

"WHO IS NUMBER ONE?"

Publication.

THE general repairs of the Public Roads shall commence on 1st October, and be completed for inspection by 31st January.

Repairs of bridges, side-walls, etc., are included.

Until the reassignment of the roads can be made, all parties are bound to keep in repair their present holdings, and as soon as labor can be obtained, it is imperative that the holes in roads be filled, especially on the Center Line.

The boundary-posts shall be inscribed with the full name of the Estate, or personal holder, and not initialed only: as for example, "Anna's Hope", not A. H. "John Thomas", not J. T.

Signed: EDGAR W. MEYER.
Chairman of Road Commission.

St. Croix, Sept. 23rd 1921.

SHINGLES

They can be had from

ROBT. L. MERWIN & CO., INC.
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LOCAL.

The boxing exhibition and movie show at the theatre last night drew a large house and proved as entertaining as everyone could wish. In addition to the professional boxing by Fighting Boney and Kid Cornelius, several local hitters sparred a few rounds. The address by Mr. Bonaparte was highly interesting and listened to with great interest as the speaker outlined the life which he spent in the German prison camp.

Sub-Chaser 62 left this port at 1.30 p. m., yesterday.

PREPARING THE WAY.

(By Joanna Colcord.)

During the five months in which the

ST. CROIX

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORT No. 5.
Week Ending September 9, 1921.

SCHOOL	CLASS	PERCENTAGE
Annaly	Rural	100.00
Christiansted Junior		
High	Urban	99.71
Christiansted Public		97.18
Frederiksted Junior		
High		96.94
La Princesse	Rural	94.08
Frederiksted Public	Urban	93.97
Friedensfeld	Rural	92.52
Diamond		92.15
Peter's Rest		84.84

ST. THOMAS

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Week Ending September 9, 1921.

SCHOOL	CLASS	PERCENTAGE
Senior High	Urban	100.00
Sixth Grades		99.86
Junior High		99.46
Monroe	Rural	99.43
Nisky		99.30
Washington	Urban	98.79
Jeffersen		98.04
Lincoln		97.58
Town		96.81
Madison	Rural	89.10
St. John		71.88

Insular and Foreign Division has had representatives in the Virgin Islands, much has been done to revive chapter organization and to launch and promote various social projects to improve living conditions in these; our newest possessions.

The Red Cross staff in the Virgin Islands now numbers four. The two Chapters are at St. Thomas and St. Croix.

The social problems of St. Thomas are mostly urban those of St. Croix largely rural. St. Thomas encircles and lives upon its harbor, which has been a port of call for the world's shipping for many years, and its country dwellers are few in number. St. Croix on the other hand depends almost entirely on its country districts where it raises sugar cane, a fine grade of sea island cotton, and some cattle which are exported to Porto Rico "on the hoof."

In both Islands the town dwellings are old, but are of durable construction to withstand the ever-possible hurricane. In the country living conditions are exceedingly primitive. Room-overcrowding is very common and this, combined with the almost universal aversion throughout the islands to open windows

at night, makes a higher tuberculosis rate than is to be expected from a community where open air living is possible all the year round. Other communicable diseases are filariasis and its horrible final stage, elephantiasis, some trachoma and hookworm, the specific infections, and the ordinary children's diseases. There is practically no malaria and no typhoid in the islands.

The Departments of Health and Sanitation, under the direction of medical officers of the Navy, are waging constant warfare against these communicable diseases, and the infant death rate has been lowered and general health conditions improved during the last few years.

The public institutions of the Islands are surprisingly good in quality. The asylums for the aged, the lepers, and the insane, are models of cleanliness and of intelligent individualized care. The jail for long term prisoners in both islands is clean and humanely managed.

The following special activities are now being sponsored by the Red Cross:

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Three public libraries, equipped and installed with the co-operation of the American Library Association, have been opened in the three towns of the islands.

They were received by these communities with enthusiasm, and their use has shown a steady increase, especially among the children, which was appropriate, as the libraries were the gift of the Junior Red Cross.

The libraries now have been turned over to the municipalities; but a Red Cross supervising librarian will continue her work a few months longer to insure their running smoothly.

SCHOOL NURSING

Two public health nurses, one in each island, have been engaged in the physical examination of the school children, working jointly under the departments of education and health in the local Government. In general fewer serious defects have been found among the island's school children than was anticipated; but a large number of cases needing attention to tonsils, teeth and eyes have been discovered, some of the latter being "under suspicion" as trachoma. As there is no regular oculist in the islands and no complete outfit for refracting the eyes in the municipal hospital of St. Croix, The Red Cross has agreed to supply such an outfit for use in this island according to specifications laid down by the Medical Department. This gift will make possible the care of the eyes of the school children and of the adult population as well.

Among the special Red Cross gifts have been included a small appropriation