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Governor William Hastie May Come Here Tomorrow

Governor William Hastie is expected to arrive here tomorrow, it was learned. The report was not confirmed by the Administrator's office, since no official word had been received from St. Thomas.

Should Governor Hastie make the trip. Mrs- Hastie and their little girl will not accompany them at this time but are expected to arrive at a later date.

Mrs. Violet Totten Visiting With Friends In Virginia

Mrs. Violet Totten is at present vacationing with friends in Norfolk, Virginia, according to word received from the mainland today. She is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Carter. Mr. Carter, a cousin of Mrs. Totten, is also supervisor of the linotyping department of the Norfolk Journal and Guide.

Mrs. Totten will return to New York with the Carters, who plan to go by automobile, and thus spend a few weeks in the city as guests of the Tottens.

AVICA Supervisory Board Commends Hastie's Rebuke Of Council

The following press release was received from the American Virgin Islands Civic Association, of which Ashley Totten is president: "The rebuke by Governor William H. Hastie to the Council over the budget report is hailed here as a masterpiece in the study of the island's economy"

Members of the Supervisory Board spoke in high terms of commendation on the observations made by Governor Hastie,

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Members Of The Caribbean Club Give Picnic At Coakely Bay

Coakly Bay was the scene of a picnic yesterday, given by members of the Caribbean Club for their several friends. Two truckloads of picnickers left Christiansted at 1 o'clock, while others travelled in their own cars.

After luncheon was served many went bathing while others danced to the music of Ivan Thum and his orchestra.

Among those who played hosts were: Oscar Bough, Earl Rohlsen, Tubald Abramson, and Cedric Canegata. The party ended at 6.

Christiansted Theatre

8:15 Tomorrow Night 8:15

Johnny Mack Brown

in

"The Texas Kid"

with

RAYMOND HATTON

and

2 Episodes of the serial

Blake Of Scotland Yard

Council Meets Tomorrow In Extra-Ordinary Session

The Municipal Council is scheduled to meet tomorrow at 10:30 A. M., in extra-ordinary session. Several bills are scheduled to come up for discussion while there are a few to be introduced.

Hon. Joseph Alexander, Chairman, will preside.

Personal Mention

Mrs. Julia Nicholson, one of the most popular patrons of St. Thomas, spent the week-end in St. Croix. She accompanied Miss Laura Moorhead.

They returned on the early plane today.

City Planning Expert In St. Thomas To Aid Gov.

Paul Opperman, city planning expert, arrived in St. Thomas last Tuesday to aid Governor Hastie with city planning in the Virgin Islands. Mr. Opperman was loaned by the Federal Works Agency. He will remain at the Governor's desire to complete the study.

Mr. Opperman is a lecturer at the American University in Washington, D. C. on city planning. and is a member of the Board of

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Puerto Rican Firm To Give Veterans Special Treatment

Veterans of World War II who are desirous of purchasing building materials will be given preferential treatment, according to word received from Garcia Commercial Inc. at San Juan, according to a letter received from Wilfrid James, Contact Representative of the Veterans Administration.

The firm has promised to cooperate with veterans. giving them first opportunity to obtain materials with which to repair or build their homes. Such veterans may consult the firm before placing orders.

Blame For Pearl Harbor Disaster Placed On Short, Kimmel

Blame for the Pearl Harbor disaster was placed on both the Army and Navy Commanders, General Short and Admiral Kimmel, by the special Senate Investigating committee, which handed in its report after six months. The report also cleared the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and members of the cabinet of any responsibility.

Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor was described as unprovoked aggression and the Committee

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EDITORIAL

Inflation--A Warning

Within the last three weeks prices of food commodities in St. Croix have risen all the way from 20 to 33 and one-third percent. Rice has jumped from 9 to 12 cents; flour from 5 to 8 cents; white potatoes from 5 to 9 cents; and salt fish from 15 to 25 cents per pound. Quietly, almost unnoticed, these prices have been going up; one day a few cents, then by tomorrow or the next day another few cents. Left alone, these prices, like a balloon, will continue to rise until they are entirely beyond control, and a depression set in which will spell destruction to every-thing in this island. With wages and salaries fixed, and already at a stage out of line with the cost of living, it is easy to see what lack of control will mean for this proverbial poorhouse.

When the OPA went off the scene, only a few may have realized the impact upon the entire economics of St. Croix, and like everything else, people simply went along, steeped in a classic indifference for which we have been famous, utterly unmindful of the serious and far-reaching consequences that lay ahead. While it is true that the Food Commission may function, yet, without the proper organizational equipment, the situation may be no more corrected than if nothing whatever were substituted. Eggs that sold for 72 cents per dozen a month ago, are now climbing towards a dollar per dozen, and there is no telling what may happen within the next two months. With no check upon the rise of prices; with everyone setting the price to suit his individual needs and fancy, the outcome can be one grand mess in which the consumer finds himself squeezed at the bottom. That, in brief, is inflation.

