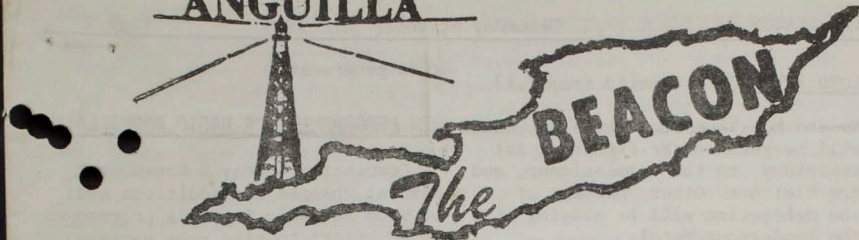


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LORD SHEPHERD

Lord Shepherd, British Minister of State in F&C Office with responsibility for Associated States, is due to arrive here on Monday 10th., Nov. by R.A.F. Accompanying Lord Shepherd will be Lady Shepherd, his private secretary Mr. Charles Godden, Mr. Stewart Roberts, British Representative for Associated States, stationed in St. Lucia, and Mrs Roberts, Messers Hankie and Sewell, senior officials in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Mr. Bell, head of the British Dev. Div. in the Caribbean, and two other officials.

Lord Shepherd's visit here is exploratory, and will meet members of the Anguilla Council to hear their views on the matters concerning the island. It is also expected that Lord Shepherd will meet Mr. Webster seperately.

On arrival at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, Lord Shepherd will be met by Mr. Thompson, H.M. Commissioner, and other Officials. He will be visiting the Police, Military and developing projects on the island.

Lord and Lady Shepherd will be guests of (Cont'd on page 2)

MR. AND MRS. THOMPSON IN ANTIGUA

H.M. Commissioner Mr. Thompson, accompanied by Mrs. Thompson, left Anguilla by R.A.F. Andover last Thursday.

It is said that Mr. Thompson will meet Lord Shepherd in Antigua when he passes through on his visit to St. Kitts and Nevis today.

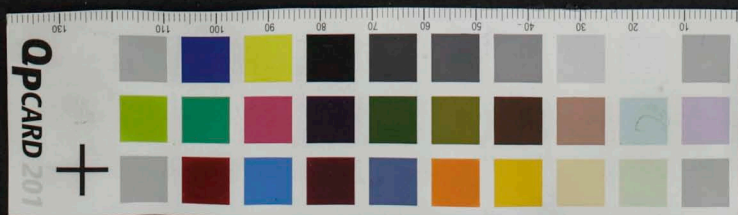
Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are due to return to the island later today.

REP. OF A.T. & C.S.A. CALL ON H.M.C.

A delegation from the newly formed "Anguilla Teachers and Civil Service Association, called on the Office of H.M. Commissioner yesterday 7th Nov. In the absence of the Commissioner who was away in Antigua. The delegation saw the first Secretary Mr. Charles Fletcher. Mr. Fletcher said that they made a number of representations on behalf of the Association.

The Association has elected a 9-man standing committee to deal with emergency situations. We learned that their audience with the Commissioner stemmed from the meeting which took place on Thursday of this week.

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LORD SHEPHERD (Cont'd from P.1)

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, while Mr. Godden will be guest of Mr. Fletcher, 1st secretary to the Commissioner, and Mrs Fletcher. Other members of the delegation will be staying at the Rendezvous Hotel.

Lord Shepherd and his party are due to leave Anguilla on Tuesday morning, for Antigua by R.A.F.

Lord Shepherd will wind up his tour of the Caribbean when he visits Antigua, officially on Tuesday. He came to the Caribbean to represent the British Government at the St. Vincent Statehood celebration, on the 27th., of last month, when he handed over the Constitutional instruments to St. Vincent. He is due to visit St. Kitts and Nevis today (Saturday) and tomorrow.

GIFT TO RADIO ANGUILLA

On Friday of this week Radio Anguilla received a generous gift of five L.P. recordings under the titles "100 Musical Memories" from an Anguillan now resident in New York. He is Mr. John R. Gumbs, 334 East 108 Street, New York City.

Recently, on a visit back home to Anguilla, Mr. Gumbs was impressed with the Radio Station and promised to send some recordings. The five discs he sent comprise about three hours and twenty minutes of light music which will be featured shortly in a special programme. The Staff and management of Radio Anguilla have expressed their gratitude to Mr. Gumbs for his

kind generosity.

