

United States Press Representatives' Visit To St. Croix, Virgin Islands, U. S. A.

THURSDAY February 21st, 1924.

AS REVIEWED BY BUMBLE BEE EN ROUTE

(Continued from Saturday's Avis.)

Continuing our journey to the east certainly in search of light, we meet new road construction now underway made possible by the generosity of our late Governor Hough who approved the bill of the council for a twelve ton Road Roller and Scarifier with its accompanying Stone Crusher, and now modern repairs are going on apace.

We now approach the fertile estate "Whim", the residence on which was originally built as a Roman Catholic Chapel but never used as such.

Whim estate was a large producer of rum but since the drastic Volstead Act has stretched its arms to St. Croix, it has become a cattle estate.

Our next view on the left is the remains of "Two Williams" School house built about 1840 and destroyed in the hurricane of August 7, 1899; continuing on the right we pass the Estate "Carlton" whose old Great House was also destroyed in the hurricane of 1899 completely demolishing the old residence. The house occupying the present site was built about 1900 by the late Robert Skeoch a famous old Scotchman and one of the best and most just of our old planters. Before his time back in the 50's of the last century the estate was owned by Dr. Stevens to whom it was made a present by the King of Denmark as a reward for his success in performing a delicate surgical operation upon the Queen, the estate at that time being in the hands of the government for debt. Dr. Steven's residence was across the road at Carlton Garden where the good Doctor very much honored and admired in his day lived, and the famous Carlton Garden Orchard and Garden where every tree, plant and shrub of known West Indian growth, and many trees from the Northern climate were also seen, including apples, peaches and cherries, but these from the north did not bear fruit under the sunny skies of Santa Cruz.

The coconut and royal palm trees that skirt the road on either side are now noticed. Years ago they stood for the whole distance of this road as stately sentinels and at night before the days of automobiles and electric lights they stood out against the sky as a silvery lane down which one drove with horse and chaise. But droughts, hurricanes and neglect to replant has caused almost all to disappear and the present drought of 1920-24 has caused many more to loose their crowns to the fate of time. After the hurricane of 1899 quite some replanting was done by the government, while after the hurricane of 1916 nothing was done toward replanting our beautiful center-line road which was such a pride of our inhabitants of the last century.

And now to the left we view estate "Hogensborg" one of the most fruitful estates of the island and the home, a hundred years ago, of Governor Sobotker with a famous stable of as many horses as it is years ago.

Proceeding upon our course as we have to hurry, time being limited, we pass "Mountain House" upon the left, one of the old time houses now the residence of a staid son of Erin an echo of by-gone days. Were it in 1850 and within the sound of his voice you would think that you were in New York City. To the right we approach "Diamond School House" built many years ago as an Anglican Chapel but never used as such but rather put into use as a part day school by the Danish Government in the middle of the forties in preparation for the abolishment of slavery. The road, bearing south also carries us to Christiansted but we have not time today to explore the old historical trail. As we proceed along the road we see to the right estate "Mt. Pleasant" for many years owned by the Kerr family but now belonging to the group of the West Indian Sugar Factory estates, and considered with estate "Plessens" across the road the most fertile estate in this island. Estate "Plessens" recalls to memory "Count von-Plessens" who lived during the early part and middle of the 18th century when he acquired this property which he named "Plessens".

Does it not seem strange that he as organizer of the almost defunct Danish West India & Guinea Company should procure as his allotment a property that proved such a successful estate? Surely he must have had an astute realtor (as we know of them today) to pick out such a choice parcel.

(To be continued.)

LOCAL

On Saturday last we had the opportunity of seeing another mammoth pumpkin weighing 46 pounds, grown at Friedensfeld school garden.

Mr. Alpheus S. Adams, former bandman U. S. N., has been added to the staff in the bookkeeping department of the government office.

On the 2nd instant Mr. Chr. Espersen completed 25 years of service with the

Administrator's Notice.

In the District Court of the Virgin Islands of the United States. Christiansted Sub-Judicial District.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JENSINE NEUMANN, DECEASED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that A. E. STAKEMANN, administrator of the above entitled estate, having filed in the District Court of the Virgin Islands of the United States, his final account of the administration of the said estate, the hearing of the same has been fixed for MONDAY THE 7TH DAY OF APRIL A. D. 1924 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, at the Office of the Judge of said Court in the Town of Christiansted, Island of St. Croix, and all persons interested in the said estate are hereby notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed.

Christiansted, St. Croix, March 1st, 1924.

A. E. STAKEMANN,
Administrator.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORT No. 27.

Week Ending Feb. 29, 1924.

Municipality of St. Croix.

School	Class	Percent of Pupils not tardy.	Percent of Attendance.
Frederiksted	Public	99.56	99.75
Diamond	Rural	100.00	99.47
Christiansted	Jr. High	99.72	99.44
La Vallee	Rural	100.00	99.13
Peter's Rest	Rural	100.00	98.46
Christiansted	Public	99.31	98.40
Frederiksted	Jr. High	99.58	96.67
La Princesse	Rural	99.57	93.91
Friedensfeld	Rural	94.43	92.63

OBITUARY

MISS ALICE MARY PAULSEN, for many years a teacher in this town, died yesterday at her home at 5.30 p. m. after a long illness. The funeral has been fixed for 5 p. m. today from the house, 35 Strand Street, to the Roman Catholic Church and friends and acquaintances are invited. Our condolences are extended to her bereaved sisters and niece.

police department of this island; congratulations.

In Leadeatt's cabaret last night Mr. George Williams, master mason, law-