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WOODING COMMISSION REPORT COMPLETED: WALLBLAKE AIRPORT IN BAD CONDITION:

A spokesman from H.M. Commissioners Office told The Beacon that Her Majesty's Government has received the Wooding Commission's report in London, The spokesman was replying to a question asked by our reporter. The Spokesman said that the report was received this week and is being studied by Her Majesty's Government . We also learned that the Government of St. Kitts has

received the report. .

The Wooding Commission was set up by Her Majesty's Government and the Government of St. Kitts to investigate the causes of the Anguillan rebellion, and to make recommendations that would bring about a settlement between St. Kitts' Government and the People of Anguilla. The Commission took evidence in Anguilla and St. Kitts last April. It is expected that the British Government will study the report and then send a representative to Anguilla to discuss it with the Anguilla Council.

MISS YOLANDE HODGE AT U.W.I.

Her Majesty Commissioner's Office announced that the British Development Division in Barbados, has secured another place at the University of The West Indies for an Anguillan student. Miss Yolande Hodge of South Hill, who left the island last Saturday will join Mrs. Stella Horsford who started at the Mona Campus this month.

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Wallblake Airport is in a terrible condition, as a result of heavy rains over the past two weeks. The R.A.F. Transport Planes now have to stop and pull off at the foot of the runway where there is 1000 feet of surfaced runway. This is to avoid the deep mud on the balance of it. However, despite the mud, the smaller Aircrafts of Valley Air Service and Anguilla Airways endeavour to get to the Terminal building, by taxiing up through the tall grass on the far right of the Airstrip; this side is not being looked after properly by government and it has become infested with stones and other foreign material which is causing damage to the Aircrafts propellers.

Something has to be done soon about the Airstrip. It does not necessarily mean major planning, but even a narrow tarmacked surface for the planes to taxi on leading up to the Terminal would help tremendously.

MATRON ADVISOR ARRIVES:

The Hospital Matron Advisor, Miss Ida Waites, arrived in the island yesterday.

Miss Waites arrived by Valley Air Service from Antigua. Also on her flight was H.M. Commissioner Mr. W.H. Thompson who was over in Antigua for two days.

Miss Waites will be consulting with the Medical Officer and his (Cont'd on page 4)



PROJECT REPORT FOR WIEK ENDING Oct.

The Roundabout at South Hill has now been marked out. It has been noted that the layout has caused a certain amount of confusion to drivers and accordingly the basic rules for the use of the Roundabout are being published in The Beacon and broadcast on Radio Anguilla.

Further improvements have been made to the Island Harbour road and the plan for the roadworks is nearly

complete.

Revised drawings have been received from the manufacturers for the Coseley School at Island Harbour and the reassembled plan is nearly complete. A certain amount of further dismantling will have to be undertaken before reassembly.

The new Library Building has now been stripped and will be reassembled as soon as additional parts are received from the manufacturer.

The continuous heavy rainfall during the last week has hampered all projects and in particular many hours have been inevitably lost on earthmoving projects.

ROUNDABOUT AT ROAD HILL

The Royal Engineers have completed the layout of the Roundabout on the Road Will.

The following rules are to be followed by motorists using the Roundabout: -

- Motorists must reduce speed (1) and approach the Roundabout with care from all directions.
- (2) Motorists must drive clockwise, that is to say left around the Roundabout.
- (3) Motorists must give way to traffic on their right which is already on the Roundabout.
- Motorists must No™ stop or re-(4) verse on the Roundabout.
- Motorists must not set down or pick up passengers on the Roundabout. GENERAL SAFETY ADVICE
- (1) Pedestrians should NOT cross the road at the Roundabout or congregate

on the centre island.

(2) Special care should be taken when roads are wet and during the hours of darkness.

ANGUILLA BEFORE & AFTER (Continued from last week)

Anguilla has two airlines, Anguilla Airways and Valley Air Service. It has a fleet of privately owned schooners and sloops which run freight between the islands. The Royal Engineers have been busy drilling wells, fixing roads etc. Postal services have improved as well as most other government services.

