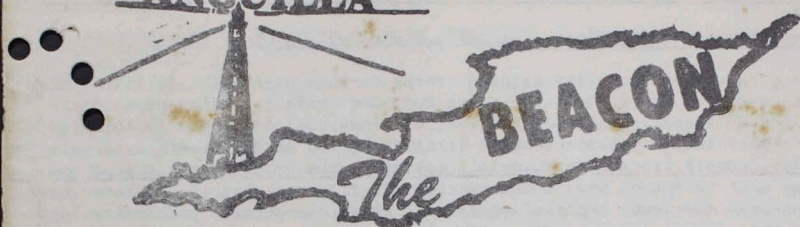


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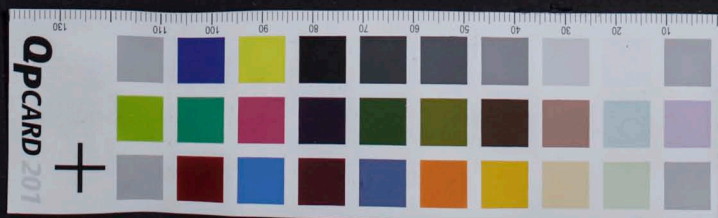
LORD CARADON IN ANGUILLA.

Lord Caradon, H.M. Representative to the U.N., arrived in Anguilla on Friday 27th June, at 9. am by R.A.F. Andover. He was met on arrival by Mr. John Cumber H.M. Acting Commissioner, Mr. Remnant Police Commissioner, Colonel Giles Commander of H.M. forces in Anguilla, and the members of the Council. Lord Caradon, Mr. Cumber and Mr. Hankey who recently took up responsibilities for the Caribbean and Latin American affairs at the foreign and Commonwealth Office, met with the Council yesterday to discuss matters concerning Anguilla. It was agreed by Lord Caradon and Mr. Ronald Webster in New York late in April, That Lord Caradon would visit Anguilla in about six weeks, to carry on with further discussion on the island. Lord Caradon is expected to leave for New York via Antigua later today.

H.M.S. ARETHUSA arrived at the Road Harbour for a two day visit last Monday. An excursion tour of the ship was arranged and about 150 students from the Valley Secondary School visited her. During the visit a team from the ship was entertained by a team from the Royal Engineers in a football match. The Royal Engineers defeated the ship's team 2.0.7.

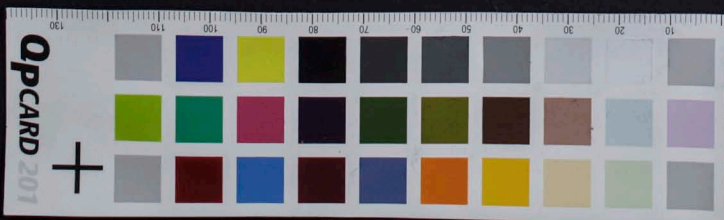
THREE ANGUILLANS TO VISIT CAYMAN ISLANDS.

Arrangements have been made by H.M. Acting Commissioner Mr. Cumber, for Messrs Wallace Rey, John Webster, and Atlin Harrigan to pay a two day visit to the Cayman islands. The Cayman islands are in many cases similar to Anguilla, with its flat surface and developing tourist industry. Mr. Cumber had been the British Administrator of the Caymans from 1964 to 1968, and recommended the trip as an educational experience to the team. Mr. Rey is Chairman of the Public Works Committee, Mr. Webster, Development Officer, and Mr. Harrigan, Chairman of the Tourist Committee. The team will arrive at the Cayman Islands on Tuesday July 1st, and is expected to return on Thursday July 3rd.



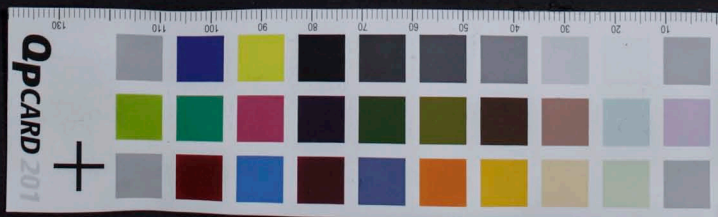
ANGUILLA: THE SHIPWRECKED 6000. By V.S. Naipaul.

Among the green and hilly islands of the Caribbean Anguilla is like a mistake, a sport. It is seventeen miles long and two miles wide and so flat that when Anguillans give you directions they don't tell you to turn left or right; they say east or west. It is rocky and arid. There are no palm trees, no big trees. Mangrove is thick above the beaches, which look as they must have done when Columbus came. The forests that then existed have long been cut down; and the Anguillans, char-coal-burners and boatbuilders are the natural enemies of anything green that looks like growing big. Sugarcane used to grow in some places, but even in the days of slavery it was never an island of plantations. In 1825, nine years before the abolition of slavery in the British Empire, there were about 300 free coloureds, people of mixed race. Between them they kept about 3000 negroes. The negroes were a liability. On the other Caribbean islands Negroes were left off on Saturdays to work on their own plots. In Anguilla they were turned loose for half the week to forage for themselves. Today there are only about 12,000 Anguillans. Half of them live or work overseas, in the nearby United States Virgin Islands, in Harlem, and in the Slough in Buckinghamshire, known locally as Sloughbucks. But there are houses and plots for most of them to return to; the desolate island has long been parcelled out. In mid-December last year, when I was there, the island was filling up for Christmas. The Viscount aircraft of LIAT, Leeward Islands Air Transport ("We fly where buccaneers sailed"), had stopped calling ever since Anguilla rebelled in 1967 and broke away from the newly independent three-island British Commonwealth state of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla. But the Anguillans (after chasing away an American and his DC-3) had set up three fiercely competitive little airlines of their own, Air Anguilla, Anguilla Airways, and Valley Air Service, each with its own livery and its own five-passenger Piper Aztecs regularly doing the five-minute, five-dollar connecting hop from St. Martin. More than any other Caribbean community, the Anguillans have the sense of home. The land has been theirs immemorably; no humiliation attaches to it. There are no Great Houses, as in St. Kitts; There are not even ruins. For the Anguillans history begins with the myth of the shipwreck. This was how the white founders came, the ancestors of the now multi-coloured clans of Flemings, Hodges, Richardsons, Websters, Gumbs. About the arrival of the negroes there is some confusion. Many know they were imported as slaves. But one young man was sure they were here before the shipwreck. Another felt they had come a year or two after. He didn't know how or why. "I forget that part". The past does not count. The Anguillans have lived for two long like a shipwrecked community. They are not well educated. Instead, they have skills, like boatbuilding and religion, which is a continual excitement. Few Anguillans act without divine guidance. The Anguillan exodus to Sloughbucks that began in 1960 had the sanction of God; and a similar certitude is behind the secession from St. Kitts and the boldness of many recent Anguillan actions. (Continued on page 6).



AN APPRECIATION OF THE LATE STANLEY SEBASTIAN, By Richard Fahie.

I first came into contact with Stanley Sebastian when he was a teacher at the Palmetto Point primary school in St. Kitts in 1944. In those days I used to accompany the late Rev'd Fr. Bulteel who was Rector of St. Thomas church in Middle Island to Holy Trinity Church at Palmetto Point for Mass on Thursday mornings. As I look back, I can see Sebastian dressed in short pants and jacket with a split in the tail end of the jacket as is the fashion now-a-days, riding a bicycle to school. In those days such jackets were out of fashion, and to see one dressed like that created quite a bit of laughter. This little action on the part of Sebastian makes us realise that quite early in his life he did not intend to be overruled by the rules of conventionalism. Our acquaintance during this period was only casual, as our meeting together was rather rare. I got to know Sebastian more intimately when he made periodic visits to Anguilla in the capacity of Ag. Water Engineer, and at one period as Ag. Superintendent of Public Works, which meant that he had to visit the Water Services Department and the Public Works Department in the execution of his official duties. It is significant that Stanley Sebastian was not only affectionately called Sebee in St. Kitts, but this was also the case in Anguilla. He was affectionately known by a great number of people here as Sebee. What was more striking of all was that the name Sebee was used by us his subordinates in referring to him whether in his presence or not. The man was so humble; the man was so approachable; the man was so unconventional, that one loved to be in his company, one loved to seek his advice when departmental problems arose, one felt at home with him. In many instances people who hold high office feel that they must keep themselves aloof if they are to demand respect from their subordinates. But not so with Sebee. He was so down to earth that one sometimes wondered what manner of man was this. This in no way lessened our respect for him. On the contrary our respect for him was deeper and genuine. The respect that we had for him was born out of love, and hence it was lasting and enduring. I can well remember Crispin Fahie, my first son, telling me that when Sebee lectured them (Public Health Inspectors) he spoke to them such down to earth language that they could easily comprehend the points he brought out. On one occasion I can remember him telling us the members of the Water Services and the Public Works Staff that he wants us to work as a team. He used his words to this effect, "We are not concerned as to who is the BOSS. We have a job to do, and each man can do his bit towards the overall success of the job." With such words one had no other alternative but to go out and do one's best. Sebee is dead. But the manner of living which he displayed lives on. The good which he did will live on. We will remember chiefly the virtue of humility which, truly characteristic of him. We will remember him for his love of humanity which was exemplified in his dealings with his fellow men. (Continued on page 5.)



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EDITORIAL.

The regular meeting of the council took place last Tuesday, as has been done for the last eight weeks. Very notably eight members of the fourteen man council, were absent. Nothing significant except that the 8 of them are colleagues of the same Political Identity. Nevertheless as should be, the meeting went on and all the business of the day dealt with. It is now said that it was decided in a meeting held by these men, "Not to cooperate with H.M. Acting Commissioner because they are not satisfied with the administrative measures which are to be carried out in Anguilla by the Commissioner, during the period that the Royal Commission makes its recommendations. It leaves some doubt in our minds about the future and questions to be asked. Why should the other six members of the council be ignored, was Tony Lee the real problem in Anguilla; Is Non-cooperation with the commissioner the answer to these dissatisfactions, or should they be discussed by us as sensible people? On the Political side we have the Royal Commission who will investigate and make recommendations on the future status of Anguilla. Whatever these recommendations are, we will wait and see. Meanwhile, already we are seeing progress throughout the island. Education which is so important in every community will be uplifted by the addition of the new 14 room Elementary School which should be completed by next School term. Scholarships now available to Anguilla are at its highest number. The pier to be built in the Road Sandy Ground; the Road work is progressing well. Many other plans for developing projects in Anguilla are now being discussed by the council. If we assess the true situation in Anguilla now we all should agree that a period of cooperation is essential- if the island is to be thrown in another period of discontent, the only one to suffer would be Anguilla. It is true that we have at the moment certain measures that are not palatable, but these will prove necessary to swallow, in order to enable us to achieve our main target, and everyone of us knows that that is to secede from St. Kitts-Nevis.

LORD CARADON:

Once again we welcome Lord Caradon to our shores. This will be his third trip to the island since H.M. Commissioner was installed over three months ago. He has been the mediator between Anguilla and Britain in many disagreements. It is felt among many that he is another friend that Anguillians can depend on in H.M. Government. He has bound himself to see that a settlement is reached in our 2 year dispute with the St. Kitts Government. We realize that he is a busy man with all the old and new troubles all over the world. But his help towards our problems, (which we consider just as important as those of any other nation) will be very much appreciated by all Anguillians.

