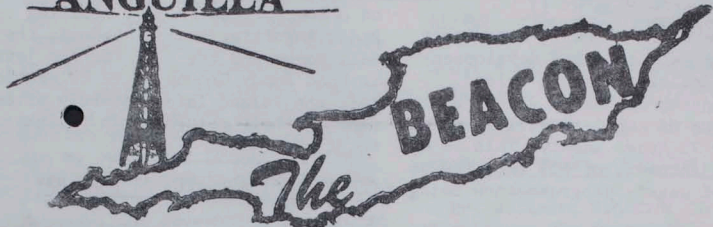


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WIFE OF COMMISSIONER POSNETT ARRIVES

Mrs Richard Posnett, wife of H.M. Acting Commissioner for Anguilla arrived on the island from New York on Tuesday to join her husband for the remainder of his term here. Next week on the assumption of office of H.M. Commissioner T. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs Posnett will return to New York where he is First Secretary to Lord Caradon as Britain's representative to the United Nations.

Mrs Charles Fletcher, wife of H.M. Commissioner's Office, Information Officer, is expected in Anguilla today. She is joining her husband and they will reside in Mr. Ronald Webster's house at Blowing Point.

GOVERNOR - ST. MARTEN VISITS

A courtesy call on H.M. Commissioner Mr. Posnett was a delegation from St. Marten headed by the Governor of St. Marten, Mr. Van Delden and his wife. The delegation arrived at Wall Blake Airport 10.30 A.M. yesterday and was met on arrival by Mr. Posnett and Officers of H.M. Commissioner.

Accompanying Mr. Van Delden was Mr. And Mrs. Kooistra, Brigade Commander, and other Officials. The visit was a result of a courtesy (SEE GOVERNOR Page 2).

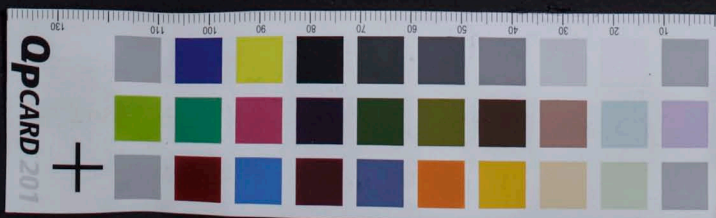
THE BEACON'S SECOND ANNIVERSARY

Today the BEACON celebrates its second year of publication. It has been a trying time for us especially since late 1968, when decisions had to be made about the island's future. The stand we took did not earn us a feather in our cap from the island, but it did turn out to be the right one. Had our fellow men followed our advice the political situation with St. Kitts might have been the same to the outside world, but the Anguilla Council would have been more than advisory at this time. We do not profess to be right always, but at least we know that it could be a mistake to bite off more than we can chew. We hope to carry on with the guiding light, though it is a heavy burden, and hope that Anguillans will reach their desired place that will make them equal West Indians.

We are grateful to all our patrons for their continued support. (ED)

RADIO ANGUILLA BOOSTS PROGRAMME HOURS BY 51 %

In keeping with the agreed policy of the British Government, the Anguilla Council and the Anguilla Broadcasting Committee, Radio (See RADIO P. 2)



RADIO (Cont'd from p. 1)

Anguilla will embark on a new plan for the extension and development of broadcasting for the island.

Commencing on Sunday 28th, Sept. the Voice of Anguilla will be on the air for 72 hours weekly. This is an overall increase of 51% from the 46 hours of weekly programmes now being given.

Announcing the New Look for Radio Anguilla this week, Mr. Roy Dunlop, Station Director explained that the station would now be heard from 12 noon on Sundays through until 10 p.m. In addition, Radio Anguilla will inaugurate programmes from 12 noon to 2 p.m. daily, a further half-hour daily will be added at 9 a.m. to include a new feature "Woman's Hour" at 9.15 a.m. The station will also remain on the air for an extra hour until 10 p.m. each day.

