

NOTICE.

THE sewing of the American Red Cross has been closed for the season, and will be re-started again at 3 o'clock on WEDNESDAY afternoon, the 11TH JANUARY 1922 (D. V.), when it is hoped for a large attendance.

MRS. S. A. SMITH,
Chairman of the Workroom.

Christiansted, 4th Dec. 1922

St. Croix Graded Grammar School

Amendment of School Regulations

AT a meeting of the Board of the above school the following was adopted and incorporated into the School Regulations, as paragraph 3a:

Periods of vacation shall be included in the school-year and fees collected for such periods at regular rates.

Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, November 30, 1921

Notice! Notice! Notice!

The Christiansted Entertaining Company

WILL GIVE

A Variety Entertainment

AT THE

Labor Union's Hall, Christiansted

on

Wednesday Evening Dec. 7,
1921

AT 8 P. M.

Programme consists of Dialogues, Songs and Recitations, which will be shared at the hall on the night of the entertainment.

Come and hear for yourselves the latest popular song entitled St. Croix as "The Garden of the Virgin Islands", which will be sang by the well-known Suprano and Alto Miss M. Hendricks and M. Stevens.

Price for admission to door as follows:

Reserved Seats.....25c.
General Entrance.....20c.
Children.....10c.

Doors open at 7 p. m. Performance at 8 o'clock sharp. Tickets will be sold at the Union Office.

G. BASTIAN,
Manager.

EDITORIAL.

In this issue we reprint a Christmas Message from the Postmaster General

to the Boys and Girls of the United States which has been furnished us by the postmaster and to the subject of which the attention of everybody is invited. It is to be hoped that one and all of us will exercise due effort this busy season to the proper preparation, addressing, and stamping of mail, and to posting letters and parcels as early as practicable, not to hold them to the last moment and thereby not alone impose extra strain on the service, but increase the chance of delay in delivery. The postmaster tells us that plans for meeting the rush incident to Xmas have been carefully worked out and with the co-operation of the public better service than ever may be attained. By the kind concurrence of the Assistant Director of Education the message referred to will be read in all the public schools today.

LOCAL.

The Native Brass Band delivered its concert yesterday afternoon. The selections were choice and well rendered and the music as a whole deserves much appreciation and commendation.

The football match played at the Parade Ground resulted in a draw, the Red Sox and Fearless teams scoring one goal each.

Both the schooners, Vigilant and Zura which recently made trips to Porto Rico have returned to this port.

We welcome home Messrs Hans A. Bishop and Ernest A. Johnson who were among the passengers from New York by the S. S. Fort St. George.

The Trail of the Octopus will be continued at Christiansted Theatre this evening. See programme in this number.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

Washington, November 22, 1921.

To the BOYS and GIRLS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Christmas is almost here.

Your great Post Office Department has a big job ahead and needs your help.

Think what it means to be Santa Claus to our 100,000,000 people and to deliver Christmas parcels to every family in this great country within the short space of a few days and without disappointment.

It can be done, and we're going to do it if we may have your help. I want to enlist the active assistance of every boy and girl in the schools of our country in getting parcels mailed THIS WEEK to relieve the rush that comes directly before Christmas.

Will you go home to-day and take this message to your parents and friends:

"Our postmaster has asked us to mail our Christmas parcels THIS WEEK, for, unless we do, Uncle Sam's load may be so heavy the last few days before Christmas that he won't be able to deliver all the presents by Christmas eve."

The parcels must be well wrapped and tied and addressed plainly in order that they may arrive in good condition with their Christmasy appearance unspoiled. You can put on your packages, "Do not open until Christmas."

And, there must be a number on your box and a mail receptacle, too, for, if there isn't, Santa Claus's messenger, your letter carrier, may not be able to find the house where the present belongs.

There are some other things, too, in which you can all assist in improving the mail service and in saving our great Government millions of dollars a year that is now wasted because of our carelessness — yours and mine.

Every day that you drop a letter in the mail box 40,000,000 other letters are already pushing and jamming through the postal machinery. One letter a day for each family of five persons in the United States is given to Uncle Sam to deliver.

When you send a parcel to the post office for mailing any day there are about 8,000,000 other parcels ahead of yours passing through the postal hopper. This is in ordinary days; at Christmas time it is multiplied many times.

One family in about every ten puts a badly addressed letter in the mail every day. This mixes up over 2,000,000 half addressed letters with the 20,000,000 fully addressed letters. That means that the fully addressed letters must wait on the slow moving poorly addressed letters just like the larger boys and girls are delayed by a bunch of "bad kids" tagging along.

You boys and girls can help the Postal Service and save your father some money, because he has to help pay the cost of searching addresses on letters and parcels sent out by this one careless and thoughtless family in every ten.

First find out if your family is the careless one, then bear in mind that your letters must be handled by skilled mail distributors standing in post offices and on swaying postal cars of a mile a minute mail trains, often under poor light.

The address on every letter, card, or package must be correct, complete, and legible, including the house number and name of street, and the "From" address should be in the upper left-hand corner so that the mail will be returned to you in case it is not delivered. Do not abbreviate names of States, because so many look alike when abbreviated.

Put the proper amount of postage on your letters and wrap the parcels carefully. Avoid fancy writing, which causes post-office clerks and letter carriers to stop and study, and thus lose time.