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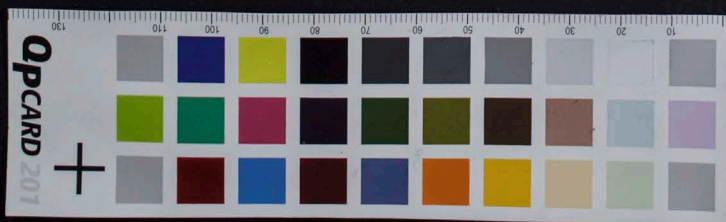
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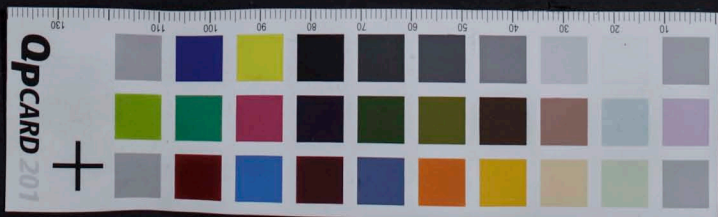
It is here that the salt industry of Anguilla is located. The whole of the Road salt pond is rimmed on three sides by hills, so the drive down the paved road to reach the village affords a lovely view of the entire area. Upon seeing the built up area, I was surprised that there is not a postal outlet there. (There was one named Road back in the 1928-30 period.) Since it was then late in the afternoon, we abandoned plans to locate the district customs office and headed homeward for a well earned rest and a refreshing gin and tonic. (Believe me, as Paddy Coleman so abruptly puts it, "stamp licking and gin and tonic are MUST companions.") One impression that will stay with us is that the island is in a perpetual state of construction, with homes in all the villages being erected. The menfolk go off to other islands to earn their family's living, return home periodically and build a bit more on the house, (as far as the money can be stretched) then its off-island again. The house? It just stands there in whatever stage has been reached awaiting the next 'boom'. Being "landlubbers", Elaine and I found beach-combing on Rendezvous Bay very exciting. Our enthusiasm, especially Elaine's, came to an abrupt halt when a 'new find' was washed up at her feet, and she picked it up. A gorgeous shell was selected immediately for "Dad's fishpond back home". Turning the beautiful specimen over in her hand, Elaine saw the occupant slowly retreating into the sanctum of its home. Needless to say, our 'find' made a hasty flight back into the depths of the blue Caribbean! The following morning called for the departure from Anguilla. We had visited the tiny island which had fascinated me postal history-wise since I became interested in the Leeward Islands; we had met many of her freindly people, and had made some lasting friendships with wonderful folks. Mr. Connor of Anguilla Airways deposited our luggage in the nose of his aircraft, along with "Lobster for St.Thomas"; We said our goodbyes to Atlin Harrigan and off we went. As the plane climbed gracefully, four necks were cramped for a last look at the island of Anguilla (SG #27).

AN APPRECIATION OF THE LATE STANLEY SEBASTIAN. (Cont'd from page 3.)

He was a man with a large heart, who could appreciate the dignity which should be seen in other human beings. Men of such qualities are citizens of the world. Their citizenship has no geographical boundaries, if life is viewed in its true perspective. Anguilla therefore joins in mourning the loss of a truly great West Indian, who was a citizen of the world.

MEDICAL NEWS.

Jennings Owens Jr., the first doctor to come from the Methodist Mission in S.C. was back with us last week. With him was his son Phillip. At last word from the Commissioner's Office says that the recruiting of a permanent doctor for Anguilla is being finalized in London.



NOTICE. Applications are invited from persons with University entrance requirements who are interested in pursuing a course leading to a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree on scholarship at the University of the West Indies. Applications with relevant certificates should reach me on or before 4th July 1969. Anyone desirous of knowing the University entrance requirements may contact me.

Mr. Edison Hughes
Secretary Education Committee.

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One Mini-Moke in excellent condition. See Mr. Wallace Richardson, South Hill.

DEATHS.

June 20th, Britania Richardson 67 Of Long Bay. June 24th, Samuel Lake 43 of Little Dix. June 26th, Helena Richardson 63 of the Valley. To the bereaved families we tender our deepest sympathy.

EXHIBITION----- EAST END SCHOOL.

