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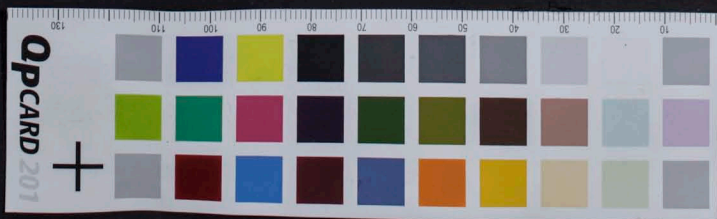
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HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP KNOWLES-- TO RESIGN.

His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese of Antigua, paid his last official visit to Anguilla on Friday May 23rd. He is expected to resign from the Diocese at the end of June this year, after serving for 16 years as bishop of the Antigua Diocese. During his visit that lasted until Monday 26th May, he held services and confirmations in all three Anglican Churches on the island. A total of 101 persons were confirmed, 61 from St. Mary's, 27 from St. Augustine's, and 13 from St. Andrew's. Bishop Knowles said that his new post will be to administer a little Church in his homeland in Nassau, Bahamas. He is married and has two sons-one in England and the other a lecturer in Spanish at a University in Canada. He was presented with a purse at the Rectory where a party was held for him, by members of the Vestry and Husbands and Wives of the Church Council. Bishop Knowles said he hopes to visit all the islands that are under the diocese of Antigua before he resigns. Those islands are, Antigua, Anguilla, Barbuda, Nevis, Montserrat, Dominica, Saba, St. Kitts, St. Eustatius, St. Barths, Curacao, Aruba.

BRITISH DEVELOPMENT TEAM VISITS:

A team of experts from the British Dev. Division in Barbados, arrived in Anguilla on Wednesday May 28th. On arrival they were met by H.M. Acting Commissioner Mr. John Cumber. The team of seven, all experts in different fields, held discussions with Government Officials and met with Heads of departments. The team, headed by Mr. William Bell, who is head of the Dev. Division, will make a report and recommendations for Development projects on the island, to be financed by the Division. The other experts are Messrs Will Nanton, Agriculturist, Wilton Young, Land and Surveyers, Stan Wood, Education, Ken Hardaker, Engineer, John Davies-Civil Service and Arly Jack, Finance. The team met with the Council last Thursday before leaving by chartered plane for Antigua.



COUNCIL ENLARGED:

At a meeting of the Anguilla Council with H.M. Ag. Commissioner, it was decided to enlarge the existing seven man Council by Co-option. Each member of the Council was asked to name a person from his respective constituency for Co-option. The persons recommended are as follows:-Messrs Reuben Hodge of Stoney Ground, James Woods of the Quarter, Winston Harrigan of East End, Russel Webster of Island Harbour, Hugo Rey of Road Sandy Ground, Camile Connor of South Hill and Samuel Fleming of West End. All new appointments were accepted by the members of the Council. They will have a vote just as the seven elected members. The council meets next Tuesday, June 3rd. at 9.30 A.M. at the Administration Building.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES APPOINTED:

The Anguilla Council decided to set up various committees to be headed by members of the council. The selected persons to sit on these various committees are not complete, but each committee will have a member of the council as its chairman, and the present head of that Department will serve as Secretary of the Committee. Messrs Emile Gumbs was chosen to serve as chairman of Health & Welfare, with Stanley Mussington-Health Inspector as Secretary. Wallace Rey with Richard Fahle as Secretary will head Road, Water and Public Works Committee. The Education Committee will have as its Chairman Kenneth Hazel with Collins Hodge as Deputy Chairman. The Secretary will be the Education Officer when appointed. Meanwhile the Teachers Representative will serve as Secretary. The Tourist Committee will be Headed by Atlin Harrigan, The Secretary will be chosen from the Civil Service. Agriculture, Fisheries and Natural Resources Committee, Chairman will be Collins Hodge. Physical Planning, Land and Building Committee, Chairman will be Hugo Rey. Ronald Webster will head the Committee of Commerce, Industry, Civil Aviation and Communications. Secretary for these Committees are to be selected from the Civil Service. It was decided that the Development Committee should consist of the Chairmen of the other Committees, with Ronald Webster as Chairman and John Webster as Secretary. It was also agreed that the Finance Committee should be composed of all members of the council with John Hodge as its Chairman and Walter Hodge, Treasurer, as Secretary.

