

Concert On The Wharf

BY

U. S. Navy Band, St. Thomas, V. I.,

ALTON A. ADAMS, Bandmaster

8:30 to 9:30

Tuesday Evening 21st Aug. 1923.

1. March Hands Across The Sea
2. Overture... Le Bomino Noir... Auber
3. Waltz..... Danube Waves
4. Serenade... Mountain Maiden's Dream
5. Selection... The Dollar Princess... Fall

STAR-SPANGLED BANNER.

EDITORIAL.

The Bulletin of St. Thomas of August 15th reprints an article from the N. Y. Times of Aug. 4, "Relief for Virgin Islands" by Miss Johanna C. Colcord who will be remembered as Red Cross field representative here just over a year ago. The review of affairs in the islands is interestingly presented and considered by the writer. The following pertinent comments are striking: "It seems hard on the people of St. Thomas that ships which are the means of livelihood should be kept out of their harbor because of the remote chance of breaking the prohibition laws, when there is little to hinder a wholesale breaking of the law via the illicit sloop traffic from Tortola." * * * "I believe that their efforts (the efforts of Virgin Islanders) should be directed toward enlightening our Government as to the great and disastrous changes which have resulted in St. Thomas because we have confused a port of call with a port of entry. It always creates difficulties when we try to treat unlike things the same way."

Italics are ours. Ed. St. Croix Avis.

There is much favorable comment on the film "Beautiful Denmark" screened at the Christiansted Theatre on Saturday night last. We were present at the theatre and wondered at the lack of a more generous attendance. Now it appears that many persons who would otherwise have attended the show had the impression that only members of the Danish club and others specially invited were welcome, hence the absence of a large number. For this reason it is requested that the management of the theatre arrange to repeat that evening's entertainment. The scenery of old Holger Danske land was all that those who know it would recognize and appreciate and as would be a treat to those not familiar with the old country; it is like taking a trip in your chair.

A report by the School Director covering the lunch fund for the period ended Aug. 18th will be found in this issue.

Rural School Lunch Report

FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1923.

Name of School	Number of Meals Served	Total Cost	Balance in Food Remaining Unexpended
Diamond	30,227	\$255.44	\$ 0.62
Peter's Rest	11,568	130.37	1.04
Friedensfeld	14,360	164.16	5.49
La Princesse	5,906	91.01	4.25
La Vallee	3,385	50.54	4.86
Supplies on hand in store room unexpended June 30, 1923			
and distributed August 16, 1923.....			36.54
	65,446	\$691.52	\$52.80
			691.52

TOTAL AMOUNT OF FOOD ACCOUNTED FOR.....\$744.32

Contributions from Home Service Committee, St. Croix Chapter A.R.C.	\$130.30
" " Friends in Santo Domingo (Mr. Bough).....	45.24
" " Tribune Office and other Citizens.....	49.00
" " Colonial Council.....	\$500.00
" " Allotted St. Ann's (Catholic). 108.06	
" " Amount available for Public Rural Schools.....	391.94
" " Various sources (Private citizens), School Gardens	
U. S. Experiment Station, U. S. Marines, etc....	127.84

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS.....\$ 744.32

I have tried to be brief in the above tabulated report, and it does not go into details that may be of interest to some. The names of people who made cash contributions in most instances appeared in the local papers.

The total amount of food distributed is greater than \$744.32. The U. S. Marines gave twelve large loaves of bread on Wednesday each week for a long period of time. The value of this food was not recorded by the principals. Two ladies, I believed it was Mrs. Crowe and a friend of hers, prepared a large basket of blackberry tarts (49) which were divided between La Princesse and Peter's Rest Schools. In looking over the record book, I find no credit in money value for this gift. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, merchants of Estate Diamond & Ruby, gave a complete dinner to every child in each country School.

The Cooperative Butchery in Christiansted gave about \$35.00 worth of corned beef which was distributed for a period of about six weeks to various rural schools daily and in most instances the money value of the meat was not known and hence not recorded in the record book. One local citizen, whose name I do not recall, gave a tub full of salted mackerel which was given to the Friedensfeld School. A few merchants in both towns gave either a bag of meal or white flour which was delivered to the schools in their district. This was in the beginning of the campaign and was recorded only as a gift without any entry as a money value.

The school gardens furnished large quantities of fresh vegetables for consumption in the soup. With the exception of string beans, tomatoes, egg plant and carrots everything raised in the garden went into the school lunch. The U. S. Experiment Station at Anna's Hope distributed large quantities of okra from time to time. The Red Cross School Nurse in conjunction with the Home Service Committee in each town rendered excellent assistance. Soup ladles and cups were also furnished by the Red Cross in some of the schools.

If all the details were known, I could perhaps go on naming many more contributions to the school lunch. I believe that \$1,000 comes nearer to representing the total amount contributed from all sources.

Before closing this report I again want to thank all who helped to make the lunch a success. It gave me more work and trouble than I had anticipated, yet considering the smiling faces of the children as they ate their portion and the marked progress in their physical growth and increased attention to their lessons, I look upon it as one of the successful health projects in the history of the schools of St. Croix.

Sincerely,

ARTHUR E. LINDBORG,
Director of Education.

The lunch fund is a worthy item, but the Council refused to revote it, as it also rejected expenditures for establishing an advanced grade in the public school. Strangely enough the Council had pre-

viously urged the passage of an allowance to a private school with the object later on tabooed.

It would [be a splendid idea to allow