Although Anguilla's status has not yet been determined by the British, all in all it is plain to see that Anguilla is much and much more advanced today than before the revolution. In paying tribute to Anguilla the "Saba Herald" hopes that their political status will soon be solved, and to the satisfaction of Anguillans everywhere. (Reprinted from the "Saba Herald" of Saba, N.A.)

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THE REV'D LEONARD CARTY ON RADIO ANGUILLA'S "HOBBIES CORNER" ON MON-DAY AT 8.30 P.M.

The Rev'd Leonard Carty of the Methodist Church, will be interviewed over Radio Anguilla on Monday evening, 12th, October at 8.30, telling of his hobbies and sparetime activities.

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TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF ANGUILLA. BY ELLWOOD L, LAKE.

There is something I want you to think about. I'm sure you are going to agree that this is a good idea. It is with regard to the POST OFFICE and letters. How about introducing LETTER & BOXES into ANGUILLA?

When I was last in Anguilla, that was just about three weeks ago, (I'm writing this article on 2nd.Oct.1970) it was my observation that anybody who wanted letters(of the Valley Division) had to go to the POST OFFICE or send someone there, stand by a window and ask: "Are there any mails (letters) here for me?" Of course, there is NOT anything wrong really in this; but if there is a better way let us have it.

First of all, LETTER BOXES would be a source of INCOME to the ANGUILLA GOVERNMENT. All the owner or hirer of any letter box would have to do is to take his/her key, open his/her Box Number. If letters or other mail is there take it/them out, lock back his/her box. Of course, the box must be locked whether or NOT letters or other mail were found there in.

The introduction of LETTER BOXES would also make it easier for those working at the POST OFFICE. Their work would certainly be more systematic. When three, four, five persons reach at the same time to collect letters or to find out if letters are there for them. Those in loan of letter boxes have NOT to wait on each other to find out if there is mail for them or/and to receive any mail that might be there for them.

The introduction of LETTER BOXES would be a sign also of Anguilla's progress. It would be some thing NOT only NEW but equally profitable. How about thinking about this seriously and putting thinking into ACTION.

In the Saturday, 12th. Sept.,1970 issue of the BEACON, I came across an article "Questions" by Concerned

It was with keen interest and great concern that I read this article. Touching the section CULTURE in answer to the writer's question:"What are we doing about our distictive forms of MUSIC, DANCING, ART, POETRY etc.?" I should like to comment. It is my assumption that "we" in this means "Anguillans". And to some of the etc. could be added DRAMA, because I tamper with MUSIC, ART, DRAMA POETRY. I would like to say some third on these questions. First of all, there are very many Anguillans who have great Poetic ambition, art amd skill, But because of circumstances they blossom like flowers in a desert to be seen of no human eye. But how can this be changed? Of course by taking ACTION and doing the right thing. What is that? If any one would like to develop

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Personally I've taken a course from this school and I've found it real wonderful. But what can be done for those with the LOVE and GIFT for POETRY? For those who would love to add MUSIC to their words? Let them go at it right away; let them do their own thing. But how? Let a group be formed. Perhaps this group could be calæed "ANGUILLA'S TALENT GROUP."

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EDITORIAL:

At last the "Wooding Report" has been submitted to Har Majesty's Government and the Government of St. Kitts. Under the Terms of Reference of the Commission, the report was to be submitted to those Jovernments only and not the Anguilla Council,

H.M.G. will now have to discuss the report with the Anguilla Council and one can expect that this will be done when Henry Hankey returns to Anguilla as the Minister of State | Mr. Godber said he would when he visited here three weeks ago.

We do not by any imagination expect the report to come up with a solution with the long standing Constitutional problem between St. Kitts' Government and Anguilla, both parties will accept; but it should give us all a working idea to start the ball rolling which will eventually solve the problem and put Anguilla on the road of proper Administration.

