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TOMMY THOMPSON RETURNS TOMORROW

H.M. Commissioner Mr. Thompson is expected back in the island tomorrow Sunday.

Mr. Thompson spent a week in London where he went for consultation with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. It is understood that he will be returning to the island via St. Maarten, on Sunday morning.

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The new Administrative Officer Mr. Alan Walters, arrived here on Thursday. Mr. Walters age 27 and single, will be replacing Miss Anthea Parffit who will be leaving on February 4th.

Mr. Walters' last assignment was with the British High Commissioner in Czechoslovakia. He also worked with the British Embassy in Prague, and the High Commission in Free-town, South Africa and Luxemburg.

He travelled from England by ship to Martinique and on to Anguilla via R.A.F. flight out of Antigua. (Continued on page 2).

NO WIRE FROM ST. LUCIA

The Deputy Commissioner, Mr. David Mac Killigin on his return from his visit to St. Lucia and Barbados told THE BEACON, that it is no possibility of acquiring any of the old Cable and Wireless wire for the Anguilla Fishing Industry. He

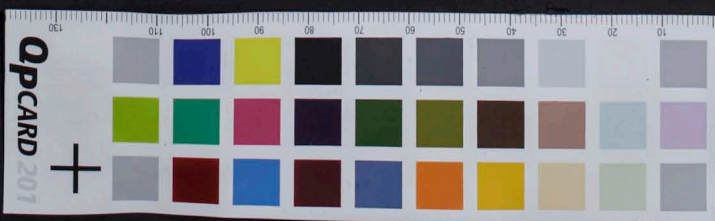
SCOUT COMMISSIONER ON VISIT

Mr. George Witchell, the travelling Scout Commissioner from London, arrived at Wallblake Airport, last Saturday at noon, by Valley Air Service.

Accompanying Mr. Witchell were Mr. Thomas Rafael Lake, the Chief Scout Commissioner of Anguilla, and Mr. Julian Harrigan Cub Leader, who flew to St. Maarten for this purpose.

He was met at the Airport by a large contingent of Scouts and Cubs representing all the troops of the island. Mr. Witchell is an experienced traveller, having visited the entire British Commonwealth and many other Countries. While here, apart from his Scouting duties, he will be visiting the schools and hopes to meet as many people as possible. This is his third visit to Anguilla, his first being seven years ago. He last visited the island in 1967. He is due to leave on February 4th.

said that Mr. Keen, Manager of Cable and Wireless told him that for technical and financial reasons, that the Company is not salvaging the old cable from the sea bed any more and would not be doing so in the future. Mr. Mackilligin said that he spent twenty four hours in St. Lucia and held discussions with the British Representative for the Associated States, Mr. Stewart Roberts, and his Deputy, Mr. Desmond (Cont'd on Page 2)



RADIO ANGUILLA HEARD ALL OVER NORTH AMERICA

At the request of the Newark News Radio D.X. Club in New Jersey Radio Anguilla broadcast a special 90 minute programme for members of the Club from 4 00a m. to 5.30 a.m. E.S.T. on 22nd December last.

That the programme was well received in most parts of North America is evidenced by the large number of letters received at Radio Anguilla over the past few weeks. Furthest points recorded were from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, Lake City, Minnesota and Chicago, Illinois, but reports were also received from listeners in Maryland, Uniontown, Youngstown, Ohio, Washington D.C., Houston, Texas, several cities in Florida and Claremont Ontario, Canada.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (Cont'd from page 1)

He will be here for one year in the first instance. Miss Parffit when she leaves on the 4th Feb. after her three months short assignment, will be going to Asuncion, Paraguay, where she will be taking up her next assignment.

MR. WEBSTER HOLDS PUBLIC MEETINGS

A series of Public meetings were held throughout the island this past week by Mr. Ronald Webster and other members of the Anguilla Council.

The theme of the meetings was to inform and prepare the people for the coming of the Anguilla Commission on Monday February 2nd.

The first meeting was held at West End on Friday 22nd January. At East End on Sunday 24th., South Hill on Monday 25th and finally at the Park on Thursday last.

