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EDITORIAL.

We welcome with joy the news that the Anguilla Council and the United Kingdom have reached agreement on the proposed Draft "Act of Parliament" to be enacted by Westminster Parliament whereby the British Government will administer Anguilla directly from London.

Naturally it had to be an Act of Parliament since Mr. Robert Bradshaw would not agree to relinquish his constitutional hold on Anguilla. Now that Britain has taken over the administration of Anguilla, Anguillians can rejoice for winning the first leg of the four year old dispute with St. Kitts.

What England has offered Anguilla is what we asked for before Statehood was granted to the tri-island State of St. Kitts, Nevis, Anguilla on February 27, 1967. But our pleas fell on deaf ears which led to the expulsion from Anguilla, the St. Kitts police force on May 30, 1967.

All attempts by the British Government and other West Indian Governments failed to get Anguilla rejoin the State. Anguillians always asked in return to be back under direct administration of Britain. At long last the British government has seen it fit to make a new act of Parliament where she could meet the wishes of the Anguillians.

Already they are reports of criticism for Britain from other Caribbean Governments for taking direct administration of Anguilla. We would like to draw those

Governments' attention again to ^{the} default West Indian federation; when they themselves did not see it fit for the bigger islands to bear the burdens of the smaller ones and so let them seek for their own. But Anguilla, one of the smallest of them all has a little more gratitude for St. Kitts and Nevis. Without Anguilla they stand a better chance of survival or if they should sink, it will not be because Anguilla was a burden to them, as Mr. Southwell Deputy Premier of St. Kitts said, in 1967.

Those West Indian leaders who are criticizing Britain for establishing colonialism in Anguilla should realize that they rose from Colonialism but failed to recognise that Anguilla always had the worst kind of Colonialism; she was a colony of a Colony. In other words dominated by White Imperialists through Black Imperialists. As said before the bigger island rose from White Colonialism. If the people of Anguilla elect to have a taste of what they tasted let them have it in peace. If they want to be Brothers of the West Indies let us all be Brothers; not as Godchildren.

A few years ago the people of Gibraltar elected to be administered by Britain instead of Portugal. Montserrat and the B.V.I. are quite happy to be British Colonies. Those island who chose statehood because they wanted Power are having more difficulties than the Colonies. Could it be because the Black Imperialists are worse than the Whites? After all is said and done we must conclude that the people of Anguilla are happy with the British arrangements and that is what matters in Anguilla. When Bradshaw asked Britain to help him fight the Anguillians she refused but who offered to help fight the Anguillians? None but our so called Black Brothers of Guyana's Government.

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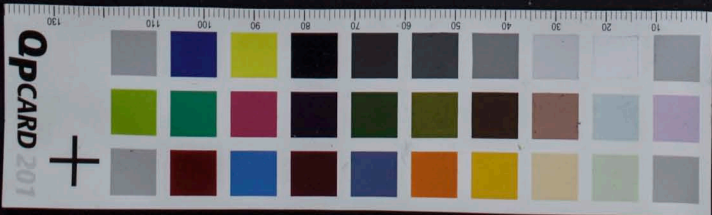
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MESSAGE TO OUR READERS AND PATRONS.

We are happy to be publishing The Beacon again but regret that our hopes for producing a bigger paper with pictures have not materialised. Our plan was to have it printed by off island Printing but this proved too expensive. Therefore we had no option but to continue as we did in the past, with the hope that we will soon be able to get the equipment necessary to produce such a paper as we wish.

We would like to thank those who have been patient with us while we were out of publication and thank Mr. Jeremiah Gumbs for his assistance in having the parts for the press shipped to us from the United States. Ed.

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SUMMARY OF NEWS ABOUT ANGUILLA SINCE LAST ISSUE IN EARLY FEBRUARY.

After serving in Anguilla for 20 months, Mr. W.H. Thompson, C.B.E. H.M. Commissioner, left the island on 17th March and was succeeded by Mr. Arthur Watson. Mr. Kenneth Jones, Deputy Commissioner arrived earlier to succeed Mr. David Mackilligin.

The numbers of Royal Engineers

and metropolitan police on the island were reduced considerably about the middle of March, and there are now 56 Royal Engineers and 30 A.P.U. members continuing their work here.

