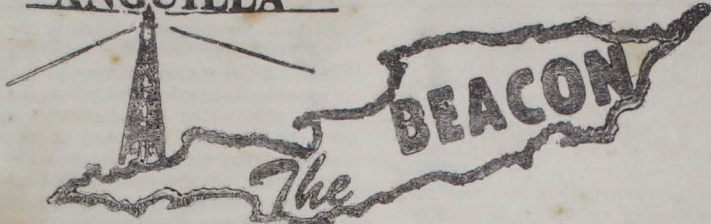


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CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES:

The Anguilla Festivities Committee has announced the programme of a week of entertainment during the Christmas season.

Mr. Kenneth Richardson Deputizing for Mr. Claud Carty, Chairman of the Committee who is at school in Jamaica at U.W.I., said that on Dec. 20th a Queen show will be staged at the Valley Secondary School where the winner of the four contestants will be announced. Dec. 21st. the Christmas Tree will be lit on Ronald Webster's Park; during the ceremony carols will be sung and booths opened. The Christmas Tree will stay lit every night and the booths will continue to be open. Dec. 26th will be a parade of troops on the Band Stand (The Park) and dancing at the Community Centre at night. (Continued on page 2)

TOYS FOR THE ANGUILLA CHILDREN!

A consignment of toys, books and other presents supplied by a London Newspaper, The Daily Express, has arrived in Anguilla by R.A.F.

These toys will be given out to children at Children's Parties to be held throughout the island. The whole affair arose from an idea of one of the Paratroopers. Subsequently Mr. Cumber, (formerly H.M. Acting Commissioner) got into correspondence with an official of the Daily Express, which resulted in the toys being sent to Anguilla. The last shipment arrived (continued on page 2).

TO PROMOTE "ANGUILLA CO-OPERATIVE"

According to a paper circulated throughout the island this week, a group of Anguillian business men is expected to promote what is called the "Anguilla Co-operative Commercial Enterprises". The Co-operative will sell shares to any member of the public at the rate of \$1.00 E.C. by way of deposit the report said. It went on to say that "The Co-operative will be empowered to invest monies in real estate or any profitable Commercial undertaking or Enterprise". It further stated that it may lend monies to any of the share holders.

The Co-operative would be managed by a board of Directors who would be elected annually, shares could be bought by Aliens but they would not be allowed to vote; the paper said. It also stated that "A dividend will be declared at each annual meeting. Such a dividend by way of interest is not to be less than 3%".

The circulation concluded that all applications should be addressed to Mr. Ronald Webster.

The following are the names of the promoters that appeared on the list:- Ronald Webster, Wallace Rey, Watkin Hodge, Jeremiah Gumbs, James Woods, Austin Rogers, William Horsford, Abraham Harrigan, Uriel Sasso and James Baird.

*Shop early,
nine more shopping days
before Christmas.*



TOYS FOR THE ANGUILLA CHILDREN

(continued from page 1).

last Thursday and have been sorted out by Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Fletcher with assistance of R.Q.M.S. John Stacey of the Royal Engineers. It is understood that the soldier originally responsible for the idea will be coming to Anguilla with the Press and T.V. party which arrives today. (Saturday).

As announced over Radio Anguilla earlier this week, the Daily Express reporter Ivor Key and Photographer Harry Benson are already here. The overall organiser for the distribution of the toys is Mr. Charles Fletcher, First Secretary and information officer to H.M. Commissioner Mr. Thompson.

It has been decided that the presents will be given out at Christmas parties held throughout the island next week. (See Program page 6).

The children will be given their presents to take home and they should NOT be opened until Christmas day.

This operation involving over 3000 children is a large one. The R.E's the Police and H.M. Commissioner's staff are contributing the refreshments. In addition the schools and the Scouts are working all out to help organize the refreshments. Final details are not yet available as we go to press. Announcements will be made over Radio Anguilla by Mr. Fletcher after the 7.15 p.m. local news. It is impossible to organize a programme which involves sitting down of children under the age of 2. So the parties will be confined to children

(See Toys page 5).

