S Maarten. Also accept charter flights for any island in the Caribbean.

**WANTED TO BUY** Jeep or Car, in good running order, at fair price. Please contact E.J.H. Skarstrom c/o Mr J.B. Owen. North Hill.

**Dr De Mietas** the eye specialist will be in attendance at the Valley Administration Building on Saturday, October 19th.

Here's your chance to become a **CERTIFIED TYPIST**. Classes in typing opening on Nov:1st. Tuition Fees moderate. For further information contact Mrs Bronte Richardson. Richardson's Furniture Establishment. The Valley.

**NEED AN ELECTRICIAN????** For all your commercial and residential House Wiring, see Atlin Harrigan Lone Star. Anguilla. Free Estimates. Guaranteed Service.

Take the right action now, and so avoid worrying in the future. Open a **Savings Account** now at **BARCLAYS BANK.D.C.O.** If you are desirous of having money transferred from or to other countries, we with over 1350 branches in 41 countries, are well equipped to serve you. For friendly and efficient service, remember, you are always welcome at **BARCLAYS**.

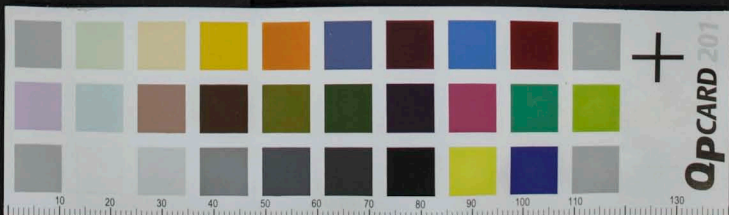
Available at **WATKINS HODGE'S Grocery, Stony Ground.....**  
**1. NEVAROT WOOD PRESERVER**, provides lasting treatment and protection for wood against rot and insects. Add years to life of wood.

**2. ANTI OXIDENE COATING**, stops rust and corrosion on outside metal surfaces, so don't allow rust and corrosion to take charge of your vehicle.

**3. TYRE SEAL.** For puncture-proofing tyres. Seals punctures without removing tyres. Good news for vehicle drivers So shop at **WATKINS** to day, and save time, worry and money, and get lasting protection.

**A GRAND DANCE** at the "Tropical Flower" on Saturday Oct: 19th. Your Host. David Hodge. Come one.....Come all.

**RICHARDSON'S FURNITURE SHOP.** At Valley and Upper South Hill. For locally made furniture for home, office or school. We can make Furniture to your design. Also Dinner-Sets, Gas & Oil Stoves. Aluminium Shutters. Doors, Beds, Chairs for the por. See us for lowest Prices. All Furniture transported free to your home. We guarantee satisfaction on every delivery.



## S P O R T S

An old argument as to whose was the fastest boat was put to the test on Sun; Oct 13th. Two boats set out on a race around Little Scrub and back to Island Harbour. The "Blue Fly" owned by Leslie Webster got the honours. She did the trip in 30 minutes, 5 minutes ahead of the rival owned by Leon Thomas. Webster claims to have collected \$80 for his backers, and is champion, until another challenger appears.

## YOU AND SPORTS

Football All football lovers are now on the way to start the ball rolling, as two balls were received earlier this week. One of these is a gift O.D Brisbane in St Kitts. We are most grateful, and on behalf of all sportsmen in Anguilla we send a big Thank You. Admission Fee for Football Association is \$1 per person. Practice sessions start from 5.0pm each afternoon, excluding Sundays.

Cricket The Valley Cricket Association will accept challenges from any other team in Anguilla, apply to Ashley Carty

Table Tennis. Owing to unavoidable difficulties the exhibition planned for Oct 16th is postponed till a later date. The club regrets this and hopes that the exhibition will be no longer delayed. Much more Sports News Next Week, Ralph. N.C.Hodge

## DEATHS

Susanna Proctor of the Farrington, On Oct: 13th. Aged 87.

"Leaves to mourn three children, Uriel Sasso, Goldwin Sasso, Clastina Carter, also 25 grand-children, and 6 great grand children"

James Butler. Living at Caritot On October 15th Aged 58. James Butler, an American Naval Pensioner, had been living in Anguilla for the past few years.

Prince Lloyd of Stoney Ground On October 15th Aged 26  
Died at Knrd Memorial Hospital S.Thomas. R. I. P.

LATE NEWS: On Thursday afternoon all listeners to Calling the Caribbean programme were able to hear Mr. Ronald Webster and Rev'd Leonard Carty being interviewed. According to Mr. Webster, talks were continuing confidentially, but emphasized that he was sticking to his point. Asked about the economic survival of Anguilla Mr. Webster said that the island's economy is viable. He maintained that the island can survive financially. Rev'd Carty explained that they were able to visit Slough Bucks and held a meeting with over 300 Anguillans in attendance.

Gov't Notice: The Gov't. of Anguilla is in the process of finding out the possible consumers of Electricity on the Island. A questionnaire form is being sent to all homes. Persons not receiving any can collect one at the Administration Building. All forms must be returned before Oct. 31st, 1968. John Webster, D.C.S.