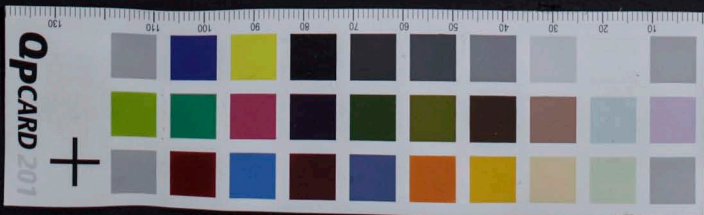
New regulations were announced concerning the age of students attending the Valley Secondary School. Founders Day for Anguilla's Scouts and Guides was observed in special ceremonies and church services on Monday 22nd February. P.W.D. offered courses for trainees in vehicle, plant and electrical mechanics, plumbing, pipe fitting, welding and electrical installation and accepted eight young Anguillans for paid training in these trades.

Mr. J.B. Owen, J.P., one of Anguilla's real old-timers reached the age of 80 on 25 Feb. Late in February a party of six Anguillans visited Warner Park, St. Kitts on a specially sponsored tour to watch the Indian team versus the Leeward's team. New street lighting in the form of fluorescent tubes were established in the Valley by the Royal Engineers. On March 8 and 9 H.M.S. Bacchante paid a courtesy visit to the island where a special diving team cleared a number of coral reefs blocking the Blowing Point Harbour.

Some Anguilla Government Departments adapted the five-day week for services early in March.

H.M. The Queen's official birthday was celebrated at Ronald Webster's Park. The salute was taken by H.M. Commissioner Mr. Arthur Watson, attended by Major L.J. Kennedy, R.E., during the parade and march past by members of Force Anguilla, and hundreds of Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies in full uniform.

The latest issue of the Anguilla stamps are on sale at the Valley Post Office. The new set of stamps are in four denominations, and depicts various species of butterflies indigenous (cont'd on page 7)



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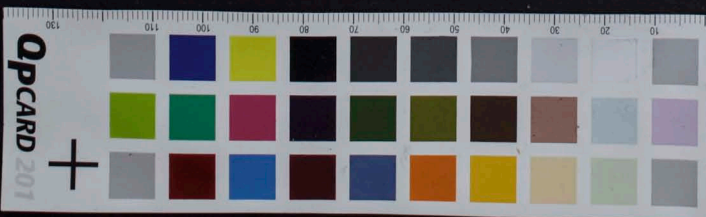
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SUMMARY OF NEWS

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to Anguilla.

The Royal Fleet Auxiliary ship "Sir Geraint" sailed from Road Bay last week, taking away Engineer's equipment no longer required on the island. The equipment consisted mainly of the larger mechanical items. Dr. Greer Linton noted American gynaecologist of North Carolina, leaves Anguilla after a week's work. During his eight day visit, Dr. Linton performed a score of special operations in cooperation with Dr. David Bartlett Anguilla Medical Officer.

EIGHT YEAR OLD BOY DIES AFTER BEING HIT BY VEHICLE.

Anguilla's first fatal road accident of the year occurred on Friday when an eight year old boy, Bernard Osmond Hughes of the Quarter was struck by a motor vehicle and died 90 minutes later in the Cottage Hospital.

It is understood that the boy suddenly ran out into the road just west of the Evening Star Casino in the Quarter and did not see the oncoming vehicle. He was taken to the Hospital immediately for attention.

The accident occurred at 4.40 o'clock on Friday afternoon June 18. The vehicle involved is a green Morris half-ton pickup, licence No. A 262, driven by Mr. Rufus Bryan of Stoney Ground. Mr. Bryan is reportedly suffering from shock after being unable to stop the vehicle before the boy was hit.

Mother of the boy is Mrs. Yvonne Richardson of the Quarter and his father resides in England. There are two sisters five brothers and grandparents.

SOMBRERO LIGHTHOUSE NOW ON DAILY TWO WAY COMMUNICATION WITH THE MAINLAND BY RADIO.

Two-way radio communication has now been established on a permanent basis between Sombrero and Anguilla.

Commander J.G. Coker, Inspector Imperial Lighthouse Service of the Board of Trade, London, visited the island during the past few days, and brought with him Mr. John Moore, a pye radio expert, with the transmitting and receiving equipment for Sombrero. He was also accompanied by Mr. H. Stewart, a service mechanic for the installation of the equipment.

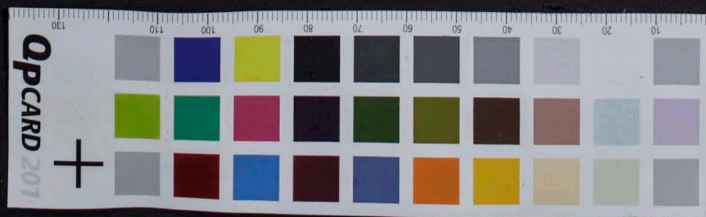
Basic installation of the generator and other equipment at Sombrero was arranged by Raymond and Sherman Haskins of the Expan Co. Ltd. of Anguilla who have been engaged in making all the initial preparations for the actual installation of the radio equipment.