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NO WIRE FROM ST. LUCIA
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Kerr. The talks he said were centered around Anguilla and British Policy in the Associated States. He then visited Barbados where he held talks with the British Development Team, headed by Mr. Bell. He said the talks were very favourable concerning various aspects of the Development Division programme in Anguilla and the supply of technical assistance.

ANOTHER AIR SERVICE OPERATING IN ANGUILLA

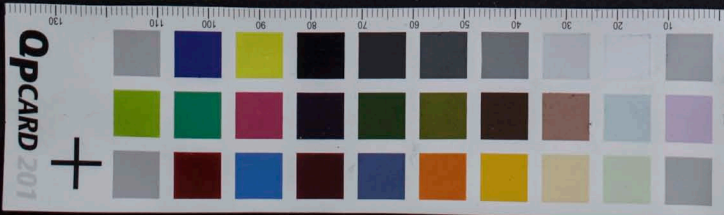
A new Air Taxi Service is expected to commence operations into Anguilla today Saturday January 31st. The General Manager and Chief Pilot of the Air Taxi is Mr. Kenneth Fleming of Anguilla, presently residing in St. Thomas. Mr. Fleming said the organization known as Fleming Air Service and Transportation (F.A.S.T.) had acquired a six seater Twin Bonanza aircraft, and hope to have delivery of another plane in a few weeks.

Fleming who arrived at wallblake airport on Monday January 26th., in the Twin Bonanza said that he planned to schedule four weekly flights from Anguilla to St. Thomas and St. Croix, on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. He said that the Twin Bonanza had a cruising speed of 180 miles per hour at a range of about 1,000 miles.

Mr. Fleming was formerly Chief Pilot of Anguilla Airways. He also piloted charter flights for Air Indies out of St. Thomas.

EDITORS NOTE:

We acknowledge receipt of a letter from "Mr. X" Anguillan, in St. Croix, V.I., for publication. However, we do not print unsigned letters. Names are withheld at writers request.



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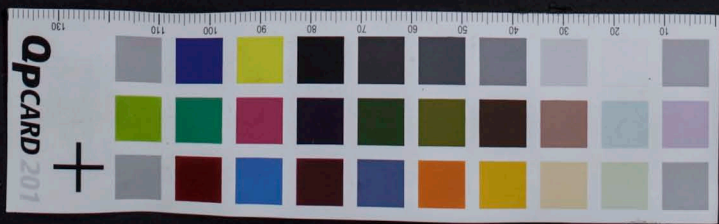
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All applications must be received not later than Monday 9th., February.

REVISED TIME TABLE AFTERNOON CLASSES JANUARY 1970.

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 4-5 French | His/ Geog | Inservice /Eng. | His/Geog | English | 9-11 am Woodwork |
| 5-6 Eng. Litt/ Spanish/ H.Sc. | Maths | Spanish | Lit./Maths /French | Prin. Acc./ H.Sc. | 10-11 am Prin.Acc. |



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EDITORIAL:

Monday will be what is believed among some people the beginning of the end of the St Kitts - Anguilla cold war. This is the day when the wise men of the Commonwealth will start their findings of the situation. It may also be the day when Anguillians will be told the precise conditions under which the Commission will work, namely the type of evidence they will receive. If the hands of the Commission are tied within the Terms of Reference as agreed between H.M.G. and Bradshaw, then we do not see how these "wise men" will come up with a solution, even over a number of years.

Anguillians have reached to a point now where they understand the history of West Indian Politics. These "Wise Men" will look back on their own Individual Countries and remember the days when Britain controlled them, and their bitter struggle for better Government under the Colonial days, the right to elect their own representative a Ministerial form of Government, the attempt to Federate, when their Countries not wanting to invest all control to the Federal House, decided to break it up because of their pride and lust for power of their own. Anguilla is no exception, though we started in the game late.