But it is not the darkest phase of it. St. Croix produces little of what it consumes, which further places the population in a position of great disadvantage. Out of this situation can be created another, graver, and more vicious one--that of controlled, artificial supply. The matter is simple. Hoard what there is, control the outflow of supplies, which will automatically increase the demand, and the buying public is bound to pay the higher price. The chaos waiting around the corner can be imagined when we realize that unskilled labor, which comprises the bulk of the population, is left with $1.82 a day with which to purchase commodities at prices beyond their reach. The amount of commodities that $1.82 could buy a month ago, must be bought today with approximately $2.27. In other words one dollar a month ago, is worth but 75 cents today. Left alone this situation will continue until chaos results.

The picture is an extremely dark one, and it is up to administration and everyone else to see the danger, and take swift action to avert it.

Notice

To our customers and the public in general:

We are letting you know that from the 31st of July anyone who buys milk at Roman's Dairy will have to do so in STANDARD MILK BOTTLES according to law. This regulation was supposed to be in effect from the 1st of the month, but this was not possible due to the fact that the essential materials such as standard bottles, stoppers, filters,. etc. did not arrive on time due to scarcity.

We will be ready from Monday July 22, but from the 31st of the month all ordinary bottles and pans will be rejected. We have the bottles (1-2pt., pt., & qt.) for sale at cost price for all our customers. The stoppers will be supplied by us.

The bottles must be sterelized according to the new law. Therefore, each customer will bring his empty bottle in the morning and will receive one which has been sterelized, with the milk.

From Monday July 22 you be having the most wholesome and best filtered milk on the island. The filtering process will be done with special cotton filters and equipment which has just arrived. As soon as we have the opportunity to get enough materials we are going to have one of the most modern dairies and stable in the West Indies.

ROMAN'S DAIRY

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A concrete mixing machine for fast work.
For particulars see
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P. O. Box591
or
LEROY A. JACKSON
P. O. Box 126
Christiansted

Notice

A Special Election for a Candidate At Large to the Municipal Council will be held on THURSDAY August 15th 1946.

The poll will be open at the Police Court House Christiansted from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. on the specified date.

The names of the candidates will be posted after the nominations are closed.

The Registration Board for St. Croix July 19, 1946.

D. C. CANEGATA,
Chairman Registration Board.

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of the
FOOD COMMISSION OF ST. CROIX,
Virgin Islands

It is hereby brought to public notice that the Food Commission of St. Croix, on May 2, 1946, approved changes in the retail selling prices of locally produced Fruits and Vegetables.

	Not To Exceed
String Beans	13c. per pound
Yams	06c. " "
Tanias	07c. " "
Onions	15c. " "
Frying Bananas, large	03c. each
Frying Bananas, small	02c. "
Plantains, large	06c. "
Plantains, small	03c. "
Pine Apples	10c. per pound
Sweet Potatoes	05c. " "

The Commission arrived at the above prices after long and careful consideration and with due regard to the severe drought and general rise in the cost of living.

[s] S. COULTER
Chairman.

Notice

The Christiansted Branch of
Rob't L. Merwin & Co., Inc.
will be closed from July 29th to August 2nd taking inventory.

Opening on August 3rd 1946, under the name of
"Chritiansted Utilities Co."
R. NORMAN SKEOCH, Proprietor
The public is cordially invited to continue its valued patronage.

For Sale

House and Baby Furniture
Apply to the Avis

Baby buggy in good condition.
No. 2 North St.

Job Printing

AVICA
called it "good work" and "predict that if as chief executive he continues in that direction a new measure of freedom and economic well-being will soon be realized by all classes of people who live there."

Notice

In accordance with the proclamation of the Government dated 21st June 1946 calling for
A SPECIAL ELECTION
on
THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST, 1946 of a Member-at-Large to the Municipal Council of St. Croix for the unexpired term of the late D. Hamilton Jackson.

Public Notice is hereby given that the Registration Board of Christiansted Town & Suburbs will meet for new registrations as provided in Chapter VIII Sec. 1 A of the Electoral Law at Christiansted Police Court House on Monday July 22, 1946 from 8 p. m. to 10 p. m.

Tuesday July 23. 1946 from 8 p. m to 10 p. m.

THE REGISTRATION BOARD
for St, Croix, V. I.
21st June, 1946.
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Public Notice is hereby given that the Registration Board of Christiansted Country District will meet for new registrations as proivded in Chapter VIII Sec. 1 A of the Electoral Law on Monday July 22. 1946 at Peter's Rest School from 3 p. to 4 p. m.

Monday July 22, 1946 at Christian sted Police Court House from 4:30 p m. to 5:30 p. m.

Tuesday July 23, 1946 at Kingshill Station from 3:30 p. m. to 4:30 p. m

Tuesday July 23. 1946 at Princess Station from 5 p. m. to 6 p. m.

THE REGISTRATION BOARD
for St. Croix. V. I.
June 21, 1946.
D. C. Canegata,
Chairman.

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Blame

found that there was nothing in diplomatic notes that passed between the two governments that could have been construed as an ultimatum.

Two Republican members of the Committee, however, plan to submit a minority report placing part of the blame on the late President. They are Senators Brewster and Furguson.

City

Governors, American City Planning Officials and Editor of 'Journal of City Planning Institute." He has also published research studies in "Airport Planning and Parking", "Air Transportation" and "House Trailers," and was at one time director of Tri- Cities Project, a cooperative project in city planning on three small cities for Federa Housing Admin istration at Tennessee Valley Authority.