

Publication

SECTION 31 of the Ordinance concerning Public Roads in St. Croix, approved July 14, 1923 to take effect from July 1, 1923, reads thus:

"To provide for the maintenance and operation of the road machinery there shall be levied, assessed and collected by the Government from and after July 1, 1923, the following semi-annual fees which shall be payable on January 1st and July 1st respectively:

- (a) For passenger carrying automobiles not exceeding 2,200 lbs. Francs 40.00
- (b) For passenger carrying automobiles from 2,200 to 3,000 lbs. weight. " 50.00
- (c) For passenger carrying automobiles above 3,000 lbs. weight. " 75.00
- (d) For Auto Trucks or other freight vehicles under 3,000 lbs. " 50.00
- (e) For Auto Trucks or other freight vehicles above 3,000 lbs. " 125.00
- (f) For Auto Truck Trailers per ton capacity per trailer " 25.00

In default of this tax not being paid it shall be collected in the same manner as provided in the Horse, Carriage and Boat Tax Ordinance.

New licenses issued within the period shall be paid for proportionately."

The taxes due according to the above section for the second half of 1923 became due on July 1, 1923 and will be payable at the Police Offices on September 1, 1923 in the same manner as the Horse, Carriage and Boat Tax.

Tax-lists will be distributed by the Police Department and are required to be correctly filled out and returned to the respective Police Offices 2 days after receipt in the towns and 4 days after receipt in the country.

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States of America, St. Croix, August 3, 1923

R. E. BARRETT,
Despatching Secretary.

Mails Close

for the United States and other places via New York by s. s. Guiana at 4 p. m. today 6th.

LOCAL

The s. s. Romanita with mails, cargo and passengers made the usual call at this port on Saturday last. The following is the passenger list to and fro:

Aug. 4th: From St. Thomas:—Hazel

Gleazon, Mildred Hogan, Christian Nielsen, Agnes Paulus, Elpida O'Neal, O'Neil Hendersen, Lloyd Hendersen, Thos. J. Rice. From San Juan:—Leolen Jacobs.

Aug. 5th. For St. Thomas:—Rev. Fr. Thos. Gummer, Miss Rosamond Lanclos, Mrs. Esther Malone & 3 Children, Miss Elizabeth Testamark, Miss Sarah E. Christian.

It was announced yesterday in St. John's Church that a Memorial Service for the late President Harding will be held at 10 o'clock on Friday morning.

On later consideration the special concert by the Native Brass Band was not given last night.

Before a large number of spectators on the Holger Danske Ground yesterday afternoon the Athletic Football Club was defeated by the Dreadnought. The score being D. 1 goal, A. 0.

In this issue there will be found the latest cable and radio news relative to the event of the President's death. The official funeral will take place at Washington on Wednesday and the interment at Marion, Ohio, the President's birthplace, on Friday. Of course no official memorial service can be held here inasmuch as the liberal Government of the United States, the most liberal government in the world, does not subscribe to any sectarianism although the country is a Christian country; but this sad occasion will be marked by other evidences of respect and reverence for the lamented President during the mourning period to September 2nd.

The police raided and captured 2 stills in operation at Est La Grange on Saturday. One of the accused was held on \$300 bail. Defendants have retained Noll and Curry it is reported. The stuff was being made from factory molasses; evidently St. Croix still has wet leanings after two years of prohibition enforcement; something like the States.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. L. Merwin are leaving for the States by the s. s. Guiana tomorrow for an extended vacation in the interest of Mr. Merwin's health. We wish them an enjoyable holiday and that Mr. Merwin will return fully benefited, strong and hearty.

OFFICIAL NOTES FOR THE PRESS.

The Governor has directed the Despatching Secretary to have the public buildings draped in mourning as a mark of respect during the period of official mourning for President Harding.

The Governor has further requested that all photographs of the late Presi-

dent appearing in public places be draped in black.

Flags will be continued at half-mast until the funeral, the date of which has not been set.

It is requested that private owners co-operate in this movement.

Period of thirty days mourning prescribed from 4th August to 2nd September, both days inclusive.

The public will be informed of the date of the funeral through the press.

R. E. BARRETT,
Despatching Secretary.

The following radiogram, received from His Excellency the Governor, is quoted for the information and guidance of all concerned:

"Please inform the civilian personnel of the various Government Departments in St. Croix that the Governor would appreciate it if they would wear a mourning badge during the thirty day period of mourning as a token of respect to our late President. The following badge should be worn on the left arm midway between the shoulder and elbow and should consist of a band of black crape or similar material three inches wide."

R. E. BARRETT,
Despatching Secretary.

August 3rd, 1923.

His Excellency the Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States dispatched the following radiogram to Mrs. Warren G. Harding this morning:

"Please accept sincere condolence and heartfelt sympathy of the inhabitants of the Virgin Islands of the United States in your hour of sorrow and bereavement."

R. E. BARRETT,
Despatching Secretary.

The Body of President Harding on its way to Washington

W. I. & P. Telegraph Co.

San Francisco, Calif., August 3rd.—The body of President Harding was placed in a hearse at the Palace Hotel this afternoon and started for the Northern Pacific Station, where it was placed aboard a special train and started on its way to Washington. Five army airplanes from the Presidio flew over the Palace Hotel in battle formation just as President Harding's body was placed in the hearse. The planes flew from the hotel to the train. Upon arrival in Washington on Tuesday the body will be taken immediately to the east room of the White House, thence on Wednesday morning to the Capitol to lie in state until the late afternoon, when the funeral services will be held in the Capitol rotunda. It