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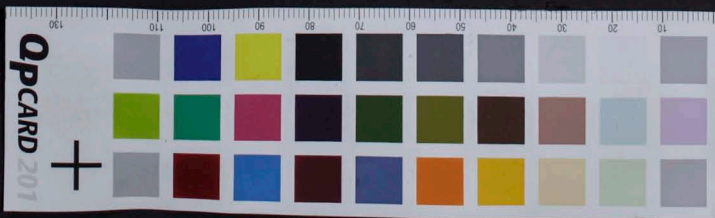
The news recorded elsewhere in this issue that a very influential body has been set up under the Chairman of Lord Lambton in London, called the Friends of Anguilla, reminds us that in the last eighteen months we have collected possibly a larger number of friends in the U.S.A, in Puerto Rico in Britain and elsewhere, than there are adult Anguillians in Anguilla. Also a leading article in the Times of London this week, urging that H.M.G should do something at once for Anguilla is very heartening. This should make us all think again and question the wisdom of any immediate declaration of independence. Apart from this new interest by outsiders in the affairs of Anguilla, have we really consulted the three experts who advise Anguilla, as to what our next action should be? The solution of the Anguilla problem is a matter for experts, a matter of high diplomacy, of playing the right card at the right time, and any ill-advised action taken by Anguilla now, might antagonise Her Majesty's Government, embarrass our friends in the Caribbean, and bring the world opinion against us, and so turn our good chances of victory to defeat.

The three experts who advise Anguilla are Professor Roger Fisher an expert on International Law, who is coming to Anguilla for Christmas. Is he to be greeted on arrival with news that Anguilla has already decided on a definite course of action? Mr. Hudson Philipps, our own lawyer at the London talks, is coming to Anguilla this week, he could tell us what the reactions to a sudden declaration of independence might be in the Caribbean. Mr. Tony Lee, the representative of the British Government on this island, can be trusted as a true friend of Anguilla, and he would hate to see us make false step at this juncture. News that Anguilla is going to take action soon after January 8th. is widespread. Apparently such decision has been taken without the consultation and the advice of these experts.

We call upon the council of the island to wait and hear what these experts say, before coming to any decision. If they agree in their advice, it would be madness for us to disregard it. Any unwise action at this juncture by Anguilla would also be a slap in the face to her many friends. Amputation is a very serious operation, only to be taken at the last resort if all other methods of saving the limb should have failed. A skilled surgeon only takes such a step when he knows that all other means have been tried.

The BEACON does not lay claim to any skill in diplomacy, but we will be surprised if the opinion of our three experts does not agree with some of our recent editorials which advised Anguilla to WAIT. Let some one else take the next step. The declaration of unilateral independence is much more powerful as a threat, than it could work out in practice.

DENTAL NEWS. Dr. Jerry McKimmy, from Castaner, Puerto Rico, will be working in the Valley dental Clinic this week. He will give first attention to those people who have already had x-rays and a preliminary examination. Emergency cases of pain will be, of course, taken care of also, but we hope many will go to the clinic and make appointments for x-rays and examinations so that when the next dentist comes treatment can be made quickly.



STREET LIGHTS Doubtful For Christmas.

As THE Christmas season draws near, every one may be wondering what is happening to the promised street lights for the Valley, but the situation is this reported Mr. Emtage of Emtage Electric of Barbados, the contractor for the Ice and Cold Store Plant at the Valley. All the poles ordered for the project were delayed because of shipping cancellations out of Guyana. Then the wrong wire was shipped out of Barbados which had to be returned. Then a gleam of hope came when the poles, fixtures and wire were ready in Barbados, for shipment to Anguilla. All this material was loaded on the Ruth 16, which should arrive here this weekend. According to Mr. Emtage, if the boat arrives as planned, there might be some hope of some street lights being installed.

At any event, he said, there will be lights on the Park in the Valley. Mr. Emtage added, that the Ice and Cold Store Plant will be in full operation next week. Both generators were already started up, and the plant being tested.