In 1825 or there about, Britain transferred the Local Administration of Anguilla to St.Kitts, because it was too expensive to have it separ-

ate. So there was a time in history when Anguilla had nothing to do with St.Kitts. Britain linked the two islands despite protests from the Anguillians. Britain did a lot of shuffling of these islands in the Colonial days. Antigua was over the seat of Government for the Leeward Islands and B.V.I., but St.Kitts was the first to seek getting out, all for the want of local power. In the end Antigua allowed the B.V.I. to have its own Government with Britain. St.Kitts never did the same for Anguilla, and Anguillians were contented because they were not politically minded at the time. It all goes to show that at some time or other all these islands had to struggle to attain more autonomy from some other Country. All the Politicians of these islands today, may be parties to a group that want to deny Anguillians the very things they themselves or their fore fathers had to struggle for. "Political Freedom" they all paid for it, now we are charged with it, "The Price of Freedom". They may all say to us "Yes" you have a right to freedom but you must proceed in the legal channels, that is Constitutionally. We do understand the Constitution. For Anguilla to secede Constitutionally we have to command a 2/3 majority in the House of Assembly and get a 2/3 majority in a referendum. The St.Kitts population is 38,000 compared to Anguilla 6,000 and Nevis 14,000. That is as far as Anguilla's hopes of her 2/3 majority goes. The freedom of Anguilla would depend on the people and Government of St.Kitts. This brings us back to the same question. Why should the fate of Anguilla be decided by the St.Kitts people? Why should Bradshaw put us through all the miseries that he himself went through to attain full power on the islands? Why should a constitution accepted by a majority in St.Kitts

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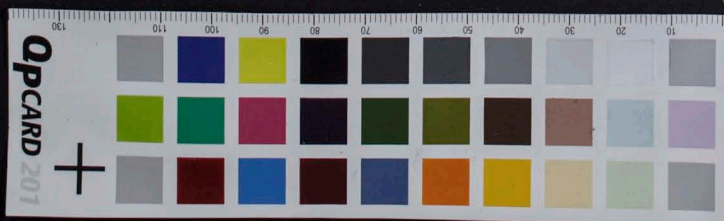
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dominate a majority in Anguilla?

Under the State constitution we see nothing more than the transfer of Whitehall from London to Basseterre, St. Kitts. Must we be satisfied to be a Colony of St. Kitts because they went through that period? Or because of a constitution that overrides the majority of Anguillians at the will of another country? And for the worry of fragmentation we say 'nonsense'. If the worry is that other islands will secede we say the same, for if we are suppressed then we say this is not the democratic freedom that the western powers so proudly speak of. On the other hand how do you measure fragmentation, and where does it end? How big do you have to be, to be excluded? Who gave man the right to define a boundary of size?

The Anguilla Commission, being defined to the ridiculous "terms of Reference" could save their time and ours if they go back on Monday afternoon - seeing the determination of the Anguillians and recommend to H.M.G. and St. Kitts, that the Terms of Reference do not allow them enough scope to make any recommendations. Men of their Standard would very well like to go through life knowing that they have done yet another good deed towards their fellow West Indians.

PUBLIC MEETINGS: (Cont'd from page 2)

Speaking with Mr. Webster on the platform were Messrs. Wallace Rey, Winston Harrigan, Eben Hodge, Colins Hodge and John Hodge. Mr. Webster asked the people of Anguilla to assemble at the Airport when the Commission arrives, in a peaceful demonstration. He told them not to do what was done to Whitlock, adding that the same crowd that welcomed him turned around and put him off the island. He also informed the people that Anguilla had gone through

another year with Expenditure lower than our income; I've said that Anguilla's Treasury did not owe anyone.

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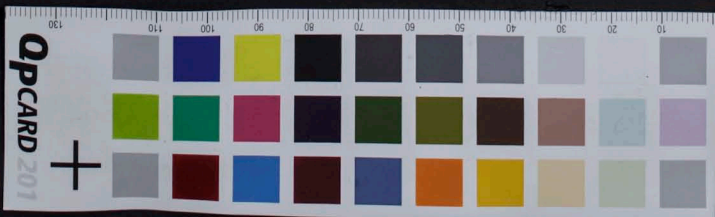
Port O Spain, Trinidad, Jan 27th.
Trinidad and Tobago will put its first Silver Dollar into circulation on Thursday, January 29th, Mr. Victor Bruce Governor of the Central Bank announced tonight.

The coin will be circulated with the one-dollar note which was introduced when Trinidad and Tobago became an Independent Country in 1962.

