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EDITORIAL.

Our bid for secession from St. Kitts, has made wonderful progress since January 1967. We were not robbing any other country, but only claiming to rule what was our own. From the beginning, the wishes of the people of Anguilla were ascertained; our legitimate requests through legitimate channels to the Chief Minister (as he then was), for a greater say in our own affairs, if we were to be included in an associated State, were refused. Mr. Bradshaw would not listen to us, and bluntly stated that "There are no proposals before my Government for local Government for Nevis or Anguilla".

Legal methods having failed, we had to act illegally, and set out on the hard way to achieve our goal. Attempts were made to stop us holding public meetings. Even the Frigate Salisbury was sent to "put down the rebellion and round up the leaders". The hardships those leaders endured when lying up in the bush, were soon to be shared by other Anguillians who had to decide between their jobs and pension and by loyalty to their country, and by other Anguillians overseas who kept us going over the critical months.

Some eighteen months have now passed, and though we have had many expressions of sympathy, no country has so far declared its recognition of Anguilla. If we had set up ourselves as dictators; if we were acting against the wishes of the people (we had one referendum and are willing to hold another); if we had locked up the opposition, (if any); if we had put out overtures to communist countries; if we had blindly accepted the offer of any exploiter who came along, we could understand their unwillingness to recognise us. On the contrary, we have throughout acted in the most democratic way we have acted as legally as our over-all "illegality" will allow; we have paid our way, without any outside help; we have surmounted every obstacle; we have gained the praise of every visitor to the island, and what is more, have carried our people with us; we have never lost sight of our aim of Self Government within the British Commonwealth of Nations.

We admit that the other Commonwealth Caribbean Countries have all their own problems. It is the easiest thing for them now to sit back and forget about Anguilla, or wait for someone else to take the first action. All these Commonwealth Countries can look back on their own history, and their own leaders who fought for justice, freedom and human rights for human beings, and Mr. Bradshaw himself was one of them. Is it because Anguilla is so small that she is to be denied these human rights? Is it the opinion of countries enjoying self-government, that Anguilla should remain forever a Colony of St. Kitts? Get rid of the bogey of the fear of Fragmentation. Decide each case on its merits. Size is not the all-important factor. Fragmentation is not the greatest fear- there is the fear of a vacuum. Anguilla can not remain an empty, undeveloped island. We appeal to the British Caribbean Countries, to come out openly on our side while there is time. The sands are running out very rapidly.

Chief Executive Mr. Ronald Webster returned to the island on Tuesday Dec. 3rd and announces a public meeting to be held on the Park on Sunday Dec. 22nd. All are asked to attend.

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SUPPLIES FOR THE SCHOOLS OF ANGUILLA

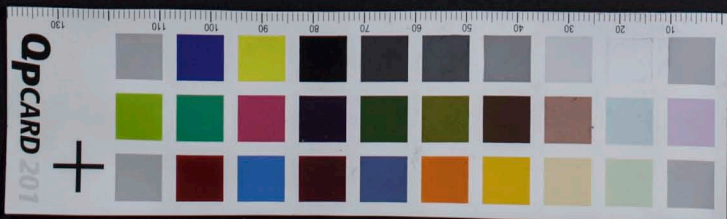
THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION MISSION, through its president Mr. James Osberg has kindly donated an appreciable amount of supplies, including desks and books, to the schools in Anguilla. On Saturday 30th, November Mr. John Webster, Director of Civil Service, Mr. Morris Vanterpool, President of the Anguilla Teachers' Union, and Mr. Jeremiah Gumbs, flew over to St. Thomas at the request of Mr. R.W. Stetcher, Commander Amphibious Squadron Eight, and Mr. R.F. Hunt, Captain of USS Boxer. The team was accompanied by Mr. Osberg, who had been on a familiarisation tour of Anguilla.