The two 55 KVA diesel generators will supply continuous power to the plant and street lights for the Valley, with power to most Government Buildings, and the Churches in the area. Mr. Emtage said, that the Ice Plant will turn out 1 ton of ice per day, with room to store up to 5 tons. Crushed ice will also be available from the plant.

MEDICAL NEWS.

Medical Officer Dr. Felix Spector has just completed a series of talks at the Road, West End and East End Schools, and at the Community Centre. These talks were for the purpose of explaining about tuberculosis, a disease with a long history among all the Caribbean Islands. Under the present Government it is now possible for the first time to begin the eradication of this otherwise dangerous illness. Plans are being made for an island-wide campaign of skin testing, with the help of one of the foremost medical laboratories in the U.S. A miniature chest X-ray machine is in the offing so that every one will have a chest X-ray. Sputum examinations will be done right here by an Anguillan, now being trained as a technician. We already have medicines on hand. It is thus possible to wipe out tuberculosis in Anguilla. The talks were well received by a total of about 700 people. A question period closed each of Dr. Spector's talks. While a mass campaign is the ideal, the Public Health Section is actively skin-testing contacts of known cases, and the positive reactors are being X-rayed, with the X-ray plates being read by an X-ray specialist. Surprisingly less than ½ dozen active cases have been turned up so far, said Dr. Spector.

THE FRIENDS OF ANGUILLA:

We have just received some very encouraging news from Britain. We have had a letter from Lord Lambton M.P. telling us that a body of friends of Anguilla has just been formed in London, of which he is the Chairman. It is made up of members of both the House of Commons and the House of Lords, of all Political persuasions, as well as writers, Anguillans living in Britain and elsewhere, economists and others who are concerned with the affairs of the island. Its purpose is to assist the small and much-neglected island of Anguilla in its struggle for freedom, and to create for its people a way of life self sufficiently and in freedom. It will publish from time to time a news letter containing matter of Anguillan interest, called the Conch Shell of which we have received the first copy, and also occasional research papers dealing with specific aspects of the island's political, economic, cultural and social life. Cont'd on page 3.

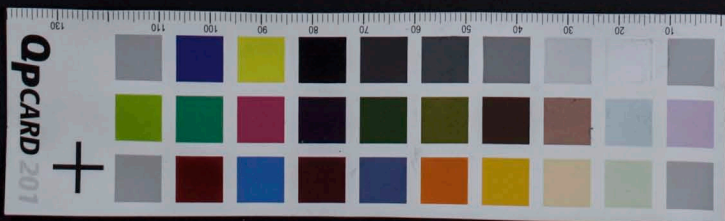
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CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Sir, I heard with alarm over the BBC news, that Mr. Ronald Webster was intending to proclaim a unilateral declaration of independence, after the expiry of the Interim Period on Jan. 8th. I also heard that he was being advised on this course of action (according to the Z I Z bulletin) by Mr. Jeremiah Gumbs. I have always gathered that according to the provisional constitution of Anguilla, Mr. Webster is Chairman of the Council, elected by them to represent their views. If a decision to make a unilateral declaration of independence is the wish of the majority of the council, Mr. Webster would be justified in acting upon their wishes. I am not convinced that Mr. Webster is speaking for the whole council on this matter. We have a council composed of sensible men. Can it be that they advised this course of action? Bearing in mind that H.M.G. has strong ties with U.S.A. and the Caribbean islands, and her attitude towards us in the past, such a declaration of independence would, I presume, cut us off from all British Development Aid in the future. It would deprive us of the security of having a British Representative on the island. It would immediately invalidate all our passports which are issued through the British Government, and make it impossible for us to obtain new passports. No doubt there are other unseen difficulties, but these are enough to warn us not to take such an ill-advised step now. We might be forced to take such a step later, but this is not the time.