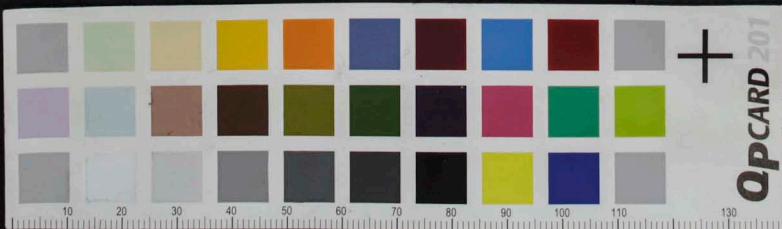
NEW PROGRAMMES FOR RADIO ANGUILLA

Commencing Sunday 9 November several changes and additions will be made to Radio Anguilla programmes in an effort to give more variety to the programme schedule.

At 6 o'clock Sunday a new series begins called "Portrait of our Times" these are profiles of the world's leading citizens: U. Thant, Bertrand Russell, Present Nixon, Mrs. Ghandi, and others. At 1.15 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays two new programmes will be heard - "Techniques for the Tropica" and "Tropical Farmer" respectively on Mondays and Fridays. "Pick of the Pops" is a new programme at 5.00 p.m. Monday through Friday. New morning programmes include "Breakfast Session" at 7.20 a.m. and "Morning Music" at 8.00 a.m. The Radio Anguilla "Your Requests" will be extended for 15 minutes until 8.30 p.m. every night except Sunday.

MOUNT GAY TIMES

The Royal Engineers, have begun publication of a weekly news paper called, "The Mount Gay Times" It is mainly published for H.M. Forces Anguilla, and their relatives and friends back home. They have a staff of four with Steve Gough at the Editorial desk, John Reilly reporting, Kieth Day and Barrie Newton, in charge of production. In the first edition of October 21st carried a foreword by Lt. Col J.D. Waymark R.E. (Cont'd on Page 3)



ANGUILLA DROPS REPUBLIC TITLE:

(Reprinted from the Home Journal of St. Thomas V.I. Friday Oct. 31st. '69)

Anguilla has decided to relinquish its title claim as the world's newest republic in a move to pave the way for negotiations that will settle the island's undetermined future.

The declaration was made in St. Thomas Wednesday by Anguillan leader Ronald Webster who said: "We will lean over backwards in order to help bring about a speedy settlement".

He would then resort to his former position of chairman of the Council supervising Anguilla's affairs.

Webster addressed a capacity assembly of the student body of the College of the Virgin Islands on the weekly Ideas and Issues convocation of the College.

On the question of the Caribbean Commission which Britain requested to study the Anguillan problem and make recommendations. Webster said the panel will be welcomed to the island and will be given every opportunity to make a survey and get the views of the people.

"But", he declared, "we will not abide by the ruling if the Commission recommends our return to the St. Kitts-Nevis association. We have no intention to go back under the yoke of Bradshaw".

Years of neglect by Britain and the "repressive rule" of Premier Bradshaw's St. Kitts government sparked off Anguilla's revolt in 1967 when it proclaimed itself a republic.

British troops subsequently landed in Anguilla and were withdrawn.

MOUNT GAY TIMES (Cont. from Page 2)

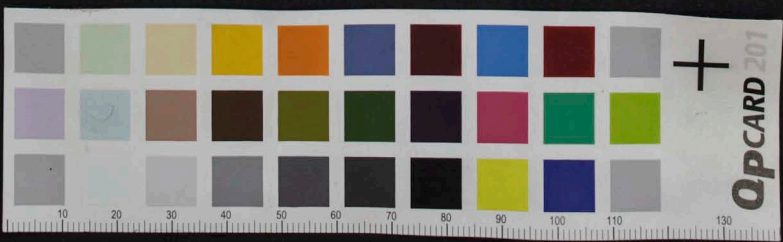
Commander of Forces Anguilla Col. Waymark wished the Mount Gay Times success, and added that "It will give all of us temporary residence in Anguilla, some innocent fun and also provide a light hearted record of our doings, both serious and social, for our families at home " He went on to outlay their role in Anguilla.

The Beacon welcomes The Mount Gay Times and wishes its staff the best of luck among its readers.

RADIO MEN MAKE 1,200 CONTACTS

A five-man amateur radio team of "hams" headed by Mr. Bert Iseman (VE3EUU) of Toronto, Canada and Mr. David Zelph (W9ZRX) of Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S.A. together with Mr. Jose Cijntje (PJ7JC) and Mr. Vicent La Bega (PJ7VL) of St. Martin and Mr. David Hirst of the R.E. Signals Corps made short-wave contact with more than 1,200 "ham" receivers all over the world during three nights of this week from October 27th.

