

S T. CROIX AVIS

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORT No. 40. Week Ending June 13, 1924. Municipality of St. Croix.

School	Class	Percent of Pupils not tardy.	Percent of Attendance.
La Vallee	Rural	100.00	103.00
Frederiksted	Public	97.66	92.28
Christiansted	Jr. High	96.02	98.51
Diamond	Rural	100.00	98.44
Christiansted	Public	93.66	97.69
Frederiksted	Jr. High	93.38	96.61
Peter's Rest	Rural	100.00	95.87
La Princesse	Rural	88.57	94.62
Friedensfeld	Rural	94.58	87.03

LOCAL

The quantity of mail for Christiansted mentioned in our issue of Saturday last should have been 130 instead of 70 bags, that being the number received. The mail-car had to make two turns and the truck sustained some accident, on which account the large parcel post came in only around 8 p. m. The post office looks more like a warehouse with the shipments of mercantile goods, a large percentage if not all of which would come by freight if the steamer called at the port.

A fine concert was rendered in the bandstand last night by the Industrial Brass Band and with bright moonlight was greatly enjoyed by a large crowd.

PERSONAL.

We wish to join the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Markoe and family of Frederiksted in congratulating them on the good and encouraging news they received by cablegram yesterday to the effect that their eldest son Rupert would graduate today at the Medical School of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he has been qualifying in the humanitarian profession of medical doctor since his graduation in June 1920 at the Agricultural and Mechanics Arts College of the University of Porto Rico in polytechnic science. Dr. Markoe goes in a few days to fill an appointment in the Dunbar Memorial Hospital, Detroit, Mich. We wish him a long and brilliant career of usefulness to mankind. As a son of the soil we are proud of him.

The special service held at the Kings-hill Lutheran Church on the occasion of the 40 year wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson was largely attended and was an interesting event, Rev. J. P. Christensen of Christiansted presided and delivered an inspiring address.

OFFICIAL NOTES.

In accordance with paragraph 20 of

the Colonial Law, His Excellency, the Governor of the Virgin Islands, has appointed the following named gentlemen members of the Electoral Board for the period from 2 June, 1924 to 1 June, 1925:

Mr. Innis Behagen, for the Town and Suburbs of Christiansted.

Mr. A. V. Nelthropp, for the Country District of Christiansted.

Mr. W. H. Fleming, for the Town and Suburbs of Frederiksted.

Mr. A. J. Blackwood, for the Country District of Frederiksted.

At the meeting of the Colonial Council held on Monday, 2 June, 1924, the following gentlemen were elected by Council to serve on the Electoral Board for the period from 2 June, 1924 to 1 June, 1925:

Dr. D. C. Canegata, for the Town and Suburbs of Christiansted.

Mr. Robt. W. Skeech, for the Country District of Christiansted.

Mr. Robt. L. Merwin, for the Town and Suburbs of Frederiksted.

Mr. M. M. Skeech, for the Country District of Frederiksted.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The Garden Party on the grounds of the Frederiksted Public Grammar School was well attended on Friday evening. Mr. Francis states that he has received close to \$100.00 for the Piano Fund. The program was excellent and enjoyed by all. The success of this Garden Party was largely due to the contributing efforts of the children, parents, teachers and principal of the school, and to the Committee.

The boys in the Manual Training Departments are getting ready for the Exhibit which is to be ready by June 25th. In the Frederiksted Public Grammar School there will be a supply of straw bottom chairs which have been made by the pupils. In the Junior High Schools there will be bedsteads, chairs, tables and tabourets.

Mr. Otis Browne who has been ill for the past weeks is now reported much improved and able to take up his work again as teacher in the Frederiksted Public Grammar School.

The teachers of St. Croix have expressed by vote an almost unanimous decision for Amadeo I. Francis to represent them as a delegate to the N. E. A. Convention at Washington, D. C., the latter part of this month. The two candidates in the field for the Virgin Islands are Mr. Sebastian Lefee of St. John and Mr. Amadeo I. Francis of Frederiksted, St. Croix. No report has as yet been received from St. Thomas this week as to who may be elected.

The Red Cross Roll Call

The Red Cross does a marvelous work. Every member can know that his dollar travels literally around the world, to bind up wounds and comfort the afflicted. Do you know what your Home Service Committee is doing? I know you don't. Hundreds of our poor and needy are being cared for. Food orders given and the Welfare of their children looked after.

The Seventh Annual Roll Call of the Chapter is drawing to a close. You all remember the goal fixed, are we going to reach it? The Red Cross must have large revenues to do the work in which it is engaged every day in the year in some part of the world, but wisely recognizes the fact that, its capacity for enduring service, rest more on human cooperation and human interest than on its financial resources.

Every body ought to be a member of the Red Cross, it belongs to every body and every body ought to belong to it.

It has but one mission, it knows but one purpose, and that mission and purpose are the alleviation of wretchedness, the softing of calamity, the reparation of disaster.

It would be a bond of sympathetic union that would be felt in our own community life, as well as in the life of the whole world. For when men and women enroll under such a banner, the influence of the motive which inspires this membership must inevitably react ednoblingly upon themselves.

Therefore let us answer the Roll Call.

REPORT AND ESTIMATE ON IRRIGATION POSSIBILITIES ON ISLAND OF ST. CROIX, VIRGIN ISLANDS, U. S. A.

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(Continued from yesterday's Avis)

40. It is the opinion of Mr. Folmer Andersen, present manager of the West India Sugar Factory, the principal sugar company of the Island, that the percentage runoff as shown by Plate 2 is too conservative. From brief studies he has made he is of the opinion that a 30 line rain will result in a 30% runoff. His conclusions may be correct for a single rain storm of 30 lines in a short period, but for average conditions it is the writer's belief that the results of this curve should stand until disproven by actual records. The keeping of such runoff records is the most urgent need of the Island at this time in connection with irrigation studies and no final conclusions should be reached or money expended on irrigation construction until a reasonable period—a few years—of such data is secured. These records can be kept at a but very little expense,