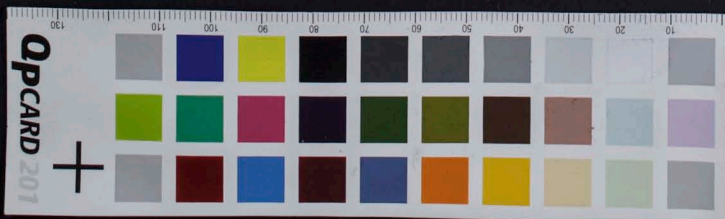
COMMISSION ON ANGUILLA.

A commission will be appointed consisting of a Chairman and four members selected jointly by our two Governments.

2. The terms of reference will be:-

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TO ANGUILLA IN QUEST OF INK.

by STAN DUKKIN.

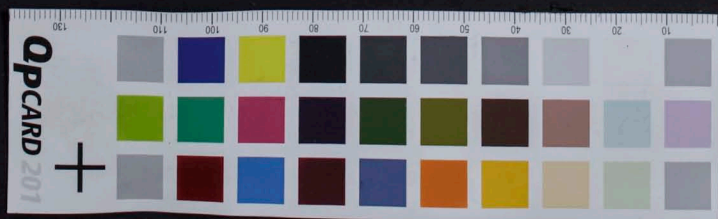
We begin this installment of our report at the airport of St. Thomas, U.S.V.I. Having just concluded our short flight from Beef Island, B.V.I., we checked in for our island-hopper flight to St. Maarten. Then making a beeline over to the Anguilla Airways counter, we spent a most enjoyable half-hour with one of the pilots of the line, Mr. Maurice Connor. The only other AA pilot is a Mr. Ken Fleming, whom we did not meet.

Anguilla Airways consists of two aircraft, both Piper Aztec six-seaters. We sighted a handstamp on the airways counter and inquired as to its function. Learning that it was the ANGUILLA AIRWAYS headstamp which had been used for cancelling mails from St. Thomas airport to destinations on Anguilla some months previously, we hastily prepared and dispatched some covers. As a matter of interest, AA has both black and red ink stamp pads at their St. Thomas airport office, and they are used indiscriminately. Before departing, we made arrangements with Mr. Connor to pick us up at the St. Maarten airport on the following day and deliver us to Anguilla.

Our hotel on St. Maarten was quite a distance from the main town of Philipsburg, and was situated on the side of a mountain. The view from the dinner patio was quite breath-taking and relaxing. Through the bougainvillea our eyes took in the salt ponds, part of the town, the harbour with a ship being plied by lighters, the bay, and off in the distance the mystic cone-shaped island of Saba—a now extinct volcano. There is a town in the crater of the volcano most appropriately called Bottom!

Mr. Connor duly picked us up on schedule, and we were soon airborne, enroute to the very much talked-about island of Anguilla—and her one Post Office! Five very short minutes later (minutes I should say spent in viewing the Island through the view-finder of a camera), we touched down on the dirt strip of Wall-Blake Airport. I can't say that the airport is a busy one, but there was quite a crowd at the one-building terminal. Mr. Atlin Harrigan, Editor of the Beacon, Anguilla's only newspaper, met us as we disembarked and bade us "Welcome to Anguilla." Immigration and Customs formalities were soon taken care of, and my "Honorary Passport of Anguilla" was properly stamped. Our rental car was awaiting our arrival so we soon departed directly for our hotel. Where we thought that the roads of Virgin Gorda were rather poor, those on Anguilla are practically non-existent, especially in the western half of the island. Stopping off at the Police Station, I obtained my temporary driver's licence, valid for three months at a cost of \$1.00 E.C. and off we went in a cloud of dust, at 10 to 15 miles per hour, toward our hotel.