Now that the report has been submitted we hope it will soon be released to the Public, and that the British Government will not sit on the case any longer than is necessary. The people of Anguilla have been waiting a long time. We have suffered many set backs because of the Constitutional ties. The day for freedom should not be far off

MAN ABOUT TOWN REPORTS:

Anguillan Motorists have their first roundabout at South Hill. It is very well laid out and should

eliminate the hazards once experienced around that corner ... All of a sudden the Library has disappeared and the Island Harbour School is experiencing the same fate. Aparently the present R.E's will spend most of their time undoing what the previous ones did. ... No sooner than the Customs regulations were put out, bang went the shipment of stuff off the Atlantic Lines into the Customs Warehouse last Sunday 4th .. . All the merchants after the Officer, but he stood his ground and now the Customs warehouse is packed with goods ... Need to make mention too, of the Customs Officers change between the Airport and Sandy Ground ... Something in the air about the Super Market, of course everybody still calls it "Webster's Super Market".... Rain, rain, has been overdue here for the past week. Not everybody likes it though; the Airport is in a mess, Flights to St. Thomas cancelled and still there are promises of more rain... All the building trades on the Island is at present at a stand still, for the want of cement. Luckily the Atlantic Star got in last week with flour, otherwise the two main import items would have been lacking on the island. ******

EDITOR'S NOTE:

.11 "Grieved" send his or her name to The Beacon so that the letter may be published?

Letters and articles to the Editor must be signed with authentic signatures. Names may be withheld at writer's request.

MATRON ADVISOR ARRIVES: (Cont'd from page 1)

nursing Staff, on matters concerning the structure, organisation and future training of the Nursing Service. Her advice was requested by the Anguilla Council. THE BEACON

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ANGUILLA SHOULD BE INDEPENDENT OF ST. KITTS; By Anguillan Abroad, April 1970.

This is the view expressed in to advance the favourite plea of the following article by an Anguillan fragmentation which does not affect living abroad.

Anguilla, separated as she is by

The Commission appointed to inquire into the reasons for Anguilla's secession from the Associated State of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, visited Anguilla on the 1st, April 1970,

The Commission met the people, who readily demonstrated in no uncertain ways their avowed disapproval for the Association with St. Kitts, but rather expressed their preference for direct Association with Britain,

This appears to be the gravemen of the Anguillans' case.

What seems baffling to any fairminded individual is that since (as it has been insistently announced) "it is no part of Britain's purpose to force Anguillans to live under an Administration of which they do not approve", and this is the promise on which the people would rely, why not let them pursue their own Government why not free them from the apron strings of St. Kitts - a wish they have insistently demmanded of Britain, the protracted delay of which may lead to lasting discontent on the part of the Anguillans,

It does, furthermore, appear superfluous in the faces of all, the known facts and reasons for Anguillans secession, that there should be any need for a Commission which, surprisingly enough, requires "consultations with other governments and Organisations for any views that may be helpful to the Commission's work."

Those Governments and Organisations outside Anguilla have never interested themselves in the welfare of that island and its people.

Indeed, it may be said that Anguilla has always been regarded a terra incog by them. It is with a feeling of mistrust one would view the views of those political bodies outside Anguilla, for the reason that they e likely to advance the favourite piec of fragmentation which does not affect Anguilla, separated as she is by seventy miles of sea, from St. Kitts.

We share the earnest plea of the Anguilla Leader, Mr. Ronald Webster, when addressing the Commission at its recent visit on the 1st, April, he said: May you take this picture back with you and assess it according to your concience. May your recommendation be of virtue to Anguilla's freedom".

ANGUILLA- A PROUD ISLAND UNREPENTANT
By A Special Correspondent(Reprinted from "The Financial Times)
June 17th, 1970.
In Anguilla today it's business as usual - post-invasion, of course, for there are still 80 Metropolitan
Police officers on the island to keep order and a squadron of Royal Engineers to carry out much needed public works, not to mention Her Majesty's Commissioner for Anguilla and his staff.

On the surface Anguillans lead much the same existence as after their secession from St. Kitts, and before the British invasion of March 19th, 1969. The salt crop has been garnered and is being shipped to Trinidad. Thousands of pounds of lobsters are flown each month to Puerto Rico, to fetch about 75cents per pound, Anguillan schooners and sloops ply their trade throughout the Caribbean from Trinidad to San Juan. Three local airlines, piloted by Anguillans, fly five small twinengined planes daily to nearby St. Maarten and to St. Thomas, nearly a hundred miles away, in the U.S. Virgin Islands. They carry an assortment of business people, tourists and Anguillans visiting their homeland and are usually full, since some (See PROUD ISLAND back page)



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A CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Mr. Ernest A.Carty would like through this medium to express gratitude to all those who attended the funeral, sent cards, or in anyway have expressed sympathy.