The Sunday afternoon programmes will include light classics in "The Symphony Hour" at 3 p.m. and also such educational features as "The Commonwealth This Week", "Caribbean Magazine," "Music in Mauve," "Hello Folk," "Songs For Sunday," and "Science Today." Other New Educational features at 1.15 pm. weekdays include "London Comment," "Trend," "Spectator," "Transatlantic," "Motoring Magazine," and others. Mr. Dunlop added that Radio Anguilla would welcome letters of comment from the island's listeners on the new programme schedule.

GOVERNOR - (Continued from page 1).

call on the Governor of St. Marten by Mr. Posnett and Mr. Ray Anning, Superintendant of Anguilla Police Unit, last week Thursday.

The Delegation lunched with Officers of H.M. Commissioner and went

on a tour of the island, visiting Radio Anguilla, The School, the Salt Works and the site for the jetty in Road Sandy Ground. The delegation left the island late yesterday afternoon on their return 5 min. flight to St. Marten.

CEMENT BOAT ARRIVED- AT ROAD BAY.

The M/v Johnny Cay, sailed into Road Harbour on Tuesday noon with a cargo of 15,000 bags of cement, from Columbia. The ship sailed yesterday for the Turks island after off-loading 14,700 bags to Messres Albert Lake and Austin Rogers. The island had been out of cement for nearly 2 months and construction on the island was almost at a stand still.

JETTY - SANDY GROUND.

Work on the Jetty at Road Sandy Ground started on Monday 22nd, the Royal Engineers under the Command of Col. John Waymark started laying the concrete bed in the surf of the sea and is expected to begin driving piles at about the middle of next month when all the lumber should be here.

JAMES GASKELL - VISITS HERE:

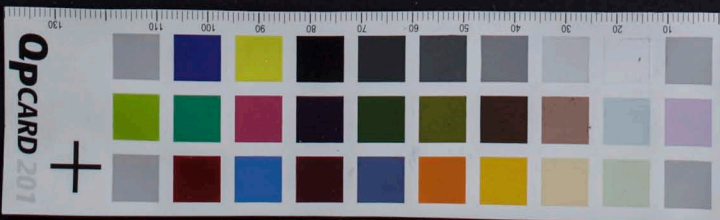
Mr. James Gaskell owner of the "Montipellar" hotel in Nevis, visited Anguilla twice in the last week. Mr. Gaskell was flown in by R.A.F. from Antigua. He then travelled on to St. Thomas and returned here with his brother Tom Gaskell who had been to Nevis recently. While here the Gaskells stayed at Col. Howard's home at Sandy Hill, where the Acting Commissioner Mr. Posnett is also staying. Mr. Gaskell was banned from the Three (Continued on page 7).

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BRITAIN (Cont'd from page 3)

On May 30, 1967, when I took over the Anguillan government, there was no money at all in the coffers.

No cent, after 300 years of British administration! I had to use my own money to pay salaries, just to keep things going for the first half year. Within six months however, our government had become self sufficient, with revenues from the sale of stamps, export and import duties, and taxes on local industries. As of December, 1968, the Anguillan coffers showed a surplus of E.C. \$95,000 (and the government was repaying mu initial loan.)

In the future, we will proceed with the island's development in a way that preserves our independence. We do not wish to make Anguilla a tourist haven. In 10 years, we should be able to accomodate no more than 2,500 tourists. We have a small government, without a ministerial system that could cope with a large tourist influx. We want no crash program of great hotels and resorts that would make us all into maids and servants. Instead, we shall create a Bank of Anguilla to assist the people in developing what is already theirs, we will develop so that Anguillans can own Anguilla. What do we ask of Britain? Despite the occupation I am ready to resume negotiations with the British. In my talks with Lord Caradon, I would like some agreements on defense and international trade. I would hope now for independence, but would give Britain the option of a referendum. Any settlement, however, must be agreed upon with the people of Anguilla themselves. The people own Anguilla. It is the British troops who are invaders. -END-

LETTER- (Continued from page 4).