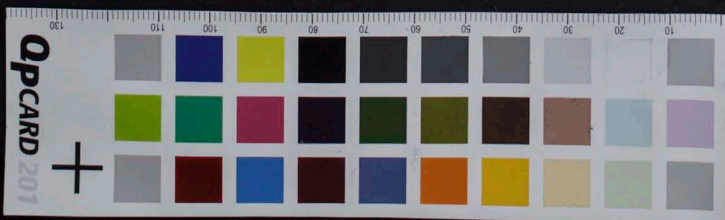
On Friday 27th June, East end school held an exhibition of handwork. This was a very successful function as a variety of articles which were of a very high standard were displayed. Congratulations should go to all who laboured so hard to achieve this.

ANGUILLA: THE SHIPWRECKED 6000. (Continued from page 2.)

So close to God, the Anguillians are not fanatical. They have the negro openness to new faiths. Eight years ago Mr. Webster, the now deposed President, rethought his position and, at the age of thirty-four, left the Anglicans, for the Seventh Day Adventists. He would like to see more and varied missionary activity on the island. "If the Jehovah's witnesses or any other denomination convert one or ten souls they are doing a good job and serving the community. Because our basic plan is to keep out partial and immoral thoughts". (Continued next week).

MEMBERS ABSENT FROM COUNCIL MEETING.

At the meeting of the Council last Tuesday only six members were present with the Acting Commissioner, Mr. Cumber. The other eight members it is said, decided not to attend any meetings because they are dissatisfied with the arrangements of administration of the island by H.M. Commissioner. The six members present were Messrs. Kenneth Hazel, Camile Connor, Atlin Harrigan, Russel Webster, Emile Gumbs and Hugo Rey.



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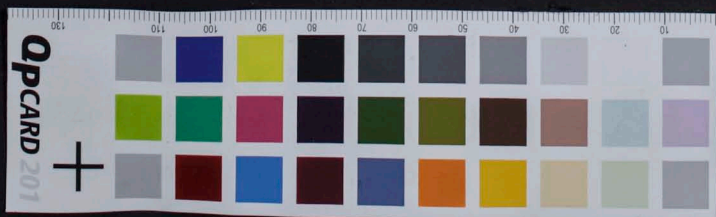
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SPORTS NEWS. By Ralph Hodge

FOOTBALL. The park was the scene of three consecutive matches on Tuesday afternoon. A team from R.M.S. Arethusa played in each of the matches. In the first, the Royal Engineers defeated the navy 3-1. At half time the score was 2-0 in favour of the Royal Engineers, Dracup scoring both goals. Early in the second half, the navy got their goal but Dracup soon scored again for the Royal Engineers. The Navy was defeated by the B Company paratroopers in the second half, the score being Paras 3, Navy 1. At half time the score was again 2-0. The paras scored quickly in the second half to make the score 3-0 but just before the close, the navy got through the Paras' defence to score their first goal. For the paras Mc Kenzie scored two goals. In the third match the Navy defeated a combined Engineers and Police side 2-0. Both goals came in the first half.

CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANCHILLA. (Continued from last week.)ARTICLE VI. LEGISLATURE.

Section 4. ... Scrub Island shall be included in the Eastern District although its land area will not be considered in determining the geographical one-third of the island for establishment of that district. Dog Island shall be included in the Western one-third district although its land area will not be considered in determining the geographical one-third of the island for establishment of that district. All other islands or cays shall be included in the establishment of the nearest district. Only those qualified to vote and resident in their particular district shall be permitted to vote for the Senior District Representative Candidates running in their district and in no instance shall they be permitted to vote for any Candidate for Senior District Representative in any other district.

Section 5. Candidate Qualifications for Senior District Representatives: To be for Senior District Representative a person must be at least twenty-five years of age, a citizen by birth, or parentage, a Resident of their particular district for a minimum of two years immediately preceding the election, be a qualified voter, be free of Civil Employment and not be a Candidate for any other Elective Office.

Section 6. National Representatives Defined & Election Districts: The Legislature shall contain five National Representatives chosen by popular vote in a National Election and all qualified voters in the Republic of Anguilla shall be entitled to cast one vote for each of five Candidates of their choice in such election. The five Candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected as National Representatives.

(Continued next week)