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES:

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The Booths will re-open on Dec. 27th with music for entertainment on the Park. On Jan 1st. (New Years Day) there will be a parade of troops on the streets and Street dancing. The

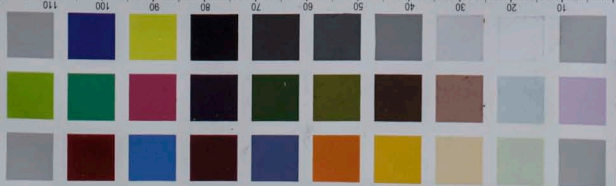
parade is expected to begin at the Community Centre travelling east to the Mahogany tree then around the Administration Building, back pass the Valley Health Centre up to the Hospital and then up to the head of the Quarter and finally returning to the Community Centre. The contestants in the Queen show are (Miss) Blondell (Martin) Richardson, (Miss) Ammie Smith, (Miss) Salome Lake and (Miss) Claudette Vanterpool.

The Anguilla Festivities Committee was formed a few months ago and this is its first program since its formation. Their aim, Kenneth Richardson reported is to promote the Anguilla Carnival. Because it only started functioning recently, their funds are low and these funds were raised by various functions over the last few months. They hope that the program for next year would involve more local assistance and that the entire Community will participate in the festivities. Persons abroad wanting to assist in promoting this national affair should address their contribution to "the Secretary of the Anguilla Festivities Committee, (Miss Majorie Woods) The Valley.

H.M. COMMISSIONER VISITS B.V.I.

H.M. Commissioner Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Thompson, visited Tortola, last Thursday. They left by Valley Air Service and returned the same afternoon. A spokesman at the Commissioner's office said "that his visit was routine but while he was there he took the opportunity to discuss with the Administrator the possibility of Anguillians going over to Tortola to get experience of how the Tortolians run their affairs". It is also understood that Mrs. Thompson visited the Commission of Girl Guides while she was there.

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THE BOOMING LOBSTER INDUSTRY:

Once again the Anguilla Spiny Lobster is the topic among the locals. An article in this paper over a year ago, claimed that the fishermen had to bargain very steeply with the purchaser, Sixto Dias, for the regular price of 71¢ U.S. P.O.B. Anguilla; when he attempted to slash the price. The fishermen did however, agreed on a 1¢ U.S. drop for one week only. Of course this was not the Tourist season and the need for lobsters in Puerto Rico hotels was lessened. During the Non-tourist season the fishermen had to struggle some days to get their Lobsters sold but they maintained their demand for 71¢ U.S. per lb. Lobsters had to be kept occasionally in crates for weeks without sale. Sixto Dias, the purchaser from Puerto Rico, did his best to look for more markets and came weekly for the lobsters throughout the non-tourist season. He took as much as the market demanded.

The lobsters are not at all that easy to fish for and the fishermen have to import his wire and sticks (in some cases) to make his lobster trap, then there is the problem of baiting them with expensive bait; a \$10.00 cow hide which is also imported or a dozen canned sardines @ 25¢ each and sometimes expensive meat. When he makes his haul after staying out at sea all day, he gets 66¢ U.S. per lb. and the Anguilla agent who pays the fishermen and delivers the lobster to the waiting plane gets 5¢ U.S. commission (total 71¢ U.S.)

The tourist season is with us again and although Anguilla is not yet tapping the growing Caribbean industries, the island supplies hotels from Guadeloupe to Puerto Rico with Spiny Lobster.

Last month the Lobster business started to boom, and the demand for lobsters increased. other agents got into the business

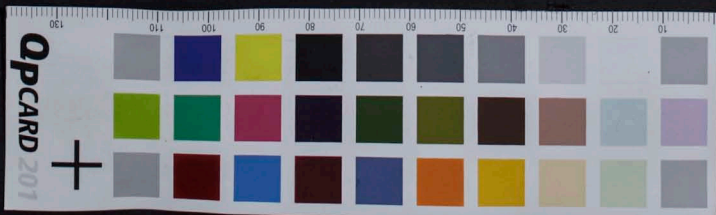
who sells them to other purchasers. The fishermen now get 75¢ U.S. per lb. for their lobsters and no one knows for sure how much commission the agents get. It is speculated that it is the attractive commission which caused other agents to get into the business. It is known that one agent gets at least 10¢ U.S. per lb. for his commission. Another agent has offered to buy at a higher price and there is a feeling that some fishermen are being paid before they even go out for their catch. All the agents meet the fishermen as they come in from making their haul. Here the fishermen decide who he is going to sell his catch to. This often results in scolding, abuses and price raising. Some of the fishermen are sincere and often disregard the extra cent or two and continue to sell his catch to Sixto Dias, who not only buys the lobster in the tourist season but tries his best to take them all year round. The fishermen at Island Harbour (the main lobster port) are catching more lobsters than ever before and almost daily lobsters are being shipped. The Anguilla Treasury collects 2% tax on all lobsters sold. In order to help the fishermen, H.M. Commissioner has located and hopes to assist in buying shipments of a harder wire that would definitely improve the industry. This type of wire was once sold here but was off the market for some years.