Mr. Iseman and Mr. Zelph are business men whose hobby is short waveradio and, on holiday in the West Indies, the object was to reach as many other world contacts as possible. They also spent three nights in St. Lucia and three nights in St. Martin broadcasting to the world. They were in touch with an operator "Fred" in the Falkland islands who sent a message to H.M. Commissioner Tommy Thompson who served there last year. Among the far distant points reached Canada and the U.S.A., Germany, Great Britain, Australia, Japan, Kenya, the Arctic, France, Hong Kong and Many others - where, as a result, the name of Anguilla is better known than it was (Cont'd on Page 8)



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bad of Anguilla. When you have decided then act accordingly without favour. One might argue that this responsibility falls squarely on H.M. Commissioner's shoulders, but let us review the whole situation impartially. When H.M. Commissioner, Mr. Lee came in in March, he said that he was appointed to Administer Anguilla with the help of an advisory council, under the West Indies Act of 1967, which in itself meant, under the state Constitution. Anguillians, led by some politicians demonstrated against this. Then came Lord Caradon (the peace maker) and signed a declaration with the council, the main part said that ^{the} island would be administered by H.M. Commissioner in full consultation and cooperation with the council. The politicians demonstrated a change of Commissioner, forgetting all about the West Indies act of 1967. They got a few changes in Commissioners and yet the West Indies act of 1967 stands.

EDITORIAL:

The situation in Anguilla is entering a difficult period - a situation that has caused the teachers to join in one body with other Civil Servants to form one association. We are told that this has come about among other things - as a result of Political Interference on the Civil Servants.

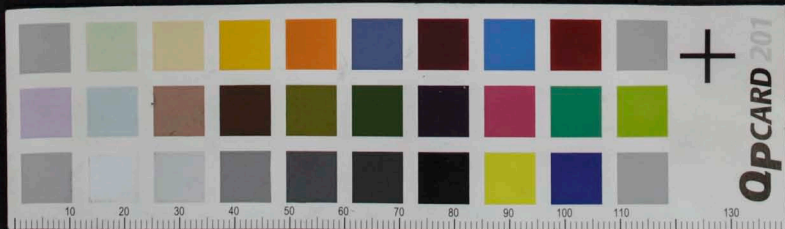
Last week our editorial outlined the circumstances leading up to the demotion of two Civil Servants. Attempts by some members of the Council to have the matter reviewed have been overruled by a majority in the Council.

The Civil Servants have been singled out from among others in the same category, and supposedly dealt with by H.M. Commissioner as a result of pressure from some members of the council. It is apparent here then that politicians as long as they are a majority in council can push any department around at their pleasure, especially in the light of their singling out two civil servants, while others under the same circumstances are left alone. If you deal with one, you should deal with all.

But that is not our policy. We should first examine whether the appointments are for the good or

Now we have two situations - all matters concerning Anguilla externally are dealt with by H.M. Commissioner. Apart from development aid from Britain everything is now at a stand still waiting the results of a Commission of inquiry. So that slows down a certain amount of progress.

Internally whatever is done will have political implications because H.M. Commissioner in carrying out the agreement signed with Lord Caradon has to consult and cooperate with the politicians. So that things will swing the way the politicians want them to. This is not good enough. If this is not the case then the Commissioner should accept the full responsibility of what ever happens. If it is that H.M. Commissioner acts as a result of the (Cont'd on page 5)



WOOD FOR ANGUILLA JETTY

The shipment of 500 tons of greenheart hard wood from Guyana is expected to arrive in Road Bay very shortly, the lumber is being conveyed to Anguilla by a barge towed by a large tug, operated by the Samos Company of Trinidad.

Men of the Royal Engineers will unload the greenheart logs on arrival on to the foreshore adjacent to the jetty site, after which the work will begin on the building of the Anguilla jetty.

Col. John Waymark, R.E. returned recently from a special flying visit to Georgetown, Guyana to hasten the delivery of the wood from Guyana Timbers Limited. The Construction of the new Anguilla Jetty at Road Bay is expected to take about sixteen weeks.

NEW ANGUILLA CHILDREN'S STORY

"The Treasure of Prickly Pear" is the title of a new and original three - part story about two Anguilla children, Peter and Jane, whose adventures will be heard on Radio Anguilla's "Children's Roundabout" from 8.15 to 8.45 a.m. commencing today, 8 November.

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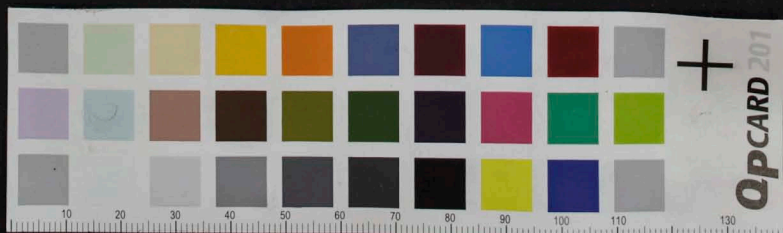
majority in Council, it all adds up to another position that could stagnate Anguilla. For which Civil Servant is going to stand up and see his fellow Civil Servants pushed around for a reasonable cause, with fear that he might be next, as a result of a decision by a politician whose policies he may not support? The line has to be drawn some-

where between Administration, Legislation and Judiciary, the three branches of Government.