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Are the British our friends?

More next week!

MEMBER OF SWEDISH MISSION: VISITS.

Mr. Billner, Minister in the Swedish Mission to the United Nations in New York, is expected to arrive here today. Mr. Billner is a friend of H.M. Acting Commissioner Mr. Posnett who is first Secretary to the British Mission in the United Nations.

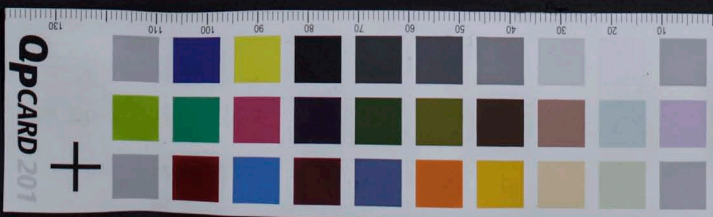
Mr. Billner will arrive on R.A.F. Andover from Antigua.

Letter to the people of Anguilla:
Dated September 11th, 1969.

It was with sad hearts a month ago, that we boarded a plane that started us on our journey back home to the States- for in the nine short weeks that we lived among you, you made us feel so very welcome and so very much at home.

We want to take this means to thank you for the opportunity you gave us to be of service to you. It was indeed our privilege to be in your country and to come to know many of you. We especially want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Camile Connor, Miss Pat Connor, Miss Lorna Richardson, Commissioners Cumber and Thompson, Deputy Commissioner Heman, Pastor and Mrs. Roy White, Eddie Beard, Dina Carty, and many more, who did so much to make our work and our stay with you comfortable and enjoyable.

There will always be a warm spot in our hearts for Anguilla and its people (Continued on back page)



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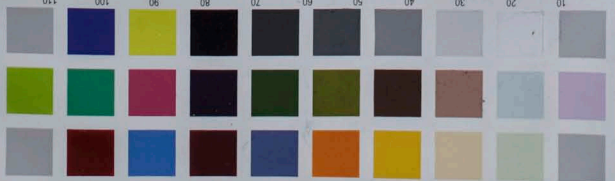
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THE WEAPONS IN ANGUILLA: (By Martin C. Roberts, continued from last week).

There is a long, long way to go yet, there are still many ups and downs ahead. Any scheme for the future of Anguilla is going to stand or fall on this rock -- the iron will of the people of Anguilla. That is the weapon^{has} been demonstrated in the disastrous defeat of the British invading forces by the Anguillans. You may take away the guns from the Anguillans but you have not thereby disarmed them. Their resolve and their determination remain intact. The Anguillans do not have to take up arms. All they have to do, as they have been doing all along, is to exercise their will. The Beacon editorial of August 16th ends with a sentence that sums it all up. "If the Royal Commission recommends reconciliation with St. Kitts," the editorial says, "it just would not work." Those five words sound rather simple, but they carry the full implication of what this article is about.

There seems to be a feeling in some quarters that Anguillans are developing a great deal of confidence in the British presence and policy in the island. My reaction to this is wait and see. Time will show how naïve such thinking is. If the British Government is entertaining such a view, then bitter disappointment awaits them. There is no ground for entertaining any such view so long as the British Government's policy remains as ambiguous and as cloudy as it is. When, however, the true aim of that policy becomes clear, even if it is a decade, from now, then everyone will again have to reckon with the will and determination

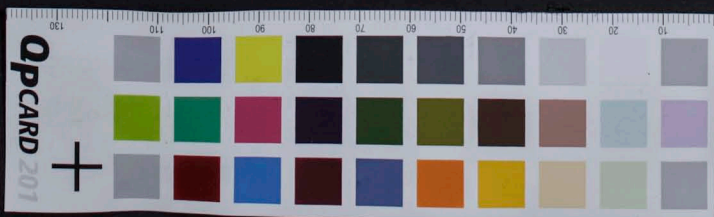
of the people of Anguilla, which will then be reasserted. There are some who think that Anguillans are being sold out. I do not believe this. I do not believe that development schemes are going to weaken the people of Anguilla and lead them to sacrifice their ultimate cause. The feelings and sentiments behind the Anguillan crisis are too deep and fundamental to be exchanged over the counter. Again, those who think Anguillans are being bought over are in for some disappointment. The question is this. What do you do with people who show such strength of will and determination, and such unyieldings in their resolve? You cannot bribe them. You cannot even scare them. Compromise! Perhaps. If not, you either crush them or enslave them. You may have to acknowledge defeat before them, although they did not take up arms. In this way there is quite a parallel between the situation in Anguilla and that in Czechoslovakia.

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BRITAIN VS. ANGUILLA - (By Ronald Webster } Continued from last week.

FROM "LIFE"

British occupation, like the British neglect that preceded it, only strengthens the Independence of Anguillans. Anguilla has really been independent for a long time. We own our own land, and have none of the poverty that comes with absentee landlords. Many younger Anguillans work on St. Thomas and St. Croix, and send money home to support their families. On our own island there is no rent, and no heat is necessary. And since 1967 we have shown that we can govern our own affairs. (See Page 5, BRITAIN).



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EDITORIAL:THE ANGUILLA JETTY:

The Royal Engineers have begun work on the Jetty at the Road Sandy Ground, and already there has been some difficulties in setting up the project. First it was to decide whether the Jetty should be built in the Road Sandy Ground in preference to any where else. The Council, with the exception of one member agreed that the jetty should be built in Sandy Ground. As recommended by the designer of the project. The question of land for warehouse and public road was left in abeyance until a future date.

Now that work has started, the Engineers must get to the project some how, so they begun using temporarily an existing "Private" road that takes them within feet of a private home. The people in the area are complaining that the road used is private and it is too near their homes for their children's safety with trucks passing.

The fact is that the building of the jetty is now a reality. A road will have to be opened to it. The Anguilla Council have been a plan of the whole area. Why not get down to business at once, select the piece

of land best appropriate for the entrance and building of warehouses ^{from} the people concerned. It is known that none of these people want to part with their land, but the road is a must. The council should make some arrangement with the owners of the land that will be needed at once. And let the road be opened so it can be used by those concerned with building the Jetty.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

THE BRITISH KILLING THE DEAD: (By C. Rogers).

Everyone sees that since Britain came to Anguilla that everything has actually come to a stand still.

No longer do American tourists come to our island. How long will this state of affairs last, no one can tell. When they came here they said that they came as our friends. This has proven untrue and we are all disappointed. Go to the Airport and you will see a sad story. The Taxi-drivers are all there looking up at the clouds. Nothing to do yet with all these unused cars on the island Britain sends to Barbados to rent cars from a white man. Isn't this a shame? Where is the friendship? This unfair act takes out of Anguilla well over \$1,200 monthly. We now look at the destruction of Hugo Rey's property at Sandy Ground. We are very sorry the council was so easily fooled. The report given on the area is said to be false. It is now rumoured that water on the Southern end of Road Bay is deeper than the water on the site chosen for the construction of the dock, but to build on that end would (Continued on page 5).

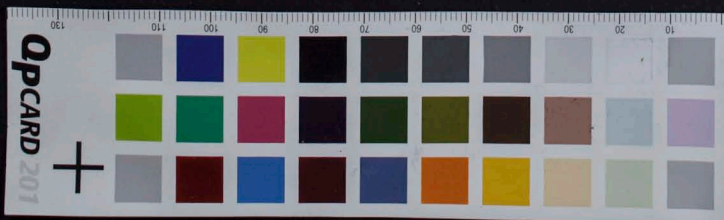
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The second would be an appointment limited to two months.

Applications with full particulars should be addressed to H.M. Commissioner and should reach him not later than Friday, 3rd, October.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR-

Sir,
Please print the following article, in your widely read paper.
"COMMENT ON THE FOSTER HOME".