As from this week Sombrero will be able to talk to Anguilla and to receive messages. The receiving and transmitting equipment on this island is located at Police Headquarters and messages are being sent and received at 9.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. daily. The equipment has been properly tested and is working satisfactorily. Prior to these arrangements communication to Sombrero Lighthouse was by a special daily transmission by Radio Anguilla.

BRADSHAW GOES TO WOODING;

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Sir Hugh was Chairman of the Commission appointed by the British and St. Kitts Government to enquire into the dispute with breakaway Anguilla. REUTERS.



EXAMINATION'S RESULTS

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six from East End School, five from Road School and five from West End School. Subjects offered were English Language, English Lit. Religious Knowledge, Arithmetic, Algebra, History, Geography and Physiology and Hygiene.

There are 31 candidates for the Modern Secondary School attainment Certificate Examination and the subjects offered are English Language, English Lit., Scripture, History, Geography, French, Mathematics, Health Science, Housecraft and Handicraft(girls), Woodwork and Rural Science (boys).

CANON CARLETON NOW PARISH PRIEST OF GREAT INAGUA:

Canon Carleton has accepted an offer from the bishop of the Bahamas as parish priest of Great Inagua, an Island some 150 miles North of Haiti.

Canon Carleton who was the Anglican Priest in Anguilla for 5 years before returning to England in 1969 where he was hospitalized for a small operation. He returned to the West Indies in October last year at his own expense hoping to find a job in the Diocese of Antigua. It was later learned that the influence of Mr. Bradshaw prevented him from getting a work permit in Antigua. He has been holidaying in Antigua, Montserrat, Curacao, St. Barths and Anguilla before he was offered a job in St. Vincent. This job was on a four month trial period as it was felt that seven Churches were too strenuous for him to handle.

This proved true and Canon Carleton left St. Vincent on February 1st for Great Inagua where he will be for some years before his retirement. His address is: "The Anglican Church Great Inagua, via Nassau, Bahamas.

DOCTORS FROM ANGUILLA PERFORM EMERGENCY OPERATION ABOARD VISITING SHIP AT ROAD BAY.

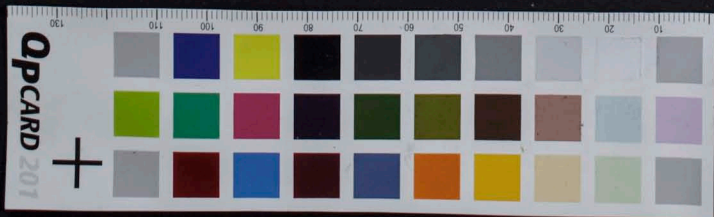
Doctors from Anguilla performed an emergency operation aboard the visiting L.S.L. Transport ship "Sir Geraint" in Road Bay on Wednesday evening, that possibly saved a life.

Shortly after her arrival in Anguilla waters, Doctor Michael Ashe, Medical Officer aboard the Royal Navy Transport ship found that Mr. Tong Wai, 42, a Chinese from Hong Kong who served as the ship's carpenter, had come down with acute appendicitis. Dr. David Bartlett, Anguilla Medical Officer and his visiting American colleague, Dr. Greer Linton offered their assistance in the emergency operation and the operation was performed late in the evening by Dr. Linton and Dr. Bartlett administered the Anaesthetic. The patient is now doing well and Dr. Ashe was grateful that the incident occurred while the "Sir Geraint" was stationary in Road Bay, rather than on the high seas when such an operation might not have been possible.

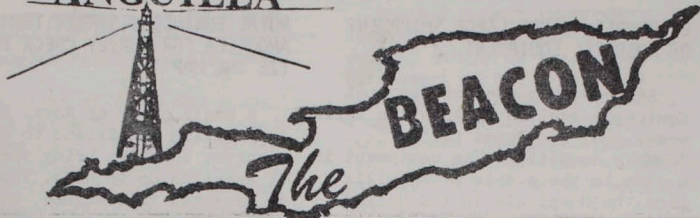
BASSETTERRE, ST. KITTS, JUNE 14, REUTER-

The St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla Government tonight said it could neither assent to nor support the new British proposals on Anguilla since they contravened the constitution and the Westminster Act 1967.