The only problem left is a good supply of cow hides which indeed would solve the other minor difficulties.

The lobster business is fast becoming Anguilla's largest growing industry.

"WALK OUT": COUNCIL MEETING.

A meeting of the Council called to decide on locating a sight for the proposed New Administration Building, Post Office and Prison; resulted in a walk out of one of the members. (continued on page 7)



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EDITORIAL:

The Anguilla Festivities Committee should be commended for their efforts in promoting a week of Entertainment during the Christmas Week.

This will be the first of it's kind to be held here and we hope it is only the prelude to a more and better spectacular performance that will be held in the future. Many organizations in the past died at it's birth for the want of support from the Community and because the demand on Anguillans to travel abroad in search of employment did not allow permanent membership, which often results in disorganization. More and more Anguillans are wanting to return home; they hope that conditions on the island will permit them to remain permanently. When this opportunity comes more and more Community organizations will be started. This will not only bring the people together but should up-lift their morale, and keep idle hands off the streets.

FAMILIAR NAMES:

In the last issue of the Conch Shell it carried pictures of a number of persons who played parts in the Anguilla Affair. Here is a few snippets reprinted from The "Conch Shell". Canon Carleton, former Rector of Anguilla, has been given a new post in Grenada in the Windward Islands, His address is: Holy Innocents Rectory, Grenville, Grenada. W.I. Mr. James Lloyd, Permanent Secretary in Jamaica's Ministry of External affairs, has recently been in Europe and Africa with

DR. LOUGHNER RETURNS: (Cont'd from page 7)

routine visits with the Mobile Clinic. He is writing a series of four articles on "How to improve Dental Habits" that will be published in this paper. Dr. Loughner will be provided with Government Transportation. All other expenses are met by the Plumsock Foundation.

Prime Minister Hugh Shearer. Mr. Lloyd led the team of Commonwealth Caribbean civil servants on the "fact finding mission" of July, 1967. Later he made several visits to Anguilla, the last of them at the time of the British intervention, at which point his presence was tremendously objected to by Premier Bradshaw.

TONY LEE, who was the senior British Official in Anguilla and later its first Commissioner, is now working on the Indian Ocean desk at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and recently paid a visit to the Seychelles Islands.

KARL HUDSON - PHILLIPS, who acted as legal Advisor to Mr. Webster at the Conference in London in October 1968, and also later at the time of the crisis, has been appointed Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago.

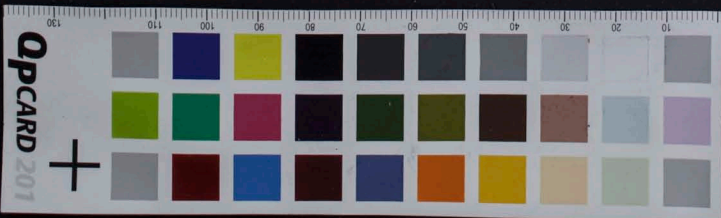
ANDREW WAY, Assistant Commissioner of Scotland Yard, who was in charge of the Anguilla Police Unit, was recently the man who organised the police action against a band of "hippies" and anarchists who had taken over a prominent London building.

Plan for the future, make provisions for electricity installations now; in your new building. See Atlin Harrigan, at the "Lone Star", for free estimates.

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ANGUILLANS NEED GOOD HABITS:

(This is the first of four articles written by Dr. Barry Loughner of the Plumsock Fund in order to help stimulate improved dental habits among the Anguillian people. This week's article:

"Milk Teeth and Their Importance".

A child's first set of teeth helps him chew for good nutrition and help him to learn to speak properly. Every Anguillian can understand the significance of this statement. However, what most people do not realize is that "Milk" teeth serve a third and equally important function: "Milk" teeth maintain the space needed for the Child's permanent teeth. If the "Milk" teeth are pulled before the time when nature meant for them to fall out, there will not be enough room for the permanent, adult teeth to grow into. Therefore, the permanent teeth become crowded and misplaced. These teeth are difficult to keep clean, decrease the effectiveness of chewing and they look unpleasant. To keep "baby" teeth healthy, parents should get in the good habit of feeding their children nourishing food, train them to brush their teeth properly and have regular dental examinations. Ideally, the first dental visit should be when all "Milk" teeth are present-usually at 2½ to 3 years of age. At this time the dentist can check the teeth and begin a consistent long term flouride treatment program. This is a very good habit because Anguilla lacks flouridation facilities and flouride is a proven agent for the prevention of tooth decay.