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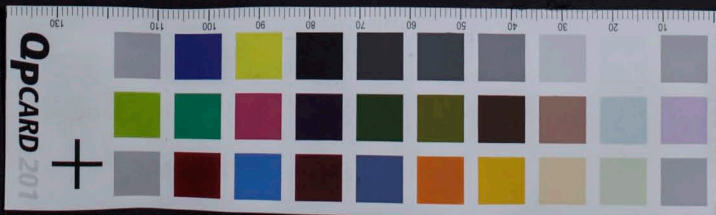
H.M.G. SHOULD ACT NOW (by A. Harrigan)

The attitude of H.M.G. of non-interference in the internal matters of the "State" of St. Kitts Nevis and Anguilla, is understandable but regrettable as it has done nothing to solve our problems. The state of affairs has gone on too long: Anguilla's hands are tied, unable to accept outside investors though she has managed her own affairs successfully without outside assistance. Mr. Bradshaw has announced that he cannot get Anguilla back without outside assistance, thus admitting that he has failed to run the "State" according to its constitution. Anguilla has repeatedly shown her willingness to remain within the Commonwealth, so it is high time that H.M.G. did something about the situation. The presence of a British Representative on Anguilla is a good thing, it shows that H.M.G. realise that St. Kitts has lost control of Anguilla, and will never regain it; it also shows that Anguilla wants to retain her ties with Britain. We do not want to be compelled to take any action which would break those ties, and we appeal to H.M.G. not to allow this intolerable state of affairs to continue. Meanwhile at the close of the Interim Period, I beseech the Anguilla leaders to sit tight and WAIT. Give H.M.G. the last chance to make a move.

Friends of Anguilla cont'd from page 2

It will cooperate with any other established Anguillan bodies, such as the Anguilla Improvement Association of Slough Bucks. Anyone wishing to join this Association should acquire an enrollment form from Colin Rickards, 143 Gray's Inn Road, London W.C.1. Yearly subscriptions are, U.K. \$1.00, U.S.A. \$3.00 u.s., W.I. \$5.00 e.c.c. Additional donations can also be sent, and are appreciably received.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT. Henry Nevers, a fisherman of Treport in France, celebrated a golden wedding with one wife, and two silver weddings with two wives in succession. He married his first wife in 1809 and celebrated his golden wedding anniversary with her in 1859. Cont. on page 4.



CONCERT BIG SUCCESS. East End School was packed to capacity on Tuesday night last, when its annual concert was presented. Every one present enjoyed the entire programme, but special mention must be made of the play "Abu Hassan Pays His Debts." The pupils acted very well indeed and it has really shown the parents that their children have a lot of talent. There is no doubt that, much hard work had been put into the practices, judging from the high standard of performance. East End School was always famous for its annual concert, but missed those for the past two years, because of the political situation. The Headmaster Mr. M. Vanterpool and his staff should be complimented for the fine job they are doing in spite of all the difficulties they experience at the school. Keep it up East End.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, Cont. from page 3.- She died, and he married a second wife in 1860, and celebrated his silver wedding anniversary with her in 1885. She died that year, and the same year he married for the third time and lived just long enough to celebrate a second silver wedding with the third wife in 1910. He died soon after at the age of 121.

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BRADSHAW SHOULD FACE REALITY.

Bradshaw wrote to Mr. Ronald Webster, a letter which had confidential written on it over half a dozen times. This letter was read over Z.I.Z. on Wednesday last, along with a letter sent to H.M.G. by Mr. Webster, a copy of which was sent to Bradshaw. Both the contents of his letter and his attitude in making public what he said to be confidential, only show his ignorance in the handling of the St. Kitts -Anguilla situation. His failure to recognise the FACT that he has no say whatsoever in the affairs of Anguilla, shows up his deliberate scheme, not to face the facts as they really are, and to hide himself behind a constitution. It is about time that he awakes out of his dream and pull himself together and face reality. Anguilla is long GONE. Eighteen months away on the river of NO RETURN.

Editor.

Letters to the Editor. Dear Sir, Please allow me space in your widely read paper. We Anguillians were so very sorry to hear how the American Ambassador from Barbados was so badly misled by Bradshaw. We had to laugh even though to some extent we felt for him. Imagine hearing him praise that Government. How strange it was, for he seems the only man in this world to praise it. It shows clearly that he does not read the papers to learn how the world has condemned that man; or he just did it to make him feel great. The Ambassador signed papers with him for security of private property of citizens in St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla (which is impossible) including the Bank of America. We will like to know who left him over us. Bradshaw said that he leased land to the Randall's in Anguilla. Is that land yours? Please tell us. You have no land in Anguilla to lease to anyone at all. Just look how you have made the world laugh at you and your lies.