A Government release broadcast over the St. Kitts Radio Station said the effect of the changes was to create in Anguilla a Government whose structure was similar to that of British Colony. The Commissioner was being vested with powers and authority similar to those of a colonial administration, the release said. The Government's decision against the proposals came three days after the Minister of State had talks with Premier Robert Bradshaw and his Cabinet on the Anguilla issue. (REUTER)



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FORMER H.M. COMMISSIONER W.H. THOMPSON APPOINTED AS ADMINISTRATOR IN MONTSERRAT

The following announcement has been released from Buckingham Palace in London in regard to the appointment of Mr. W.H. Thompson as Administrator in Montserrat.

"Her Majesty The Queen has been pleased to approve appointment of Mr. Willoughby Harry Thompson CBE, Her Majesty's former Commissioner in Anguilla, as Administrator in Montserrat in succession to Mr. Dennis Raleigh Gibbs CMG DSO who will be leaving Montserrat early June.

Mr. Thompson hopes to take up his appointment on July 2nd, 1971"

FIRE DESTROYS HOME AT NOON THURSDAY:

A disastrous fire destroyed a family home near Sandy Hill village not far from the Adventist Church at about 1 o'clock on Thursday afternoon. The wood structure was razed to the ground but no one was injured.

Apparently the occupant of the house, Miss Agnes Duncan had been using a coal-pot stove for cooking and had put the fire out before going to visit at a neighbouring house. Presumably, her nephew returned from school and was endeavouring to roast some corn.

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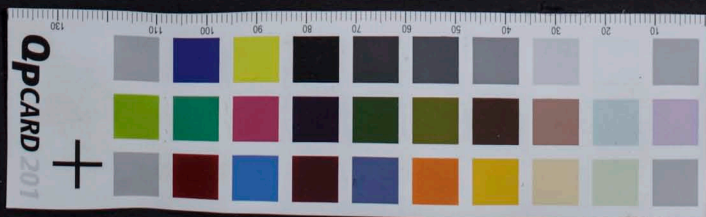
LARGEST VESSEL BUILT IN ANGUILLA LAUNCHED ON FRIDAY

The launching of the largest vessel ever built in Anguilla took place yesterday, Friday.

Work on the launching started early Thursday morning, when the vessel was blessed by the Rev. Father Turner, the Anglican Parish Priest for Anguilla. It was then that the name of the new vessel "New London" was revealed for the first time. When the blessing of the boat was completed, the traditional breaking of a bottle of champagne on her stem, done by Capt. Zephus Fleming of the M/V Rose Millicent, preceded the laying down of the vessel on her side, when the bags of sand piled up to her were cut loose allowing her to go down gradually.

The actual pulling of the vessel started at about 11.30 a.m. Thursday, and plans of getting the boat launched the same day were hampered when one roller under her stem was jammed causing a considerable delay before it was set right again. In the late afternoon the vessel was pulled down to the surf and left until Friday morning, because of the necessity of changing cables for pulling her out to sea, and not enough daylight remaining, Thursday.

The pulling of the vessel started again on Friday morning at 9.30 and by 11.00 am the "New London" was launched. (cont'd on page 8)



ED DEMPSEY SENDS LARGE SHIPMENT OF HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT

A large shipment of Hospital Equipment arrived in Anguilla a few weeks ago, consigned to the "Cottage Hospital". The equipment is a gift to the people of Anguilla from the Hospitals in the United States, given through Mr. Dempsey, who has been instrumental in securing other Hospital Gifts in the past.

Mr. Dempsey has also sent thousands of packets of vegetable seeds to Anguilla over the past years.

The shipment of Hospital Equipment, in two trailers, arrived by M/V Warspite from St. Thomas where it was off loaded from the "Atlantic Lines"

BARCLAYS BANK OFFICIALS VISITED ANGUILLA ON FAREWELL TOUR TUESDAY

Mr. E.C.A. Roberts, O.B.E., retiring Eastern Caribbean Head Office Director of Barclays Bank DCO who has resided in Barbados for many years and who is soon to retire, paid a farewell visit to Anguilla and the Barclays Bank branch here on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Roberts was accompanied by his wife, he was recently honoured by the Queen with the O.B.E.

The visiting Bank Officials arrived by private plane about 2 o'clock and were met at Wall-blake Airport by Mr. and Mrs. Monty St. John. Mr. St. John is Manager of Barclays Bank in Anguilla. Accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Roberts was Bernard W. Clarke, who is the Antigua Manager for Barclays Bank.