Special thanks to the Management and Staff of Radio Anguilla who played such an excellent role. Last, but by no means least; thanks to the Management and Staff of Valley Air Service.

Mrs. Eliza B. Carty & Children Wattaces, Anguilla.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR-Dear Sir,

Please publish in your paper, The Beacon, concerning the road at North Hill.
First let me ask this question; Is North Hill a part of Anguilla? For years now the road has been in a bad condition, and since the heavy rains it is worse. When rain comes you have to walk and drive through a pond. Every week the cars have to be repaired, where is all the money coming from in Anguilla? The goat said "this is Radio Anguilla", but the cars say "North Hill is part of Anguilla". So please don't look for any cars to pay until the road is fixed. Signed: Car Owner.

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GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE (Continued) But I could also play the BARITONE, the ALTO HORN, the TENOR HORN, THE TROMBONE, the EUPHONIUM, the SOUSA-PHONE and the BASS. But whether your instrument be the Piano, the Violin, the Saxophone, the Accordian, the Madolin, or the Banjo, or the Organ, U.S. School of Music could fix you up. It could teach you how to play the instrument of your choice, But this is only playing. How about composing? Yes, how about composing what you want to play? For instance, how about putting into music the following: "Anguilla is a melody; Anguilla is a dream;

I am proud that there I was born: Anguilla is my homeland, And I love Anguilla

Though they call me a Bobo John?" From the U.S. School of Music you could get a course that does NOT teach you how to play any instrument, but how to compose your own music. After you've taken this course and come out successful, you could produce your own music, and people would have to play what you compose.

"If all ANGUILLANS together would

And live like one big family Then all things with Anguilla would go right .-

The whole place would be a melody. If the POETIC GROUP gave the MUSICAL group their poetry,

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playing his own part;

If this is a darn good idea, is it not time now for us to start? We could wake the stars to ACTION and make the world to us bow; I'm sorry if you think me too big minded. Goodbye for now!"

SPORTS By Wycliffe Richardson CRICKET- At the end of the first day's play in the Angsal League Match, Cavaliers versus the East

End Cricket Club, the position was that the Cavaliers needed only 44 runs with 6 first innings wickets in hand to grab a first innings decision. The scores were East End 110, Cavaliers 67 for 4. Winning the toss the Cavaliers asked their apponents to take first knock

Starting very disastrously the East End batsmen fought back boldly, due to a second wicket stand of 44 by Kent Richardson 34 and Claudius Otto 30, Other good performances came from Richard Hobson 14 and Franklyn Richardson 9. Claira the most accurate of the Cavalier bowlers took 4 wickets for 19 runs in 7 overs.

When the Cavaliers batted innings of 20 from Allan Waters, 15 from Wilson, 10 not out from Gilbert and 9 from Claira helped the Cavaliers to reach 67 for 4 at the close, Beavan Hodge and Evan Wallace each took 2 wickets. The match is expected to continue at the Webster's Park today(Saturday)

PROUD ISLAND (Continued from page 5) some two thousand Anguillans live and workin the Virgin Islands. TENSTON

On the surface, business as usual, but there is an undercurrent of tension and uncertainty. Anguillans are And if the MUSICAL group gave the POE-united behind their leader, Mr. Ronald Webster, in refusing to admit or This is how there would be a success; even discuss the possibility of re-MUSIC and POETRY would be united each turning to Mr. Robert Bradshaw's Associated State of St. Kitts Nevis Anguilla, against which they successfully rebelled on May 30th, 1967. Any recomendation by the Commission of Enquiry on Anguilla that they should return to the fold, or any suggestion to the same effect by the British Government would result in further outbreaks of violence and hysteria. The antagonism to Mr. Bradshaw and his Government is universal and runs deep.

(To be continued next week)