The hotel is situated on one of the most naturally beautiful beaches that I have ever seen. Our arrival was uneventful except for when Elaine went to wash her hands. The usual two faucets were evident, but nothing came out of the one marked Cold. Upon inspection we saw that there was no pipe leading to that faucet—the facade was there but no plumbing behind it! This is what is meant by hot and cold water (Cont'd on page 6)



THE BEACON is an Independent Anguillan Newspaper, published every Saturday. Founded September 27th, 1967. Printed and published at "Lone Star" Anguilla, W.I.

Atlin Harrigan, Publisher & Editor
S. Hodge Associate Editor
Patterson Hunte, Printer.

EDITORIAL:

FACTS vs RUMOUR.

Some people in Island Harbour supported by others in East End, are planning to demonstrate against the representative of Island Harbour (namely Atlin Harrigan) being on the Anguilla Council.

The reason: they are told that Messrs Harrigan, Emile Gumbs and Kenneth Hazel are the obstacles in the way of Anguilla achieving Independence by the end of December 1969. They claim that they are told by notable persons in Island Harbour that Bradshaw will sever all legal ties with Anguilla by the end of December, and that the above mentioned persons will put against it. It is true that some people in Anguilla will jump over "High Cliff" if they are told to do so by a certain person. So how in this world can one get the truth across to these people.

Attempts by this paper to do so has branded the Editor as a "Bradshaw" If we print what we would desire to happen "as truth", we will become the laughing stock of the people who understand the relevant facts which surround the island. If every-one will read and understand the statement on page 2 (Commission on Anguilla) they will understand that the Commission will NOT be appointed until December of this year. Considering the time they will take to make full investigations of the problems, how could the results come about in December? My people, stop and think for yourselves: stop living in a world of your own! and face the raw facts.

How can one solve the Anguilla-St. Kitts situation without identifying the problem. Our main objective in this case is to have Anguilla taken out of the St. Kitts Constitution. We cannot pretend that it doesn't exist.

When you identify the problem, you work on it to have it removed. If you have a sore, you work on it until it is cured. If you ignore it, a worse sore will accrue.

Having the Commission of Inquiry- we can safely say that the Commission will find an undivided people on the issue of secession from St. Kitts. The recognized Independence from St. Kitts will come on its recommendation, despite the fact that some people have gotten credit for something that we have not yet achieved.

FREEDOM DAY.

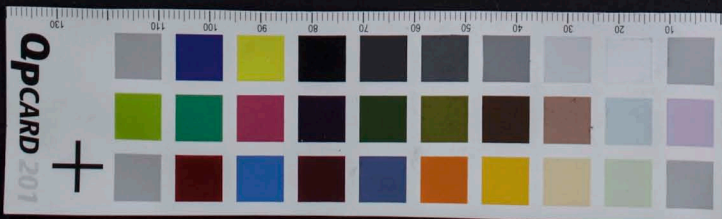
May 30th, better known as Freedom Day, or better still the day that Anguillans sent home to St. Kitts its 15 man police force. This day is recognized throughout the island as a public holiday. It marks the first step of Local Autonomy on the island. This move termed illegal by Bradshaw, came only after legitimate attempts failed to bring to Anguillans a bigger say in their own affairs. Not that Anguillans wanted to be rebellious, but how could we talk to a deaf ear, who was not prepared even to consider our proposals for Local Autonomy? (Cont'd on page 5)

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unitary State of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla in accordance with the constitution of that Associated; having regard to the resolution concerning Anguilla adopted unanimously at the meeting of Commonwealth Heads of Government at Port-of-Spain in February 1969; the text of which is annexed hereto; bearing in mind the problems and consequences that might arise from further fragmentation in the Caribbean; the Commission will consider:-