Through the kind cooperation of the U.S. Navy, the supplies have been shipped from the United States aboard the Aircraft Carrier Boxer and the team was very much impressed by the hospitality, warmth, and friendliness of the officers and ratings of this ship. They would like to extend their appreciation particularly to Mr. Stetcher and Mr. Hunt for making it possible for them to visit the ship and participate in the official handing over of the supplies. The Gov't of Anguilla, together with the Educational Department would like through this medium to express deep gratitude to the I.A.M. for its kind concern for, and its generous gift to, the schools of Anguilla. And a special word of thanks to the U.S. Navy for transporting them. These supplies which should be arriving shortly in Anguilla, are still aboard the U.S.S. boxer, pending the approval of a special craft to trans-ship them here,

ANGLICAN BISHOPS RESPOND TO PAPAL ENCYCLICAL ON BIRTH CONTROL

The tenth Lambeth Conference which has now ended, gave an official answer to the recent Papal Encyclical "Humanae Vitae", expressing its appreciation to Pope Paul for his "deep concern for the institution of marriage", but disagreeing with his conclusion about birth control and family planning. A resolution of the Lambeth Conference reads, This Conference finds itself unable to agree with the Pope's conclusions that all methods of conception control, other than abstinence from sexual intercourse, or to its confinement to the periods of infecundity, are contrary to the order established by God. The resolution re-affirmed the findings of the 1958 Lambeth Conference in its report on "The family in Contemporary Society" where it says, "The responsibility for deciding on the number and frequency of children has been laid by God on the consciences of parents everywhere: that this planning, in such ways as are mutually acceptable to husband and wife in christian conscience, is a right and important factor in Christian family life, and should be the result of positive choice before God. Such responsible parenthood, built on obedience to all duties of marriage, requires a wise stewardship of resources and abilities of the family, as well as a thoughtful consideration of the varying population needs and problems of society, and the claims of further generations!"

Police Report: Mrs. Ruby Hodge of North Side, mother of Miss Valerie Hodge aged 14, reported that, while Valerie was ironing with a tilley heater she noticed fluid dripping from it, and soon after the heater suddenly blazed up, thus causing injuries to her, in the face and left hand. She was taken to the hospital for treatment, where she was detained. The incident took place at about 7.30 a.m. Sunday 1st December. The Police are making further inquires.



BIBLE QUIZ

Some very unpleasant deaths are recorded in the Bible. In your answer give the Bible reference, and the name of the person (or Persons) who died from-

1. Salinization?
2. Decapitation?
3. Head caught in branches of a tree?
4. Head nail to the ground with Tent Peg?
5. Being hanged from gallows 50 cubits high?
6. Being eaten by worms?
7. Incineration?
8. The collapse of the roof?
9. Being thrown down from a window?
10. Being torn by she-bears?
11. Being smothered by a wet blanket?
12. Being sat upon by an elephant?
13. Being eaten by lions?
14. Being killed by a lion, but not eaten?

Send your answer marked Bible Quiz to the Editor. First correct answer opened on Dec. 18th, or most correct of all, will receive a copy of the New Testament in modern Translation.

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What of the "CARIBBEAN CHALLENGE?" from V.M. Hodge

I am sure this question was raised more than once in the minds-if not the mouths-of many of us, here in Anguilla during the past months.

You might be interested to know that on the 27th, Nov. I received a letter from the Editor of the Challenge, in Jamaica-Miss Marion Manning -in which she wrote-in part-"After communications through St.Kitts were severed for some time, we lost contact with our representative in Anguilla. Now I am wondering if you would have any suggestions as to how we could get the magazine into Anguilla regularly again, and if you would be willing to represent us, in Anguilla." I replied -in part-"I am sure I voice the opinion of many on Anguilla, when I say'I will be delighted to have the CHALLENGE in circulation on Anguilla yet again! I will find the necessary time to do this important job: The distribution of Christian Literature. I will undertake to represent the Caribbean Challenge on Anguilla." Thus it is hoped to make the Challenge available to you at various centres on the island before long. Look out for the sign displaying: "CARIBBEAN CHALLENGE".

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but the measured rainfall at the West End is still very low, only 3.12 inches being recorded for the month.

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TINY NAURU GAINS
SPECIAL STATUS

Nauru, a tiny island in the Pacific, became a special member of the British Commonwealth this week.

Only eight square miles with 6,000 inhabitants, the island gained its Independence on Jan.31st.

Until then, it was a trust territory of the United Nations, administered largely by Australia in association with Great Britain and New Zealand.

The Commonwealth Office announced that an agreement had now been reached to give the island, 1,300 miles northeast of Australia, a special relationship

Under the terms of the agreement, the island may not be represented at meetings of Commonwealth heads of Government. But it will be permitted to participate at ministerial and other official levels in such fields as education, medical cooperation and finance. Moreover, the island is eligible for Commonwealth technical aid.

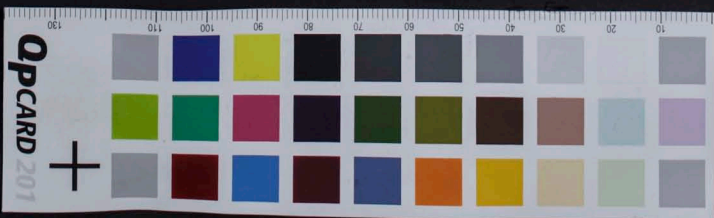
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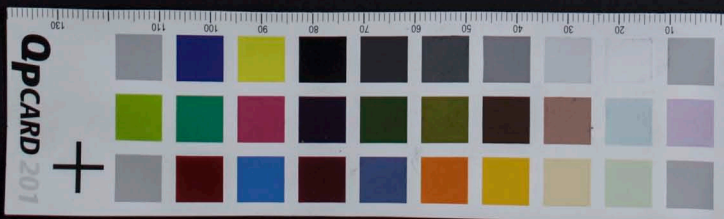


Dear Editor: Ever since I heard the interview with Mr. Ottley and Bradshaw along with three Anguillans, I have been thinking how I could get some of those dirty lies kicked down especially Bradshaw's throat, but since he can't come and I won't go, please let me try to express my feelings on some of the things said. (1) White people from East End: friends, niether Ronald Webster, John Webster nor Atlin Harrigan nor their wives are white. Mr. Webster has the full backing of the blackest man in every village in Anguilla. Anguillans don't hate Bradshaw because he is black, but because he has done nothing to retain their love and support. (2) Better houses in Anguilla because of the tens of thousands of dollars borrowed to repair houses after Donna. Bradshaw it would pay you better to shut your mouth, because the old boys didn't get a cent of your money to build those pretty houses, and certainly not the young boys who are working so hard in St. Thomas. (3) Our crowded schools: Friends the Valley Boy's and Girl's school, always have classes outside. East End school and Road School about which Bradshaw is boasting, is incomplete. Why, because he has the equipment for the house-craft room in St. Kitts. (4) Medical Supplies: Doctors in Anguilla have to buy most of their drugs. Every Doctor had the time of his life to get drugs from the central stock. (Bradshaw please say how much and what kind of drugs your C.M.O. sends to Anguilla). When Bradshaw said something about Anguillans saving 25¢ out of 24¢, it only showed the world how this man seeks to embarrass us. Let me end by asking you friends to tell Bradshaw that we are aware of whatever we are doing and there is nothing he can do now to get us back. Stop lying Bradshaw.

With regards to the Anguillans: (1) Mr. Richardson said he has not returned to Anguilla because there is no law and order. Mr. Richardson was here in September and no one troubled him. If anything did, it was his conscience. As far as he is concerned, there was no law and order since 1965. Because he (a civil servant) campaigned for labour, despite a warning to all civil servants by the Governor. Conse I admire you for the stand you have taken., but I also warn you, don't do the things you used to do in the Valley Secondary School (the mothers here don't miss you at all) in St. Kitts. I know you are famous for turning back to your vomit, so do come before it is too late to vomit. (2) Dr C.N. Lloyd: friends Lloyd has been living in St. Kitts since he came out from training, he is doing well selling his binoculars, he is married to a Kittitian. There is where his interest lies. He had to speak as he did, which to use his own words, is hog wash to us here in Anguilla. (3) Unnamed body: friends just look at these facts and see if her name should be mentioned. (1) away for 17 years, (2) married twice in St. Kitts, (3) has a car house, (4) four kids, (5) guns necessary or unnecessary, (5) she comes to Anguilla once per decade, can see the situatuin better than Anguillans in Anguilla..

To conclude, I must say how happy I am to know that Bradshaw is trying to get us back. Old Boy we'll meet one day, in heaven I hope, there none of us will boast as legislators. Some of us won't meet there because of legislation. With regards to the Anguillans, remember it is your own people you are fighting to destroy. I know it hurts you. I know Mr. Richardson can't sleep well at nights. Brothers, Anguilla is yours, why don't you come before you are sent. Don't you know that what ever party you back you are still looked upon as Anguillans, do you know what Bradshaw will do when his gypsy tells him that Anguilla is gone? Lord deliver us from the snears of Bradshaw.....

A True Anguillian.



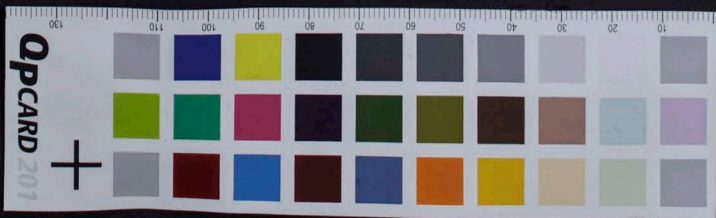
~~AN-AMBITIOUS AND RESPECTED GENTLEMAN~~; by Nathaniel Hodge (St.Kitts)

I can vaguely remember him when he was a pupil at East End School. This is because at that time, he was in the most senior class and I was but a junior. When the Valley Secondary School came into being in 1953, he gained a pass to the Academic Section when he was about eleven years old, after having previously gained a standard seven certificate which was then more or less,--the order of the day. It was when he became a student at the Valley Secondary School when I lost memory of him.

It was not until I came to St.Kitts in 1961, when, two years later, I saw him again and remembered George Vernon Fleming. At that time he had recently returned from England and re-employed on merit in the civil service as a customs officer after having resigned in 1961. On leaving school in 1959, at school certificate level, he was first employed as a teacher and later moved on to other jobs in the civil service from which he hoped to derive better satisfaction. But in time he resigned from all of them. even when he was re-employed in 1963, he found it financially impossible to settle down with his familiar job and so another time, he resigned from the civil service. He then took up employment as customs clerk for an established firm but again he soon resigned.

It is evident that in all the jobs Mr.Fleming held, there was a lack of quality of the satisfaction he wanted. Therefore, guided by ambition and the knowledge he gained by further educating himself, he began to look further afield. He could simply have gone to University but for certain reasons common to most people, he could not. He therefore decided to launch out into the business world and in any case, be his own boss. This he did and started out with a very small sum of money as Capital. Today in a neat corner at the junction of Delisle Street and Liverpool Row, in busy Basseterre, is a signboard on the downstairs apartment of a building. It reads: "FLEMING AND SONS, PHONE 2592". This inscription is not confined to Mr.Fleming's office alone, but in a more elaborate way, it finds itself island-wide on his transport trucks as they go to and fro with cargo. Mr.Fleming is customs broker and among other things, he offers reading material for the young people. He also manages a travel agency for Valley Air-Service and certain boats plying between St.Kitts and some of the western islands. He is undoubtedly doing well, and found it possible to employ two secretaries who are kept busy every day. Asked to what he would attribute his growing success, he said: "HARDWORK, it is the new spelling for success, if you want something, you just have to work for it".

A young man of admirable courage, deep religious convictions and a believer in the equality of all men and their fundamental rights and freedoms, Mr.Fleming has in every honourable way brought himself before the public. Small wonder then that he is the Vice President of the Water-front, Airport and Manual Workers Union (W.A.M.) It was in this connection that Mr.Fleming, acting in his official capacity for his union, called a strike- as any union is free to do,-and proclaimed Monday 12th June 1967 to be known as "FREEDOM DAY" when all business houses were expected to close down and workers stay at home. But before that date, he was illegally imprisoned, and later wrongfully charged with committing certain acts prejudicial to the interests of the State. During the gruelling months that Mr.Fleming spent in jail, his brother Kenneth ably carried on his business until he was gloriously emancipated on two occasions by a ruling of the High Court and Court of Appeal respectively. (Con't. Page 8)



DANGEROUS OPERATIONS

During the last couple years, a few incidents occurred in Anguilla, which resulted in deaths of persons. All relating to petroleum explosions. No one seems yet to find what is causing it.

The fact that all petroleum is sold from the one drum, is sufficient evidence to show the cause of occasional blow ups. It is expected that the persons responsible will say that the drum is properly cleaned out, when a different petroleum is put in. But if you put in some kerosene to clean out the gasoline and threw it away, the sides and top are still contaminated with the fumes. Remember a car can work with kerosene, but a kerosene fridge cannot work with gasoline. This is a dangerous operation. With all the good intentions of the Company, it only takes one careless chap to cause the loss of life in the same manner. Efforts should be made immediately to acquire another drum or drums, for delivering these fuels. Esso Company is a very big operation, and one drum should not be used to transport all kinds of fuels. Delay on this matter, may well take another life. Ed. Webster. St. Thomas. V.I.

MAN ABOUT TOWN

Visitors to Anguilla. Mr. Bain, who has practised as a Physiotherapist in the States for the last 25 years. He hopes to return to Anguilla when her independence has been recognised. He visualises another kind of tourism for Anguilla, that of sick people coming for treatment, to regain their health. This might be a more healthy form of tourism for Anguilla. He hopes also to set up a training centre for physiotherapy on the island, where Anguillians and others could be trained.... Mr. Frank MacDonald visited the island for a week. He is now employed by the Institute of Current Affairs in New York. He has a fellowship to study the problems of Mini-States. His inside knowledge of Anguilla and his love for the island gives Anguilla a useful advocate in those places where the affairs of Mini-States are discussed. Anguilla must be one of the minima of the mini-states.... Ian Glass, features Editor of the Miami News and Miami-based correspondent for London Daily Express and Reuters news service, and wife Terry Johnson King, Miami News Latin American writer spent a week in Anguilla, doing stories on Anguilla for Miami News, Toronto Telegram (for which Terry is correspondent) and Reuters. Several US magazines want long feature on Anguilla, too, Mr. Glass said. Both came to Anguilla from the Virgin Islands where they had been on travel assignment for Better Homes and Gardens magazine. They travelled through South America on Better Homes and Gardens assignments during this past summer....

THE WEATHER:

Always a fruitful topic of conversation, even when people are comparing notes on their reactions to identical weather shared by all. In Anguilla it is possible for one part of the island to have torrential rain, and a mile or two down the road to be quite dry. After prolonged drought, Anguilla as a whole has had good rains in November. On Nov. 4th, 3.55 inches were recorded in the Valley, but from Farrington to the East End the drought prevailed. The rainfall at the Valley, for the month, was 7.74 inches, bringing the years total up to still a very low figure of 19.01 inches. Falls of over $\frac{1}{2}$ inch were recorded on Nov. 2nd; 12th; 15th and 26th. Rain fell in measurable quantities on nineteen days of the month. Rain has fallen heavily

at the East End and at Island Harbour, (Con't on Page 3)

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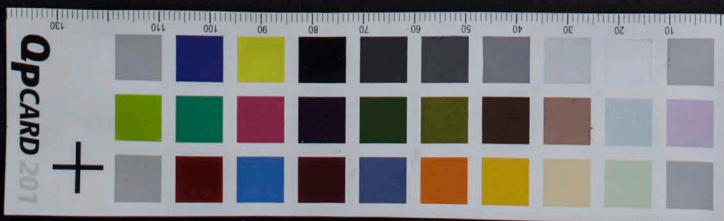
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TROPICAL FLOWER: There will be a SHIN DIG, on Saturday night, Dec. 7th. Music for your listening and dancing pleasure. also games.