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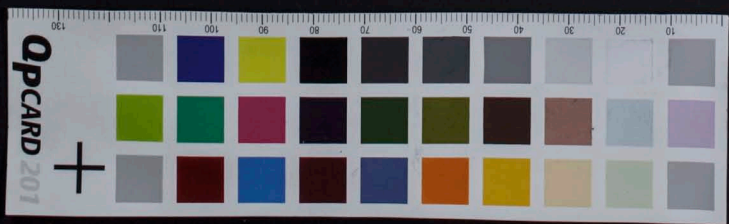
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The rainy season has increased the mosquito problem and the P.H.D. is active trying to control those in the swamps but we also need the cooperation of the people. The Aedes Aegypte mosquito (our enemy) could be eradicated if householders took special care of all water containers in which the mosquito breed. Remember in most cases you harbour 2 out of every 3 mosquitoes that bite you on your premises.

You can get rid of those dangerous insects if,

- (1) You pour one table spoonful of Kerosene in every water drum and six in every cistern-once per week. (2) or stock your cistern with mosquito eating fish. (don't use kerosene in this case) (3) Make your cistern mosquito proof, (tight fitting covers, vents covered with wire gauge.) (4) Use sand instead of water in your flower vases. (5) Clean up your surroundings, fill up water holes and dump all artificial water containers.

NOTICE: The Chief Executive announces a public meeting to be held on the Park at 4.00pm on Dec. 22nd. All are asked to attend.....

GARBAGE TRUCK APEAL FUND:

Slowly but surely she is rolling on. Special thanks goes out to (1) Mr. Richard Richardson in St. Thomas, whose gift of 5 overprinted stamps triggered off a donation of \$112.00 (2) Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Richardson of The Quarter, who gave one 25¢ unused Overprinted stamp. (3) The Anguilla Improvement Society in Slough England, for their donation of \$957.38

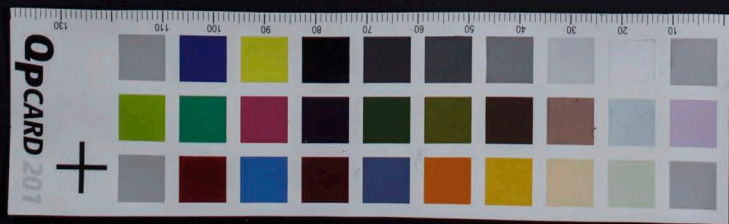
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ALBERT'S DEPT. ANGUILLA. Albert's Department offers a special sale from the first December 1968 to the end. A 10% discount on all cash bought retail items, (excluding petrols) also over 100 pairs of men and women shoes on sale for 50% discount.

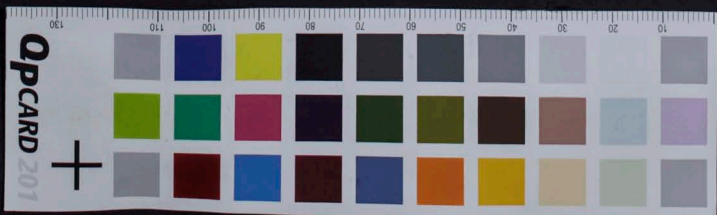
For a unique Christmas Concert, come to the Community Centre, D Dec. 20th, at 7.30pm, and see the V.L.B. (The young people of the Church of God of Prophecy) in action. Tickets on sale \$1.00

The General Public is cordially invited to a GRAND CONCERT to be held Dec.23rd 1968, at the CHURCH of GOD (Holliness) The Valley. Time 7.30 pm. Adm: Adults 75¢, Children 15¢. Come one Come ALL and enjoy yourselves, You'll be glad you did.

