

S T. C R O I X A V I S

In order to afford the people of Porto Rico an opportunity to see the United States Navy in its manœuvres at Culebra, authority has been granted the Bull Insular Line Steamship Co. operating the s. s. CATHERINE on the mail route between Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands to observe the following schedule on the trip due to leave San Juan on the 15th instant, providing for sailing one day ahead at the ports of call:

Leave San Juan Thursday 14th at 9 p. m.—Arrive at St. Thomas Friday 15th at 6 a. m.

Leave St. Thomas Friday 9 a. m.—Arrive Frederiksted Friday 1 p. m.

Leave Frederiksted Saturday 2 p. m.—Arrive St. Thomas Saturday 6 p. m.

Leave St. Thomas Saturday midnight.—Arrive Culebra Sunday 6 a. m.

Leave Culebra Sunday 6 p. m.—Arrive San Juan Sunday 10 p. m.

The mails close at Christiansted at 10 a. m. Saturday 16th instead of Sunday.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORT No. 21
Week Ending Feb. 8, 1924.
Municipality of St. Croix.

School	Class	Percent of Pupils not tardy.	Percent of Attendance.
Frederiksted Jr. High		100.00	100.00
Christiansted Jr. High		99.30	99.44
Frederiksted Public		99.10	99.42
Diamond Rural		100.00	99.25
Christiansted Public		98.87	98.06
La Vallee Rural		100.00	95.45
Peter's Rest Rural		100.00	95.38
La Princesse Rural		97.92	94.58
Friedensfeld Rural		97.00	91.60

LOCAL

Thirty six bags mail via the s. s. CATHERINE were received and delivered here on Saturday evening. The postmaster requests us to bring to the notice of the public that the post office is open every Saturday evening after arrival of the mail for the purpose of making delivery of the same to the general public, and to boxholders of such matter as could not be placed in their boxes, and that it would be much appreciated if people would take the intended advantage of this service on Saturday evenings instead of waiting until Sunday morning to request all manner of service which they could have obtained at the proper time the night before. The various excuses why people call on Sunday mornings is indicative of an indifference to the fact that the post office is opened then for other business, it is advised, and in the future one and all will please get post office service on Saturday or wait until Monday.

The Native Brass Band rendered a fine programme in the bandstand last night

much to the enjoyment of a large gathering.

Tomorrow being Lincoln's birthday and proclaimed by His Excellency the Governor as a public holiday there will be no issue of this paper.

Correspondence

HEADQUARTERS—FEDERAL COMMISSION
TO THE VIRGIN ISLANDS (1924)

Pentheny's Hotel,
Christiansted, St. Croix,
February 9, 1924.

To:
His Excellency, Governor Philip Williams,
Governor of the Virgin Islands, U. S. A.
The Honorable William S. Zane,
Government Secretary.

The Honorable R. E. Barrett,
Despatching Secretary.

The Colonial Councils in joint session,
The Various Public Officials, Municipal
and Federal, of the Island of St. Croix.
The Churches, Labor Organizations and
Societies of the Island of St. Croix.

Captain L. P. Guy and his splendid Crew
of the U. S. S. Grebe.

The Individual Citizens and Natives of
the Virgin Islands,

The Public Press of St. Croix,

The many thousands of friends who met
the United States Commission to the Vir-
gin Islands upon its arrival in Christian-
sted on the late afternoon of February 2,
1924, and to all to whom these presents
may come.

RESPECTFUL GREETING:

I wish to hereby express my deep appre-
ciation for all the courtesies extended to
the Commission during its stay at the
ports of Christiansted and Frederiksted
and its many visits over the Island of
St. Croix during the last 7 days of its
visit and investigation on the Island of
St. Croix.

The Commission has been deeply
touched by the great kindness extended
to it by The Honorable R. E. Barrett,
Despatching Secretary, and by all of the
Officers and Members of the various or-
ganizations who have done so much to
enlighten the Commission and to give
prominent and helpful aid in the course
of its investigation.

We wish to especially thank the Gov-
ernor of these Islands and his Secretary
and the Officers of his Staff for placing
at the disposal of this Commission every
service the Government of the United
States could possibly give.

We cannot too highly praise and thank
the action of the Colonial Council which
invited us to attend its session and did
everything in its power to clarify our
work and lighten our labors. Again,

we must express our appreciation to the
Superintendent of the Public Schools and
the Medical Director of the Island for
the splendid manner in which we find
their work, so splendidly managed in St.
Thomas and further extended to the Is-
land of St. Croix. We wish to also
thank the Director of Police, in fact,
all of the Federal and Municipal Au-
thorities for their great courtesy and
kindness to us at all times.

The Commission's interest is still with
the humblest people of these islands,
and we shall not cease to continue our
work in behalf of the man and the wo-
man, the boy and girl, who make their
living by humble and honest toil, and to
them we wish to say that, while leaving
the Islands, we do not thereby sever our
interest in these people. No set of men
were ever treated with more kind and
generous consideration than that which
the humble people of the Virgin Islands
have so readily extended to us on each
and every occasion, and our pledge to
these people, now and hereafter, is that
whatever we are able to do to help im-
prove their condition, shall be unhesitat-
ingly and promptly done. We desire
that our absence from the Islands shall
not create an absence of our interest in
the Islands, and if anyone has been over-
looked, we desire these people individu-
ally or collectively to have the right and
privilege to write us in the United
States. You may write the undersigned
either at his personal address in the City
of Des Moines, Iowa, as follows: George
H. Woodson, 1324 W. Jefferson Ave., Des
Moines, Iowa, or you may write me as
follows: George H. Woodson, Chairman,
U. S. Commission to the Virgin Islands
(1924), c/o U. S. Department of Labor,
Washington, D. C. In either case your
mail is reasonably sure to reach me, and
if the first letter is not answered within
a reasonable length of time, you should
write me again.

Gratefully and affectionately your hum-
ble fellow and friend.

GEORGE H. WOODSON,
*Chairman, United States Commission
to the Virgin Islands, 1924.*

Watertown, N. Y.
En Route,
Jan. 31st, 1924.

Editor of the St. Croix Avis.

Dear Sir: I am happy to be able to read
about Mr. Merwin's activities in connec-
tion with the water supply and irrigation
plant, which is the ONE BIG thing, that
means prosperity for the islands.

There was a time, not too far distant
when Mr. Merwin was classified among
those white men, who were to be packed
in corn sacks and thrown overboard.

Happily however he managed to survive
all this and after waiting in vain to see
anything constructive out of selfish lead-
ership, made two successful trips to
Washington for the good of our people.