

ST. MARY'S MOVIES.

Tuesday, May 15, 1923 8.15 P.M.

CHARLES RAY

IN

19th and Phillis

6 REEL COMEDY.

1 REEL EXTRA.

PRICES:

Reserved Seats 25c.
General Admission 15 & 10c.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORT No. 35. Week Ending May 11, 1923. Municipality of St. Croix.

School	Class	Percent of Pupils not tardy.	Percent of Attendance.
Christiansted Jr. High	Jr. High	98.25	100.00
Frederiksted	Public	94.21	99.60
La Vallee	Rural	100.00	99.09
Frederiksted Jr. High	Jr. High	98.74	98.78
Diamond	Rural	100.00	98.69
Christiansted	Public	97.33	97.23
Peter's Rest	Rural	100.00	97.20
Friedensfeld	Rural	98.23	95.92
La Princess	Rural	93.91	95.81
Frederiksted Senior High		100.00	80.00

OBITUARY.

The death of Miss Anita Bishop, 18 years occurred at noon yesterday at the Children's Home, this town. The funeral to which all friends and acquaintances are invited is fixed for 4.30 o'clock this afternoon. The deceased was one of the wards of the home at Frederiksted and came to Christiansted for change following illness.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from Saturday's Avis.)

Government Secretary (Gaffney) remarked: Mr. Chairman. One more point—I stated in my remarks that the Government of the Virgin Islands wants a real property tax and a personal property tax. In the meeting of the Committee of the whole House a proposal was made to trade the personal tax for a local income tax in addition to the Federal Income Tax. That proposal was reconsidered by the Committee and withdrawn.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman. That's wholly wrong. I always understood that whatever is said or done in Committee is private. That's why we had a Committee. I don't think what was said there should be repeated in the Council.

Government Secretary (Gaffney) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I would like to have pointed out to me what secrecy there can be in a Committee of the whole House.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman. If members know there is no secrecy in a committee our procedure will assume quite a different stand. I always considered what transpired in committee is private. If that is the stand taken by the Government Secretary, I am afraid it will change our attitude in committee very much.

3rd Member for Christiansted Country District (Robt. W. Skeoch) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I can substantiate what the Honorable 2nd Member has said, for in the last meeting of the Committee of the whole House a request was made by a newspaper man that he be allowed to be present at the meeting and that request was turned down. It is understood that committee matters are always private.

Government Secretary (Gaffney) remarked: Mr. Chairman. This is the first time I have heard that any committee meeting to which Government is invited the deliberations are secret unless by express agreement at the time in question.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I would like to go on record again. I have no objection whatsoever to the system of taxation as proposed and amended, but the argument with which it is brought to the Council is against my heart. The introduction of it is based upon the fallacious remarks that this island has a tax system which is unfair, unjust and archaic. I will vote

for the measure if it comes to a vote, but I am against the form in which it has been brought to us.

The Chairman remarked: Honorable Members it is now four o'clock and if no further discussion is desired I will put to the vote whether 1st discussion should be closed.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) proposed that 1st discussion be closed.

5th Appointed Member (McIntosh) seconded the member's proposal.

The Chairman put the proposal to the vote.

13 members voted for; none against.

1st Discussion closed.

The Chairman then gave a recess of 20 minutes.

4th Member for Christiansted Country District (Ramsay) left the meeting during the recess.

After recess the Council reassembled and the Chairman asked members to prepare their voting tickets for the election of 4 men to serve on the Electoral Board.

13 voting tickets were handed in.

Elected were: 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata), 3rd Member for Christiansted Country District (Robt. W. Skeoch) with 12 votes respectively, 2nd Member for Frederiksted Town (Merwin) with 9 votes and 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Fleming) with 8 votes.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Coulter), 3rd Member for Frederiksted Country District (M. M. Skeoch) with 4 votes respectively, 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) 2 votes and 3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Alexander) and 3rd Appointed Member (Armstrong) one vote respectively.

The Chairman remarked: Regarding the meeting in St. Thomas our Assistant took some stenographic notes and has made a report. I will lay the report on the table today and hereafter any member can see it in the Council Office.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): In connection with that I would like to know whether the expenses of the members who went to St. Thomas are to be paid out of the Council Maintenance?

The Chairman remarked: In reply to the Honorable 2nd Member for Christiansted Town I have to state that it was thoroughly understood that the expenses of the members who went to St. Thomas will be paid out of the Council Maintenance. The Government Secretary told me that arrangements were made with the proprietor of the Grand Hotel and America Hotel for accommodation for the Members. All those who paid their bill in St. Thomas will please send them in to the Assistant who will make out a voucher for the amount and I will approve the bill to be paid out of Maintenance.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood)