

No. 75. Saturday March 1st. 1969.

Price 10¢.

JEEP OVERTURNED. DRIVER INJURED:

On the Morning of Monday 24th. Feb., the Government's Telephone Jeep A.5 was extensively damaged, when it overturned on the Farrington Road. The Jeep was driven by Mr. Wilkin Smith of Island Harbour, (Con't on page 8)

ELECTED -- UNOPPOSED:

The Candidates for President -- Vice President, Mr. Ronald Webster and Campbell Fleming respectively, were declared "Elected Unopposed" by the supervisor of the Election, Mr. Rapheal Lake. Nomination day was on Feb. 21st. Mr. Webster is Chairman of the Anguilla Council and Chief Executive of Anguilla. Mr. Webster first held the post as president of Anguilla when Mr. Peter Adams stepped down as Anguilla's first president in August 1967, but later relinquished that post for the Interim agreement that ended on 8th Jan. this year. Mr. Webster has chosen Mr. Campbell Fleming, a Government employee at the Cottage Hospital as the No. 2 man of the island. Mr. Fleming is also present secretary to the Council. (Con't on page 8).

MEDICAL REPORT: (Contributed by J.S. Holler. M.D.)

As a representative of the Methodist Church of South Carolina, I would like to thank the people of Anguilla for their many acts of hospitality. Speaking for the Doctors who have been here previously, and those yet to come, I would like to pass on a bit of information to attract and support a permanent Doctor here in Anguilla.

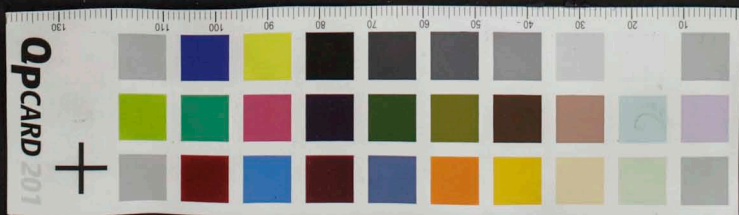
1. Fees seem rather high, and there may be some need for adjustment, although \$5.00 B.W.I. is half what similar services would cost in low income areas of the U.S.A. Cakes, Beer, Shoes, and many other things cost more here than in the States. It is important that fees be established and stable, to attract a qualified Physician. (Con't on page 8).

PROF. WILLIAM BRISK:

Who is well known in Anguilla because of the survey team he lead from the Inter American University in Puerto Rico, writes to say:- "Maria and I send our very best wishes and prayers to you in Anguilla during these perilous times. While we deeply regret the Commonwealth' Office's intransigence, and particularly the manner in which they have abandoned a devoted and loyal island, we are cheered by the resolution and strength of the Anguilla people. (Continued on page 8).

WARSPITE : AGROUND: Other Boats in Trouble.

The "Warspite", Schooner owned by Mr. Emile Gumbs of the Road Sandy Ground break her anchor chain and came ashore in the Road Bay. As a result of the strong North Westerly wind during the past week, (See page 8).



TO EXPAND ABILITY (by Christopher Romney)

The leader seeking to achieve ends does not shut his eyes to dangers. He appraises them carefully, makes sure of his authority, and then acts as though there were no doubt of the outcome, courage makes opportunity, it doesn't wait until circumstances are in every way favourable. In a day's business there arises questions that must be answered regardless of the state of the evidence, and courageous Judgement is demanded of the man responsible. A man must be bold, and he must not let inertia or habit or prejudice hinder his positive approach to resolving a problem when he has reached as close as he can to the truth concerning it. The greatest courage needed is that of making decisions and accepting the out-come. said Nelson to the Admiralty, "The whole blame of ignorance in forming my judgement must rest with me", Northcliffe told his subordinates, "Better a wrong decision anytime than no decision at all", and Churchill, when some of his decisions seemed to be questioned, told the house of Commons "It is because things have gone badly and worse is to come that I demand a vote of confidence".

AN OPEN LETTER: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Feb. 13th. 1969. (By George S.Reid)
We have been hearing for the last two years about a situation in Anguilla; what move me to do this is the attitude some of the Caribbean islands took in a conference last week. I would like you to know that nothing in life is easy for Anguillans; it was rough all their lives and we think that the time has come for a change. Lets face it, America did not have smooth sailing from England, they had to fight hard for it, that is what we will do in Anguilla; we will say like Sir Winston Churchill the best man that England ever had. We will give our lives because we have build Anguilla to what it is without aid from the Queen or Mr. Bradshaw. Our help came from the French and Dutch islands, the U.S.Virgin Islands and if they were in our shoes they would do the same as we are doing. I once boast of being a British subject, but now, I am glad for what I am. I am ashamed to see that a great Nation like England thinks so little of her people that she would not even listen to their cry. If England was interested things would not have gone where it is today. I would like H.M.G. to think about it, but not to try using force in Anguilla or encouraging it. I will try and send a copy of this to all of those that are condemning Anguilla; I will say to them they are afraid we come from 2,000 years behind and left them there. In closing I would like to repeat what some Anguillans said, it belongs to us and we will not enter the dark age again. We are in the light to stay. This is my opinion not subject to anyone, death before my people return to hell. Do you see whats happening there in St. Kitts today? Can not H.M.G. see?

CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY NEWS:

The District Convention of the Church of God of Prophecy Convenes at South Hill Anguilla on March 5th. through 9th. each night, beginning at 7 o'clock. Our Visiting Minister is Bishop Thomas G. Horton (State Overseer) residing in Antigua. The Public is invited. Every visitor will be an honoured Guest.

Signed David Rogers (District Overseer).

DEPARTMENTAL NOTICE:

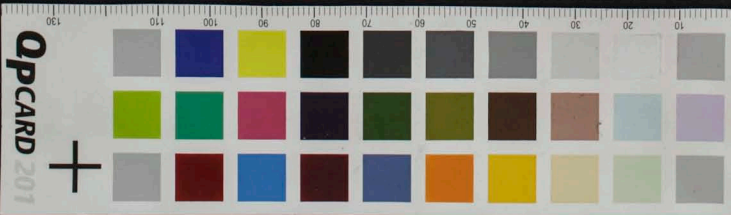
A supply of Sulphate of Ammonia (Soda) and Insecticide (Sevin) has just been received. Please get your stocks early. Corn grinding will soon begin and the department now offers for sale a good quantity of dry corn.

R. Richardson (Agricultural Officer)

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 Atlin Harrigan, Publisher & Editor.
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EDITORIAL:

Checking back on the days that are now history, even though they are just over two years ago, readers to the Democrat would have read a few articles by the Editor of this paper. These articles were primarily to bring to the attention of Anguillans, the advantages that were taken of them by the Government of St.Kitts. They

also served to teach the Government of St.Kitts, that Anguillans were not to be taken-for granted any longer. At one time, one of these articles served to teach Mr.Southwell, the Deputy Premier of St.Kitts, part of the Constitution he signed in England. That was when he got over Government controlled radio station ZIZ and announced that Mr.Peter Adams, then Anguilla's representative to the House of Assembly could not resign from his post. I had only to refer him to the section of the Constitution where it made provision for any member to resign in the manner in which Mr. Adams did. Those days are long gone, since that we have published our views in the columns of the BEACON, without favour to any party. We have criticised the Government of England, St.Kitts and that of Anguilla, of which I am a part, when I find it necessary.

The Constitution of the Republic of Anguilla, is only 15 Articles with 19 Sections in ~~The~~ *Lampy* Article. While it is true that some of the Sections will not be understood by all, it is expected that members of the Government and future politicians would make sure that they understand and comply with every section. Yet we find a situation where the Vice-President Elect, Campbell Fleming has not met the requirements to qualify as a candidate. It specifically says in Section 6 Article 7, that NO person shall qualify as a candidate unless he or she is free of Civil Employment (except as an Incumbant) which we presume is miss spelt for "Incumbent", and at tha Mr. Fleming does not qualify. Mr. Fleming is employed by the Government as a Maintenance Officer at the Cottage Hospital, and drew his salary up to the end of this month, and yet he was registered as a candidate for the office of Vice-President on Feb. 21st. The President Elect, Ronald Webster who chose Mr. Fleming as his running mate, should realise that this could have been a serious matter if there was an opposition party. It could have seriously meant the disqualification of Mr. Webster as president as his running mate did not qualify, which would have deprived Anguillans of the man they wanted to represent them. Little things like these have very serious implications and should not be overlooked. You don't have to be a qualified Lawyer to notice these things, though you can't be a Lawyer without qualifications. Mr. Fleming should have publicly resigned from the Civil Service to announce his candidacy.

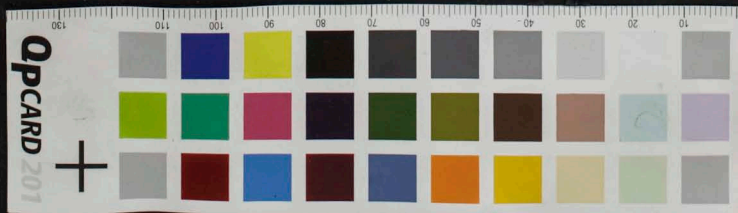
ELECTION NOTICE.

Whereas, the-Anguilla Council named Feb. 21, 1969, as nomination day for the Office of President and Vice-President, under Article 7 Section 3 of the Constitution of the Republic of Anguilla, the following persons were elected for President and Vice-President, NO other candidate having presented himself for nomination.

Ronald Webster Campbell Fleming
 (President.) (Vice-President.)

Dated this 29th day of February 1969.

Thomas R.Lake.
 (Returning Officer.)



ELECTION NOTICES.

I hereby certify that the member elected for the Senior District Representative of District No.1, in pursuance of Article 6 Section 4 of the Constitution of the Republic of Anguilla is

Winston Harrigan.....East EndMason-Carpenter
(Name) (Address) (Occupation)

no other candidates having been nominated.

Dated this 27th day of February 1969.

Thomas R.Lake
(Returning Officer)

I hereby certify that the member elected for the Senior District Representative of District No.1, in pursuance of Article 6 Section 4 of the Constitution of the Republic of Anguilla is

Lucas Wilson.....East End.....Merchant
(Name) (Address) (Occupation)

no other candidates having been nominated.

Dated this 27th day of February 1969.

Thomas R.Lake
(Returning Officer)

I hereby certify that the member elected for the Senior District Representative of District No.2, in pursuance of Article 6 Section 4 of the Constitution of the Republic of Anguilla is

Mriel Sasso.....FarringtonChauffer
(Name) (Address) (Occupation)

no other candidates having been nominated.

Dated this 27th day of February 1969.

Thomas R.Lake
(Returning Officer)

I hereby certify that the member elected for the Senior District Representative of District No.2, in pursuance of Article 6 Section 4 of the Constitution of the Republic of Anguilla is

James Woods.....Quarter.....Merchant
(Name) (Address) (Occupation)

no other candidates having been nominated.

Dated this 27th day of February 1969.

Thomas R.Lake
(Returning Officer)

I hereby certify that the member elected for the Senior District Representative of District No. 3, in pursuance of Article 6 Section 4 of the Constitution of the Republic of Anguilla is

Charles Fleming.....West EndMerchant
(Name) (Address) (Occupation)

no other candidates having been nominated.

Dated this 27th day of February 1969.

Thomas R.Lake
(Returning Officer)

I hereby certify that the member elected for the Senior District Representative of District No.3, in pursuance of Article 6 Section 4 of the Constitution of the Republic of Anguilla is

Mac Connor.....Blowing Point.....Merchant
(Name) (Address) (Occupation)

no other candidates having been nominated.

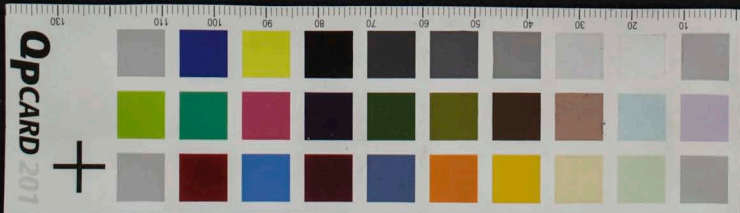
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We have received the third production of the "Conch Shell," the bulletin of the Friends of Anguilla in Britain. It states there, that the Postmaster General in Britain has been instructed to return to sender all mail that is addressed to Anguilla. They advise that care should be taken that the name ANGUILLA does not appear on the address of any letter, but that the routes via St. Thomas or St. Martin can still be used. We suggest that an address such as "The Valley, c/o Box 42, Marigot, St. Martin" should ensure a letter being delivered here. Perhaps "Scrub Island" via St. Thomas might also work. As we stated last week, Britain at the same time forwarded a request to the Universal Postal Union, that mail from Anguilla bearing the Anguilla stamp should not be delivered. So far there has been no announcement that this action has been taken. Z.I.Z. would certainly have announced it. So it appears that the U P U is taking a more charitable view of Anguilla's postal needs than is H M G in Britain.

WARSPITE AGROUND: (Cont'd from page 8)

the M.V. Poqui in vain. Other attempts to get tugs from Puerto Rico, St. Thomas and Antigua were without success. A Japanese fishing boat that was nearby, promised to help, but never turned up. Because of the high seas which persisted the vessel lay there until Tuesday afternoon, when she was refloated with the help of Bulldozers. Mr. Gumbs said that the boat is leaking but he has it under control. The Warspite is one of the oldest vessels of Anguilla. She was depicted on the 25¢ stamp, of the special issue of Nov. 11th. last year, commemorating Anguilla's Ship building. She also does the fortnightly trip to Sombrero, servicing the Light House there. The MAID OF ANGUILLA, Passenger boat that runs between Anguilla and St. Martin struck a reef going out of "Little Harbour", sprang a leak and sunk. On board the motor boat was the owner David Hodge of George Hill and a woman. It is reported that the gear slipped out and Hodge went below to re-engage the gear. When he got back on deck, the boat struck a reef in the narrow channel. She soon sunk and lay on the reef. Attempts to salvage the boat is going on. In other boat news, it is reported that the Betsy, on her last trip from Trinidad, was struck by a yacht which carried away her Bow-sprit. The Betsy, owned by Clement Daniels arrived in Anguilla on Sun. 23rd. Febr. without her Bow-sprit.

RUTH 16. It is now reliably reported that the Ruth 16 is in Venezuela. The owner Mrs. Ruth Goodnow received a cable to the effect that all was well. The Ruth left Anguilla on Jan. 9th. for Grenada, but nothing was heard of her whereabouts until now. It is believed that the boat developed engine trouble and drifted to Venezuela.

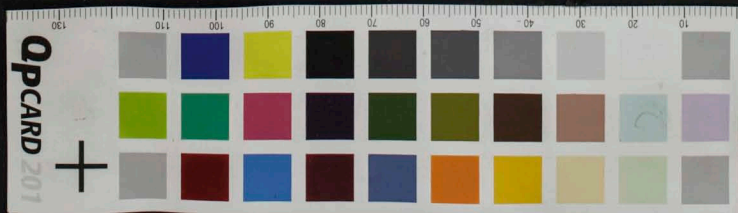
Correspondence.

Dear Sir,

An error got in to a Story filed by the United Press International on Feb. 8th. which has been copied by many papers throughout the world, to the effect that the New Constitution of Anguilla disestablishes the Anglican Church. This is not true, neither the Anglican Church nor the Methodist Church which comprise the bulk of the Christians in Anguilla, are established. The last remains of an established Church in the British Caribbean was till recently in Barbados, but even there the Church is being disestablished, with the consequent loss of income from the Government there, which the Anglicans are shouldering themselves. No christian body in Anguilla is the official church of the island, and none receive any preferential treatment.

Yours truly,

C.R. G. Carleton.



BIRTHS. Sons were born to Mr. Calvin Hodge of the Quarter on Feb. 7th. to Ellis Rogers of Chalvilles on Feb. 13th. to Hope Webster of Island Harbour on Feb. 13th. to Samuel Hodge of Long Path on Feb. 18th. to Albert Gumbs of East End on Feb. 19th. to Maxwell Gumbs of South Valley on Feb. 22nd. to Clifford Rogers of Stoney Ground on Feb. 23rd. A girl was born to Mr. & Mrs. Elridge Webster of Island Harbour on Feb. 24th.

DEATHS.

Mrs. Dorothy Fleming of Deep Waters died at the age of 70 years on Feb. 6th. Mr. Christopher Rogers of the Quarter died at the age of 83 years on Feb. 6th. Mr. Danny Levons of South Valley died at the age of 6 years on Feb. 21st. To the bereaved families we tender our deepest sympathies. R.I.P.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS AUDITED.

A team of independent auditors from the firm of Rawlinson & Hunter, Chartered Accountants arrived from Tortola B.V.I. on Tuesday 25th. to audit Government accounts for the second half of 1968. To date all accounts have been audited and a report will be submitted to the Council of Anguilla. They left for Tortola on Friday last.

NOTICE FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

We cannot hide the fact any longer in Anguilla instead of preaching from the Holy Bible and singing sacred hymns, we find ourselves preaching the National Anthem, God Save our Gracious Queen-is it because we fall short of words? I think that when one has been placed to do a job he should do it without partiality. Remember that Mathew 28 Chap. 19-20 says, Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father and of the son and of the holy ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you, If we are true disciples of Christ why not obeying the scripture and do what it says, but no, we don't have the time to teach the Bible any longer because politics has replaced the word of God. Do you think that this is christianity? God forbid. Some of us will say, do what I say but not what I do, but friends we have practised what we preached, for 1st. Corinthians 13th. Chapter verse 1 says "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not the truth in me, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. It is not he that say Lord, Lord shall enter into the kingdom of heaven but he who doeth the will of my father which is in heaven. Take heed therefore my brethren ye who add or take away one word from his book that also shall be taken away from him and shall be shut out from the kingdom of God. My closing words are "Do not trifle with God's words or in the Sanctuary preach the gospel and not politics, so be aware of false prophets and priests.

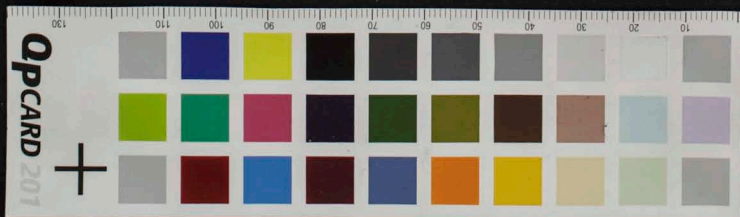
Ronald Webster,
Chief Executive.

FROM ADVOCATE NEWS BARBADOS.

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A Canadian Organization known as "Operation Common Denominator" is studying the rebel republic of Anguilla with a view to helping its development. Retired Canadian business-man John D Brune, leader of the organization, is currently holding talks with President Ronald Webster on ways and means to help the break-away island and its 6,000 islanders.

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Church Notices: Sunday March 2nd.

Anglican

St. Mary. 7.30am & 7.15pm
St. Augustine 9.15am
St. Andrew. 8.00am (M.V. Hodge)

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I James N. Gumbs of North Side Anguilla, Hereby declare that the lands of the late William B. Gumbs, situated at North Side Anguilla, are undivided property and is not to be bought without the consent of all seven heirs to the property. I further declare that I am one of the heirs to those lands.

Signed James N. Gumbs.

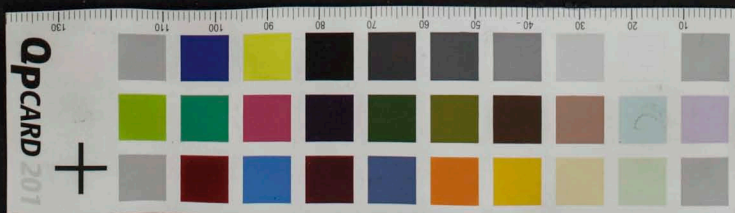
CARD OF THANKS.

From the Levons Family.

We wish to thank the many friends and well wishers who sent cards and gave their sympathy in our sad bereavement. Special words of thanks is given to Mr. Joseph Brooks and Family and also to Carl Carty, Alexander Richie who gave their assistance during the absence of the child's Father.

Oneal Levons & Family.

There will be a Cricket Match on Sun.
2nd. March 1969. Small Boys versus
Men. Also playing will be President
Elect Ronald Webster for the men.



ELECTED UNOPPOSED. (Cont'd from page 1)

He is the elder in the Seventh Day Adventist Church to which Mr. Webster also belongs. Also elected un-opposed are the "Senior District Representatives". They were declared elected on 29th. Febr. 1969 after no other candidates registered to contest the seats. They are Messrs. Lucas Wilson and Winston Harrigan, for district 1, James Woods and Uriel Sasso for district 2, Mac Connor and Charles Fleming for district 3. It is reported that these are the men chosen by President Elect Ronald Webster to control the seats. Mr. Camile Connor of South Hill, intended to be a candidate but he withdrew. Mr. Connor told us that his official reason for with-drawing was his mis-understanding of the whole situation. Nomination Day for the "National Representatives" will be on March 12th. 1969.

MEDICAL REPORT. (Cont'd from page 1).

2. Regular clinic hours are essential, for the people to know exactly when they can see the doctor, and the doctor can plan his time accordingly. No good doctor minds seeing patients after hours in cases of necessity, but if any or all of the 6,000 people in Anguilla decide to go and see the doctor just when it suits them, no doctor will stay in Anguilla for long.
3. Let the people get involved in upgrading the clinics and the hospital. A Doctor loves to work in a community where the people are concerned and insist on good competent medical care. And if the community are interested, the doctor knows he will have help in solving problems of staffing, laboratory, feeding, and other administrative matters.
4. Don't be content with anything less than the best. Anguilla is a beautiful place and has wonderful people, and undoubtedly will have a glorious future. I am confident that some where there is a fully-qualified dedicated and excellent physician, who by God's help and your perseverance will be found, and attracted to Anguilla and be prepared to work permanently here.

WELL BRISK. (Cont'd from page 1)

Please let our Anguillian friends know that we will try and help them in any way possible. I hope I may be able to visit Anguilla in the mid-spring. In the meantime, I think you will be pleased to learn that my researches about Anguilla are to be published in July this year by the University of South Carolina Press. We hope the book will help Anguilla. We will arrange for a number of copies to be sent to the island. We are both well and thoroughly enjoy life in New Mexico. Our first child is due in early April. Should anyone want to write to Mr. Brisk, his address is University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106.

JEEP IN ACCIDENT. "Driver Damaged" (Cont'd from page 1)

an employee of Emtage Electric Co., Smith said that he was driving eastward when something went wrong with the steering, and resulted in the vehicle overturning. Smith suffered cuts over his left eye and a cut in the head. He was taken to the hospital for treatment. It took nine stitches to close the wounds. His co-worker Mr. Morrison of Barbados, also an employee of Emtage Electric, told "The Beacon" that he took the jeep without permission, and he called out to him "to come back" Smith replied that he was going to Mr. John Proctor's (less than 500ft. away) to get some phensic. The accident took place a little over a mile away. The Police reported that Smith did not have a driver's licence.

WARSPITE AGROUND. (Cont'd from page 1)

coupled with heavy seas, a link of the anchor chain was broken. The vessel drifted eastward and lay almost broadside on the south side of the pier. Attempts were made to pull her off with the help of (cont'd on page 5)