A GRAND CONCERT to be held at the East End School Room on Dec. 23rd at 7.30 pm by Island Harbour Group. Adm: Front seat \$1.00 Back seat \$0.75

BIRTHS: A boy was born to Mr. & Mrs. Edward Romney of Blowing Pt. On Nov 26th.

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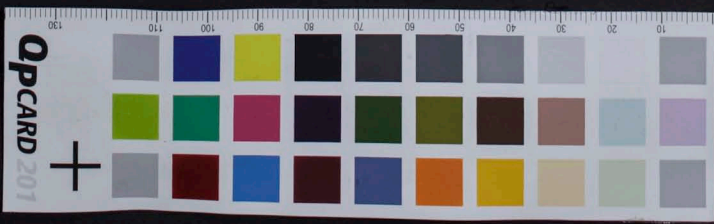
ALBERT'S DEPT. ANGUILLA.

Albert's Department offers a special sale from the first December 1968. to the end. A 10% discount on all cash bought retail items, (excluding Petrols) also over 100 pairs of men and women shoes on sale for 50% discount.

Dr. De Freitas, Eye Specialist will be in attendance at the Valley Administration Building on Saturday Dec. 7th, 1968.

EAST END SCHOOL PRESENTS: Its breaking up concert on Tuesday 10th December at 7.45 p.m. Come and see the humorous play "ABU HASSAN PAYS HIS DEBTS".

DEATHS: Ann Rogers of Stoney Ground died at the age of 86, on Nov. 29th. Ann Gumbs of the Forest died at the age of 68, on Dec. 4th. Rachael Gumbs of Blowing Point, died at the age of 88, on Dec. 3rd. R.I.P.



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The product of Anguillian parentage, Mr. Fleming was born in Upper College Street Chaut (St. Kitts) and in his wee days, was taken to Anguilla where he was brought up and schooled with his brothers and sisters. He is married and fathers four children comprising three boys and one girl to whom he is deeply devoted. Though he was not born in Anguilla, he regards himself as one of the people and openly identifies himself with their aspirations as is so vividly reflected in his regular column in the BEACON. The respect in which Mr. Fleming is being held is not altogether in recognition of his business enterprises or because he is trade Union Official. It is largely because of the qualities of the man and his deportment which constitute an ambitious and respected gentleman. I shall always regard him with profound respect.

SPORTS AND YOUby Ralph Hodge

Cricket: Carty's team defeated Albert's by two wickets in a match of misfortunes. Albert's team was tumbled out for 50, Carty claiming the respectable figures 6-3-11-6. When Carty's team took the crease, they were soon in trouble, but thanks to a fine 22 not out by M. Hodge, which made his side certain of victory. Score card reads:

ALBERTS XI		CARTYS XI				
A. Richardson	B R. Hodge	6	A. Carty	C wktpr	B L. Richardson	7
L. Richardson	B A. Carty	12	V. Banks	B C. Carty		7
C. Carty	B A. Carty	0	R. Hodge	B L. Richardson		2
L. Richardson	B A. Carty	0	M. Hodge		Not Out	22
V. Richardson	B A. Carty	0	K. Banks	B A. Richardson		0
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Extras		20	For six wickets			51
Total		50				

Our West Indians In Australia:

7th match versus Queensland Drawn.

Scores: W.I. 202 Lloyd 87 not out and 423 for 9
 Federicks 136 Butcher 107. Queensland 473 for 9 dec.
 Trimble 176

West Indies side to play in first Test starting on Friday, 6th December is as follows: Sobers (Captain), Nurse, Comacho, Kanhi, Butcher Lloyd Malford, Hendricks, Hall, Griffith, Gibbs and Carew.

CHURCH NOTICES:

Sunday December 8th 1968

ANGLICAN: St. Mary's Mattins 9.0am (St.C. Vanterpool) Evensong 5.30
 St. Augustine's 7.30 am
 St. Andrew's 9.0 am

Torrential rain on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 1st made the Rector turn back from St. Andrew's Festival Service. We hear that some fifty people had braved the storm and were waiting in church.