Nutrition is another way of helping the child produce strong, healthy teeth. Brown sugar and bread are not enough. So many children when asked what they had for breakfast said only tea and bread. Fish, tin milk, pigeon peas and other adequate foods are available on

the island. When there is rain, most Anguillians can grow an inexpensive kitchen garden. Parents should get out of the bad habit of giving sugar to their children. For years sugar has been a cheap and available source of quick energy. Your child does not grow on quick energy.

Your child needs protein from fish, milk, and vegetables. For the sake of your child get in the good habit of good nutrition.

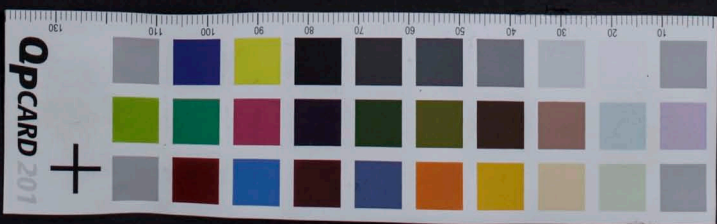
Toothbrushing is the final way of assuring the dental health of your child. It is my belief that parents should brush their children's teeth until age 8 or until the child can understand the importance of brushing. It is a fact that young children when left alone to brush their teeth do not do it. If they do, they do it improperly. The proper way to brush your child's teeth is to brush down on the upper teeth and up on the lower teeth. If parents get in the good habit of remembering this simple rule and brush their child's teeth after breakfast, after supper and before bed-time, the result will be a life-long benefit to the child.

I suggest that this article be kept and re-read periodically as a reminder that your child's "Milk" teeth are important.

NEXT WEEK: WHY MANY ADULTS LOSE HEALTHY TEETH.

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between the ages 2 to 15. We understand that a party of Journalists and a B.B.C. T.V. team will be arriving here today (Saturday) The Head of the B.B.C. team is Mr. John Osman, well known B.B.C. correspondent on Commonwealth & Foreign affairs. Mr. Osman is often heard on Radio Anguilla on Commonwealth Commentary.



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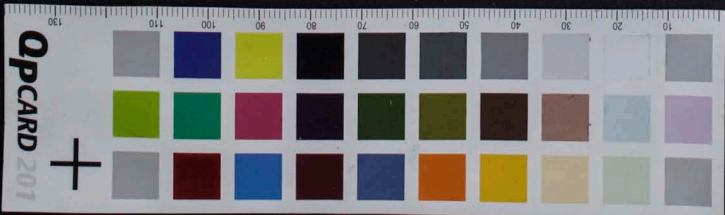
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CHILDREN'S PARTY AND DISTRIBUTION OF TOYS.

A. TIME TABLE. 1. 16th December 1969 at 10.00 a.m. Valley Girls' school, Valley Boy's school. At both of these schools the party and distribution of toys will only be for the eligible pupils of the respective schools. No pre-school age children will be in attendance.
 2. 17th Dec. Road School, East End School. At both of these schools there will be two sessions. The morning session starting at 10.00 a.m. will be for the Pre-school Age Children of the area. The Afternoon session starting a 3.00 p.m. will be for the eligible pupils of respective schools.
 3. 18th Dec. Valley Secondary, West End School. At both schools the session will begin at 10.00 a.m. In addition to the eligible pupils from each school the pre school age children of the area will attend. There will only be one session.
 B. PROGRAMME. At each session the programme will be (a) A film Show (b) Refreshments (c) Toys presented by Father Christmas.
 It is learned that the children of Pastor Goodge's Island Harbour School will also be joining the Festivities and will join the East End School on the afternoon of 17th, Dec. Every eligible child will be given a ticket for his party on the day before it is held; as in many other aspects of this programme voluntary help will ensure that the tickets are delivered to the child's home.