The visitors paid a courtesy call on H.M. Commissioner Tuesday afternoon, were taken on a brief tour of the island and returned to Antigua at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

ROYAL ENGINEERS SURVEY TEAM VISITING ANGUILLA FOR SURVEY CHECK TO MODERNIZE THE MAP

A small party of Royal Engineers is visiting the island to carry out a survey check to bring the map of Anguilla up to date. Their work is expected to continue over several weeks and they will visit all parts of the island mapping in new buildings, roads and other new additions to landscape. In due course a new edition of the map will be printed.

ANGUILLA NAMED AS PART OF THE NEW ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE WITH A NEW BISHOP

In the beginning of this year a new Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church was established in the Caribbean, the Diocese of St. John's, Antigua. The first Bishop appointed is the Most Rev. Joseph Oliver Bowers. Bishop Bowers, 61, is a native of Dominica and was formerly Bishop of Accra in Ghana since 1953.

The new Roman Catholic Diocese includes the following islands: Antigua and Barbuda, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, Anguilla, formerly part of the Diocese of Roseau, Dominica and the British Virgin Islands formerly part of the Vicariate of St. Thomas.

The new Catholic Bishop will be enthroned in the St. Joseph Church, Antigua on Saturday, 4th July at 5.30 p.m. His Lordship, Bishop Boghaert will officiate at the installation and the Most Rev. Anthony Pantin, Archbishop of Trinidad will deliver the address. Bishop Harper of St. Thomas will also be present together with Priests of the new Diocese. Bishop Bowers will afterwards attend a Bishop's conference in Trinidad in July and will visit the parishes of his new Diocese including Anguilla.

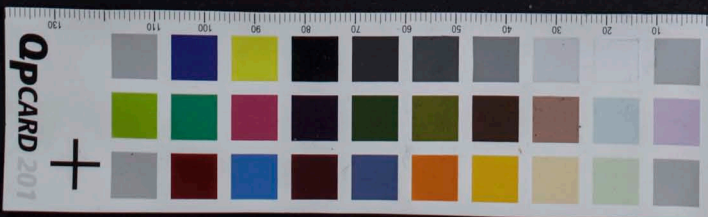
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A LOOK AT ANGUILLA BOATBUILDING.

(By Douglas Pyle) Anguilla March '71.

The sight of large sea-going vessels being built on our beaches has long been a familiar one to all Anguillans. However many will be surprised at the boom in boat building which is presently in progress. At Forest Bay, three new vessels are taking shape - one is at 99 feet the largest in the Caribbean in quite some time and launched last Thursday. At Sandy Ground also there is a new construction of 92 feet and a wrecked boat of good size being lengthened and repaired. Blowing Point Harbour counts two large sloops being extensively repaired and a new motor launch well along in construction.

Traditional methods are still generally in use in construction of the hull. A keel of Guyana greenheart is laid; stem and stern are positioned at either end. The main frames are erected along the keel at the bow, the centre and main transom. Remaining timbers are fitted into a basket of ribbands fastened over the main frames. After the deck beams are in place, planking begins using old reliable pitch-pine. Progress is often slow because all materials must be brought from off-island.

A new trend in rigging and fitting is apparent in the vessel built for Albert Lake at Forest Bay. This boat at 99 feet would formerly have been rigged as a schooner but it is planned to step only one mast and instead of the foremast to install an engine. When sailing with the wind, a foresail does very little, being behind the large mainsail. When working windward the engine will drive the vessel, making the extra spar unnecessary. Thus we see a cautious change to draw profit from the new lightweight marine diesel engines.

Another recent improvement has been shown in the launching and pulling ashore of the larger vessels. Bulldozers of the Royal Engineers make light work of the chore of dragging from fifty to a hundred tons across the sand. It is odd, isn't it, how the tides of history may exert a pull in an unexpected quarter?

Formed from simple materials with hand tools by skilled Anguillian shipwrights, these boats are the proud legacy of an old sea-faring tradition. The Caribbean has long been a highway for the ships of the world and the earliest island builders must have had many examples to inspire them. It was the typical schooner design of Nova Scotia or New England which was best suited to the condition and needs of the lesser Antilles. Vessels of this type were often seen in these waters until comparatively recently bringing lumber and salt-cod from the North and returning with rum, sugar or molasses.

Schooners are ideal for carrying cargo into island communities without deepwater port facilities. They play an important part in Caribbean commerce at the present and will have a continuing importance in the future. And it is the future which should draw the particular attention of concerned Anguillans.

Every nation which seeks to develop along its own lines must find the economic independence, without which political independence is but a hollow token. The problem is to establish a trade balance which will guarantee payment for imported goods without allowing economic penetration.

The first measure in maintaining economic independence is to hold down imports until they can be paid for without credit. This should be done even if it means waiting for certain improvements.

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