The Foster Home to be built in Anguilla, will develop the standards of conduct in our community and give our youths a new meaning to life. I am of the opinion, that the Home is specially designed to give our youths a greater knowledge of the Bible, and to mold them into efficient christian men and women. Our generation today, is more secular and doubtful than ever, and to see a change in a community, there must be moral character, as well as intellectual attainment. I think of this Home as a necessity, to assist in the development of Christain personality, enriching the social life, and physical culture.

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(C.J. Fletcher)
Information Officer.

to the truth, and give them a chance to enjoy life without fear and indifference.

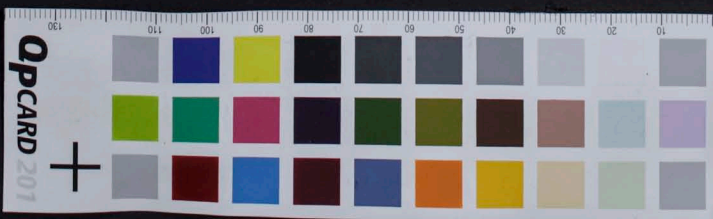
To the founders of the Home, I wish you success in your efforts, and I know God will bless in a wonderful way, and feel assured, you have my prayers and support.

Signed: Reynold Hughes
791 Dawson St., Apt. 22, Bronx, N.Y.

GASKELL - (Continued from page 2).

islands of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla by Mr. Robert Bradshaw in 1967 after Anguilla seceded from St. Kitts. He had never returned to St. Kitts or Nevis since then.

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SPORTS NEWS - CRICKET. (By Ralph Hodge) CRICKET:

An Anguillian side was defeated by a combined French side in Marigot on Sunday. The Touring party left Blowing point Harbour early in the morning by the ferry, "Loving Star". The Players, on arriving in St. Marten visited the park and right away stated their dislike for the quality of the wicket. Throughout the entire match an exciting crowd supported both teams. The scores were Anguilla side, who lost the toss and was sent in to bat, 65 and 11 for 1 wicket. St. Marten, 98 for 8 declared. Albertus Richardson and Franklin Woods opened the batting and defended very stoutly for 14 in Forty five mins. before Woods left. Willmouth Hodge did not last too long and the score was soon 20 for 2. Albertus Richardson who withstood the storm for 85 mins. went when the score was 31 and his personal contribution 13, being bowled by V. Bailev, who bowled very steadily throughout the match. Next to go was V. Banks having scored 8, then came the collapse when the wickets began to powder and the ball jumped awkwardly at times. In a fighting stand of 25 between Cedrick Carty a batsman of no mean ability batting at number ten, and Ralph Hodge, the score went past the 50 mark. On 65 it was all over when the last wicket fell. Victor Bailey took 4 wickets for 13 runs and Brino Brunet 3 for 4 runs. For St. Marten, Brunet top-scored with 20 while the other five performances came from Bailey 15, Flanders made 15 and Henson 17. The party returned to Blowing Point after the shadows were down on Sunday.

On Sunday morning there will be a cricket match at the park between a visiting St. Marten team and the Anguilla Police Unit. It is anticipated that the Commissioner Mr. Posnett and four of five locals will be included in the Team. Starting time is 10. a.m.

FOOTBALL:

Valley Secondary School versus Rest of Island at the Park yesterday afternoon. The School side was captained by Leslie Richardson and two of the V.S.O. Teachers were included. Results were V.S.S. 1 Island side

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Editor, We would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Anguilla Cricket and Football teams for the most enjoyable games we have had during the last three months. As we leave for England on Wednesday next, we will take many happy memories with us and leave many friends behind. We wish you every Sporting success in the future.

Vic Atkins (Cricket Sec.)
 Brian Barnard (Football
 Anguilla Police Unit (Secretary).

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and we sincerely hope that some day we may again come "home" to Anguilla.

Sincerely,
 Dr. & Mrs. Vincent Williams
 Dawn, Mark, Arik and Jene.