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COUNCIL MEETING:
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As a result no decision was made. Among those present were Messrs. Wallace Rey, Ronald Webster, Collins Hodge, Rueben Hodge, John Hodge, Camile Connor, Messrs Kenneth Hazel, Russel Webster and Atlin Harrigan did not receive any notice of the meeting, nor was H.M. Commissioner present. It is said that the meeting was broken up when those present were divided on the sight chosen for the Administration Building complex, Mr. Rey who walked out was in favour of using agricultural land in front of the present Administration building while others retained the view of using it for agricultural purposes. It was then decided to put the matter on the agenda for the next scheduled council meeting on Dec. 16th.

DR. LOUGHNER RETURNS;

The Plumsock Foundation has agreed to sponsor Dr. Loughner to continue his dental programme in Anguilla for another month, Dr. Loughner returned to the island on Monday Last and has begun his (Cont'd on page 4)

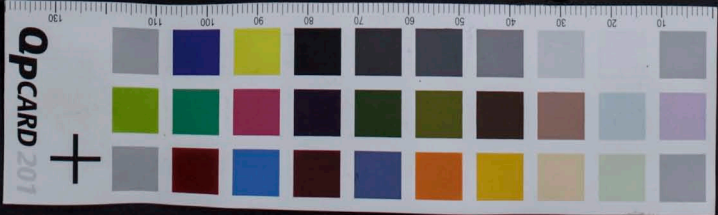
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ANGUILLA: ALMOST ALL FORGIVEN

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There is, of course, a price Britain will have to pay to extricate herself from the Anguillian imbroglio: a cash price, through increased aid, as well as a political price to ensure that Anguilla is not the forerunner of more breakaway States.

In drawing up their shopping list for British aid, the Anguillan hopes soar high, wide and handsome. The most far-fetched is that the 55 Royal Engineers sent out from Britain should set about forthwith building the island a "Jumbo jet" airport.

This struck me, on first hearing, as a piece of Whitehall cynicism. Or perhaps what the islanders had in mind was a "Jumblee jet" airport, the "Jumblees" being the supernatural spirits that most Anguillians believe in as a supplement to Christianity. But sure enough it came up in the first few minutes of my interview with Ronald Webster. A "Jumbo jet" airport, he said, would attract the tourist and put Anguilla on the map as if the events of March had not already done so.

The land for the airport had been surveyed, he added, and preliminary estimates made on what it might cost to acquire. He had even drawn up a novel way of contributing to its cost.

Money has never flowed into Anguilla quite so briskly as it did when the rebel Government of "President" Webster issued its colourful independence stamps. Now Mr. Webster hopes for a second windfall with a special coin issue.

The coins, in gold, platinum and silver, have already been designed and according to Mr. Webster, major banks in America, Britain, Switzerland, West Germany and four other countries have agreed to distribute them. Coin dealers have said they would be snapped up by collectors.

"This could mean a million dollars

for development of the island"; he told me. "The money would go towards a "Jumbo Jet" airport. But Britain has said "No". She wants to sit on the whole project in the hope we shall forget about it".

SOVEREIGNTY SNAG

The reason that Britain is denying Anguilla a quick Million dollars is that customarily only sovereign States put out coin issues and, constitutionally, Anguilla is still a part of the St. Kitts-Nevis-federation. Curiously, the Anguillian stamps are still on sale, and, indeed, the rebel flag still flies side by side with the Union Jack above the treasury building where the stamps are sold. But a new coin issue now would be a Mint of Troubles.

The aid the island has received since the confusion is hardly spectacular, although impressive by Anguillian standards. Six miles of bitumen road will have been completed by the end of the year at a cost of £ 30,000. Since the island lacks any port facilities, almost all of the material must be brought in by inter-island schooner.

A prefabricated school for 600 pupils is close to completion. The water and electricity facilities, are being improved. A 200ft. jetty is in the planning stage and there are other modest projects. The 1969-70 bill will be about £150,000, the equivalent of £25 for each islander.

Meanwhile, the three parties to the dispute, Britain, Anguilla and St. Kitts, are making time until a commission of independent Caribbean States - Jamaica, Guyana, Trinidad and Barbados - studies the whole affair and submits its recommendations on Anguilla's future.

Britain is in the embarrassing position of having made conflicting promises in turn to Anguilla and St. Kitts, two of the Caribbean's oldest and bitterest enemies. There is now good will and realism on the Anguillian side, if St. Kitts is ready to be equally realistic, we all will be able to forget about tiny Anguilla.