DANCES AT AQUATIC CLUB (Meads Bay) Grand Dance on Christmas Night Dec.25th. Boxing Day Dec. 26th. and New Year's Night, Jan.1st. All beginning at 8.30pm each night. Music by "Fabulous Swingers". Adm: \$1.50. D. Hughes

ATTENTION ALL 'SPORTS LOVERS'. Grand Boat Race at lovers Point, Cul-de-Sac, on New Years Day. Boats in two sizes:-Bigger Boats 1st prize \$200.00, Undersizes Boats 1st prize \$100.00. Interested Boat Owners can contact A.Hazel, South Hill, Lazarus R'dsor or Uriel Davis, Blowing Point, for further particulars before 27th Dec. Also on Old Years Day, a Cricket match at Blowing Point-Blowing Point Progressive Cricket Club v Valley Team. There are many other attractions, including a DANCE at Mc.Connor's Hall, commencing at 8.00pm until.....

More articles by Christopher Ramney coming soon. Look out for them.....



YOU AND SPORTS - by Ralph V.C. Hodge

"CRICKET"

Our West Indians in Australia, Brisbane Dec. 6th, 7th, 8th and 10th.
 First Test Won By WEST INDIANS (by 125 runs)

West Indies touring team blasted Australians into defeat in the first test match. First, the scores, W.I. 296 and 352. Australia 284 and 240.

When W.I. took the crease they soon lost Camacho, who was bowled trying to sweep Gleason. Carew 83 and Kanhai 94, in a fine second wicket partnership played very sensibly until Carew was run out just after tea. Kanhai soon followed and the West Indies collapsed, being 267 for 9, when the day closed.

On the second morning Gibbs and Hendricks added 29 before the West Indies innings closed at 296. Australia were soon in trouble losing Redpath in Sobers' first over. Chappel joined Lawry and together they added 217, Chappel making 117 and Lawry 105. But Australia suffered a very disastrous collapse and at the close of play was 255 for 5. Things went more in the W.I. favour on the third morning when the remaining 5 Australian wickets fell for 29 runs. Gibbs 5, Molford 3. A very aggressive and well controlled innings of 129 from young Clive Lloyd, before falling victim to Mackenzie, in the last over of the day, saw W.I. score reach 298 for 7 at the end of play.

On the fourth day, Carew 71 not out, put W.I. in a very comfortable position when their innings closed at 352, leaving the Aussies to get 366 runs to win. The Australians tried but their batting once again failed, apart from Chappel who made a bold 50 and Mackenzie 33 not out. It was due to some fierce batting by the Australian tail, why the score reached 240. Garry Sobers completely mesmerized the Australian batting to claim 6 for 73, Gibbs supported him, getting 3 for 82.

CHURCH NOTICES:

Sunday Dec. 15th, 1968

ANGLICAN- St. Mary's 7.30 & 5.30. St. Augustine's 9.15, St. Andrew's 8.0 J.N.
 METHODIST- Road 11 & 7.00, Valley 9.0 & 6/30, West End 9.00 & 6.30, Blowing
 Point 7.30.

ROMAN CATHOLIC- 8.00 Aprox.

BIRTHS: A son was born to Mr. & Mrs. Edmead Smith of Island Harbour on Dec. 2nd. A son was also born to Mr. & Mrs. Godfrey Griffin of South Hill on Dec. 7th. A girl was born to Mr. & Mrs Ronald Richardson of North Valley on Dec. 6th.

BOOKS. The Anglican-Methodist Book Shop occupies one small counter in the store of Zilphus Fleming at the Mahogany Tree. It carries a stock of Bible large and small, and new Testaments in various versions, as well as Methodist and Anglican Prayer & Hymn books, besides various other books. Anguillans have not had much opportunity to buy books in the past, so it is hard to assess their book buying potential. It would be foolish to stock expensive books, at this stage, in the hopes that someone might buy them, but there are a number of books published which are of special interest to teachers and scholars in our schools, and also others written for readers in the Carribean. The latest catalogue of books published by Longman's and other firms can be consulted at any time at the Rectory. They include books for the Caribbean and Secondary School Sectional catalogues for English Language, Biology, History, Geography Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Physics and crafts. The Rector will gladly receive orders for any books and undertake to supply them.