The other coins now in circulation since Independence are: the One-cent, Five-cent, 25-cent and 50 cent pieces. The one-dollar coin will carry inscriptions of the Country's coat of arms on one side and a coconut tree and a 'Food for all' slogan on the other. The 'Food for all' slogan said the announcement following a Government decision on the recommendation of central Bank to accept proposals of the food and agricultural organisation (F.A.O.) the Member-countries participate in the Organisation's 'Food for all' project.

RELIEF FOR SHIPWRECK VICTIMS ON ST. VINCENT.

Georgetown, Guyana, Jan. 12th --
A shipment of 20 bags of rice and four bags of sugar will leave here on Wednesday for St. Vincent to assist persons who were blinded after drinking Aviation Fuel, mistaking it for liquor. The goods have been donated by the rice Marketing board and the sugar producers Association in response (Cont'd on page 8)



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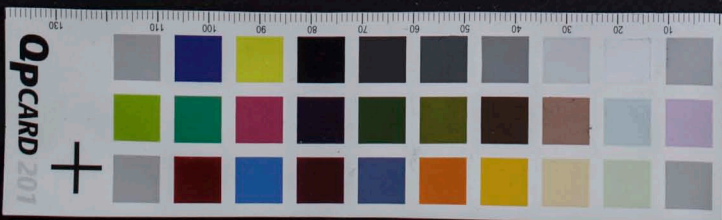
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RELIEF FOR SHIPWRECK VICTIMS ON ST. VINCENT (Continued from page 5)

to an appeal by the Secretary of the People's National Congress Women's Auxillary, Mrs. Margaret Ackman, a member of the National Assembly.

The request for assistance for the Vincentians came to Prime Minister Forbes Burnham from this country's High Commission to the Commonwealth Caribbean, Mrs. Winifred Gaskin.

Mr. Burnham referred it to his Party's Women's Auxillary and the appeal was launched by Mrs. Ackman.

About 16 persons died and many became seriously ill and were later blinded when they drank the contents of crates which had been washed up on a beach following a shipwreck. (REUTERS)

FEDERAL CONSTITUTION!

Port Of Spain Trinidad, Jan. 9th -- 'Please Sir Grantley, Shelve it, was the bold headline over the Trinidad Express Editorial today which commented on Sir Grantley Adams' announcement that he was drafting a new federal constitution for the West Indies.

The Prime Minister of the Former West Indies federation said in Barbados last Tuesday that economic integration now being attempted through the Caribbean Free Trade Area agreement would not succeed without accompanying political integration.

But in the opinion of the expressist, Sir Grantley's pleasure at his work is reckless optimism since it is obvious to everyone that the Caribbean Free Trade agreement has not succeeded as yet in dispelling the suspicion in the minds of people in the smaller islands that Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Barbados and perhaps Guyana are still the only people who will profit from any Caribbean Union.†

†The truth is Sir Grantley will be well advised to look at his Federal Constitution when it is done as a purely academic exercise.

At least, the distrust it is certain to encounter then will not break his heart. The Express said.

The Newspaper added: 'It might be difficult of course, to give up an idea which one has lived with all one's life, but once more Sir Grantley appears to be indifferent to the feelings of the smaller islands and seems to be bent still on precipitating the West Indies into the same sort of Political Federation which crashed under him in 1962.'

Expressing the view that there would be no real union until West Indians saw themselves benefiting in an economic way from an Association, the paper said it could not be convinced that any attempt to a political Get-together now will not have the same disastrous outcome as the 1958 venture. (REUTERS)

SPORTS: BY Ralph Hodge.

Result of Football Matches played this Week on Ronald Webster's Park.

SUNDAY 25th, A St. Martin team was held to a 1 all draw by the local team.

MONDAY 26th -- The Royal Engineers defeated the Anguilla Police Unit 1-Nil.

WEDNESDAY 28th -- The local side was defeated 3-0 by the Royal Engineers.

FRIDAY 30th -- The Local side played its third match in 6 days when it met a team from the Anguilla Police Unit.

QUESTION? IS IT TRUE that the reason why the British flag flies 24 hours a day in Anguilla is to remind us that the sun never sets on the British Empire? (Observer)