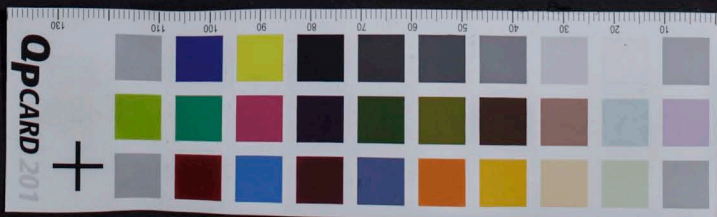
- (1) the causes of the situation that has come about in Anguilla.
- (2) The best means of dispelling misunderstandings relating to that situation, in accordance with the foregoing facts and with such considerations as the Commission judge to be strictly pertinent, will make recommendations that may lead to a satisfactory and durable solution."
- (3) The members will be independent persons of sufficient standing to command respect throughout the Caribbean. Persons from any country in the Commonwealth may serve as members, but every member will sit in his personal capacity and not as the representative of his Government. There will be consultations with all the Commonwealth Caribbean Governments and the Government of any other Commonwealth country providing a member, concerning the suitability and availability of the persons our two Governments have in mind, jointly to select and appoint, as members of the Commission.
- (4) In order to enable the necessary consultation to take place and to give more time for creating an ordered atmosphere on the island, the Commission will not be appointed before December, 1969.

FREEDOM DAY. (Cont'd from page 4)

Our complaints could not be taken beyond this man, so the evacuation of the police force was inevitable. So May 30th. will go down in history for all future generations to see what was done-the so called illegal take over of Anguilla, from the hands of the one time great Bradshaw-the time when Anguillans put to the test, The Constitution versus the HUMAN rights of a people. We had no problem in getting support from all over the world for our human rights. Not one Government has come forward to recognize what we were doing as legal. As a result what do we have after two years? The island being administered by H.M. Commissioner who fully consults and co-operates with a 14 man Council, and most of all a setting of a Commission to look into this matter and make recommendations for a satisfactory and durable solution.

CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGUILLA (Continued)

Section 21. Right of Employment Secured: No person shall ever be required as a condition of employment, either civil or private, to subscribe to any organization for membership or admission; or shall any person be required to pay dues or other compensation to secure or enjoy such employment or (Continued on page 8)



BANK OF AMERICA--- AROUND THE WORLD.

The story of the Bank Of America began on October 17, 1904 when a small neighborhood bank opened for buisness on the San Fransisco waterfront. Prime mover behind the new bank was a man with a big idea. The man: A.P. Giannini, California-born son of immigrant parents. His idea: a revolutionary -for-the-times philosophy under which wage earners and small buisnesses were offered the banking services traditionally reserved for wealthy individuals and large companies. Only 28 deposits accounts were received the first day. But with characteristic enthusiasm and such unorthodox banking practices as door-to-door solicitations for deposits, Mr. Ginnini and the bank officers proved the soundness of the new concept in banking. By the end of 1905, the little bank, which had opened with \$150,000 capital, showed deposits of \$703,024 and resources in excess of \$1 million. Since that time the bank of America has grown steadily, at times spectacularly, not only in resources but in geographical scope. At year end 1968 its resources totaled \$24.2 billion, including deposits of \$21.5 billion. Perhaps best known as the world's largest commercial bank, it also is the largest savings bank in the United States; it has more than seven million commercial and savings accounts. To employ these funds, it has developed a progressive and imaginative lending philosophy. At the end of 1968 the bank had more than \$13.4 billion in loans outstanding. The first major advocate of branch banking in the United States, California communities-- one for every 21,000 Californians. It has a staff of over 34,000 persons. Shortly after World War II the Bank of America embarked on a major expansion of its international activities. Until that time the London branch, established in 1931, was the only overseas branch. Today the bank's overseas network extends around the world and includes 93 branches, 11 representative offices, and 42 affiliates, giving the bank direct representation in 73 countries. In addition, its New York subsidiary, Bank of America, New York, owns controlling interest in the Banca d'America e d'Italia with 85 offices in Italy. Overseas offices are staffed by 4,317 people-- all but 207 of whom are indigenous to countries in which the offices are located. A part of Bank of America's expansion has come to the Caribbean. Presently there are branches in Santiago, Sabana, and Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic. In the U.S.V.I. the bank has branches in Charlotte Amalie on St. Thomas and in Christiansted and Fredriksted on St. Croix. In the Leewards and Windwards there are branches in the Valley Anguilla, Basseterre St. Kitts, and Bridgetown Barbados.