This line cannot be drawn under the present arrangement surrounding Anguilla. Because of the Constitution our external affairs are at a stand still at the whims and fancies of politicians in St. Kitts. Because of the declaration signed with Lord Caradon it appears that the decisions in Anguilla are at the whims and fancies of the politicians here. It is quite apparent that the relations between the Civil Service and the politicians are being strained. Once again we call on all sides for some clear understanding. If the internal administration of the island is to be run without political interference then we call on the politicians to relinquish some power to H.M. Commissioner so he may be able to execute his job properly as far as it relates to internal Administration. At the same time we call on H.M.G. to take a harder line with Premier Bradshaw that may enable H.M. Commissioner to carry on with external matters without interference from him either. We do this while Lord Shepherd, Minister with responsibility for these States, is visiting, so that he may report to his government the difficulties surrounding Anguilla, and the need for a proper and speedy settlement of the situation.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Valley,
Nov. 4th., 1969

Dear Mr. Editor, I am endorsing all that you said in your editorials for the past weeks, especially Nov. 1st., also everything written by "moderate"; yet I think I should add that even a FOOL can see that the present Commissioner is tactless in showing quite plainly that he wants to create chaos in the (Cont'd on Page 8)



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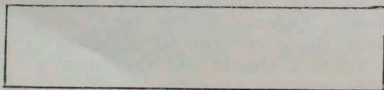
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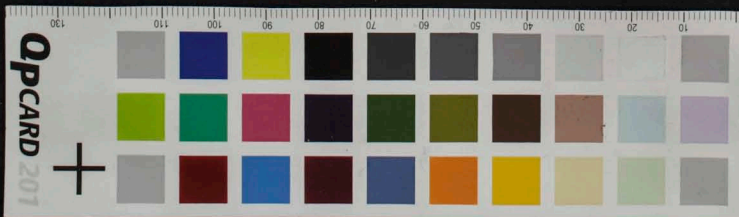
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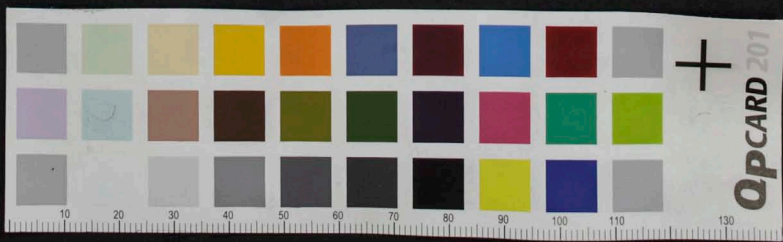
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before.

Before leaving the island on Thursday morning Mr. Iseman, on behalf of his group of five "hams" presented to Mr. Raphael Lake, Anguilla Commissioner of Boy Scouts, a full size 20m. beam-antenna complete with rotator and co-axial cable; the new scouts' antenna consists of a 20' boom with 26' elements which is expected to improve reception and sending for the Boy Scouts' amateur radio set. The gift was brought to the island on the schooner "Loving Star" for the presentation, and will be erected at the Boys Scouts' Headquarters in the valley.

PEN FRIEND WANTED

Dear Sir,

I am hoping to find some penfriends in Anguilla.

I am a married lady and also work in an office. I collect stamps, First Day Covers, Coins, Souvenirs, Post Cards and Dolls in National Costume.

I don't mind what age the pen friends are as I can usually find other people to write to the ones I cannot reply to. I will do my best to answer everyone who writes to me.

Sincerely yours,
(Mrs. Elsie Rowe)

P.O.Box 136, Queanbeyan, New South Wales, 2620, Australia.

A.T.&C.S.A. CALL ON H.M.C.

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We also learn that members of the association feel that all patience is exhausted and they are now

prepared for further action.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR (Cont'd from

Civil Service. He also knows that he agrees and strengthens the politicians in their spite against the Civil Servants.

Those two appointments whose salaries are disputed were made in Mr. Cumber's time, a man who was trying to improve conditions here, and Mr. Thompson has not anything to do with them, but instead what do we have, but a Commissioner asking a Civil Servant whose duties in a new post warrant the salary, to accept less, or resign? This is incredible; he agrees that those with their fat salaries and without any duties to perform should continue getting them, but the efficient, qualified clerk should resign, to keep him in favour of the greedy politicians.

Well, Anguilla belongs to us - not to him and them, and we have to put our foot on this matter.

If the civil servants who have to work daily have to get their salaries cut, then those with their fat salaries who only drive around aimlessly all day must stop getting theirs, or civil servants all stick together in a united front, for we are here to back you. Fight for one another; Strike if needs be, and let Thompson tell his home office why. They said, "Lee must go", Thanking you for space.

ONLOOKER

ED note: Name supplied and withheld at writers request.