TO ANGUILLA IN QUEST OF INK.

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A faucet marked HOT and one marked COLD. Beyond that you're a dreamer. After a lunch of fish and lobster, we all "invaded" the Post Office. Meeting the Postmaster, Mr. Kenneth Harrigan, was a long-looked-forward-to pleasure, and we were not disappointed, for he is a most hospitable gentleman. (To be continued)

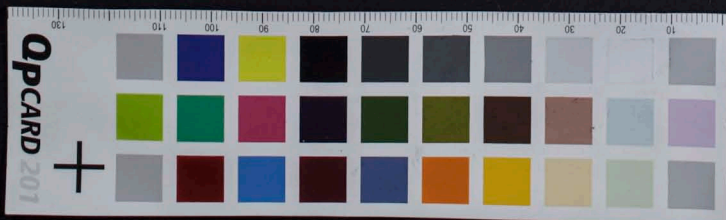
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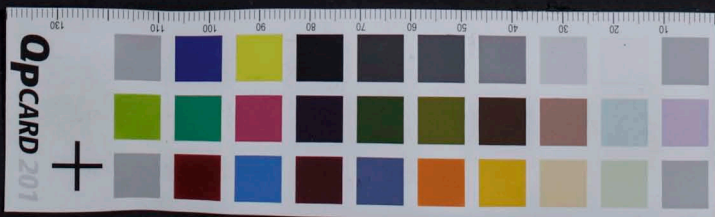
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SPORTS by Ralph Hodge.

FOOTBALL.

On Sunday 25th. May at the park the Police defeated the Local side 7 goals to 2. It was an exciting match although the pitch was muddy and slippery. The small group of spectators evidently enjoyed the match, particularly some of the more humorous episodes caused by the slippery mud.

CRICKET.

On Monday 26th. May at Rose Hill Island Harbour, the Police defeated an Island Harbour XI by 21 runs. The scores were, Police 97, Island Harbour XI 76. For Police P.C. Wise made 34 and Fleming 18, while Wilkin Harrigan of Island Harbour took 5 wickets. For Island Harbour, Nashville Webster made 24 and Oden Rogers 18. P.C. Dwal was the best of the bowlers taking 6 wickets.

On the park on Monday 26th. May the match, Engineers versus a Carty's XI was abandoned as a draw after Carty's side was 94 runs for 6 wickets.

ANGUILLA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

About 30 Anguilla merchants and businessmen met at the Court House yesterday Friday, to set up the "Anguilla Chamber of Commerce". H.M. Acting Commissioner Mr. John Cumber, opened the meeting and gave an outline of the functions of such an organisation. The business people then elected some of its officers. Mr. Clifford Rogers was elected Chairman and Mr. Watkin Hodge Vice-Chairman. Mr. Camile Connor was elected Treasurer. It was decided to elect the other officers at the next meeting, which will be announced later.

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return therefrom by virtue of their failure to belong or subscribe to any organisation.

ARTICLE 111 CITIZENSHIP

Section 1. By Birth; All persons born in the National Territory as defined in Article 1 of this Constitution are citizens by birth.

Section 2. By Parentage: All persons who have at least one parent born in the National Territory of Anguilla who have at least one parent who is a citizen of Anguilla, and who declares their loyalty to the Republic of Anguilla while renouncing allegiance to all other countries, in a manner prescribed by the Legislature, are citizens by parentage.

Section 3. Naturalized Citizens.

(a) All persons who at the time of the enactment of this Constitution have been resident in the National Territory of the Republic of Anguilla for a major portion of each of the five years immediately prior to the enactment of this Constitution and who declares their loyalty to the Republic of Anguilla, in a manner prescribed by the Legislature, while renouncing allegiance to all other Countries shall, with their minor children, be naturalized Citizens. (To be continued.)

