

STERLING Stenographers Note Book
Transcription

Note on Cover – referring to FPO hospital????? Seems too large for FPO

Hospital

1250 beds

Fifth largest in US

Largest in Southeast

Employees Hospital 5400

Employees Medical 800

Impact on community about \$1 billion

Loose Notes – clipped inside notebook. Georgette's handwriting

This is Freeport Bahamas

How one man got a new city on The Map of The World

Freeport – Bahamas

City gets on the map

Impossible Dream

Dedicated to the people of The Bahamas

Wishing you continued prosperity, well being -----

For which we have worked since-----

To give better living conditions, higher standards-----

When we came here there were no schools, medical, churches, roads, etc –
only lumber camp

Don Remick – took a lot of material, information from people for museum –
apparently much missing –

Rudy Wildgoose, manager of Winn Dixie tell me of

Tappy Basden, now with GB Vending

Also George Sands, same firm (Sands may be owner)

Were at Pine Ridge

Hawksbill Creek Agreement was passed August 10, 1955 - assented by
Government in August 20, 1955 but signed later on in the year – maybe we can
aim for that date. Signed November 24, 1955 ?????

Notebook – Livingston's handwriting

Cyril Malone

1951 August 25 came to Pine Ridge as communications officer – telephone and
telegraphs right at Pine Ridge

Andros Town – Bain Town (Cat Island)
Americans call them Mine Props – English pit props

Men paid by fathom – 6x6x6
Women peeled bark
Gray Russell was general manager
Abaco man

-----on Abaco Lbr Gray Russell
Gerald Sweeting had minority shares
Close to 1500 people on payroll at Pine Ridge – 3,000 overall

Xmas – white people have party

Xmas mornings – come around drums, cowbells, guitar, tambourines – start in white settlement and serenade

Xmas tree in center of town for kids – candy and fruit
Boxing – people –
Radio telephone – Pine Ridge + Nassau + telegraph
One telephone in company office to outside world

Servia Albury – chief engineer of diesel plant – lived next door to Cyril Malone

Used drawing kins (women) to skin pit props in yard

Servia Albury came to Pine ridge November 1947 from Man O' War Cay
Worked in power plant at Big Whale Cay about 1 year
When was 14 – 1939 when came to Pine Ridge. Worked at portable saw mill for a year and then put him in power plant (small) and finally in new steam plant. Was in Pine Ridge until 1954 when company was sold to National Container – then went to North Riding Point for three years running power plant and Snake Cay, Abaco on the Robert Fulton, which was later destroyed by a storm. Was at Snake Cay one year. Came back to Freeport in 1960 and worked for electrical contractor

Xmas at Pine Ridge Junkanoos

40 years for new growth of pines to mature

Had gasoline buggy or flatcar they used to go to beach on north shore on Sunday

Got mail every 2 weeks on Richard Campbell

Had a little ice cream place for recreation

3 children born in Pine Ridge and 3 grandchildren born in Freeport

Abaco moved to Pine Ridge from Mill Will, Abaco in 1940 Previous operations had been Wilson City and Norman's Castle

Washington Gaitor – watchman on gate at Jack Tar
Lives in Sea Grape

Leschevin – In 1953 took over pit props as Pit Props Ltd – a contractor

Notes from Bahamian Review – Georgette Groves was the 7th in a family of 4 boys and six girls. Born in Montreal but move to States at an early age.

Mr. Groves bought Little Whale Cay in 1937

[Listing of pictures to be used???](#)

Roll

1 – 38	Pink House
1 – 40	Locomotive?
1 – 42	Locomotive
1 – 29	Dr.'s Office
1 – 30	Native Cabins
1 – 31	Native Cabins
2 – 17A	Barking of Props
2 – 18 A	Barking of Props
2 – 12 A	Haul of Props
2 – 11 A	Haul of Props – Mr. Leschevin in Front
3 – 16	Crane to load lumber
3 – 6	Truck – laborer transport
4 – 11	Outdoor movie house
4 – 14	Commissary
4 – 15	Commissary
4 – 21	Power Plant
5 – 4A or 5	Club House
5 – 11A or 12	Dr.'s office
5 – 15	Inside Clinic

5 – 7 Surgery

6 – 24A	Pit props being loaded
6 – 23A	Pit props being loaded
6 – 15A	Grading Roads
6 – 27A	Leschevin's office (field office)
7 – 24A	Pit prop ship – Hornline bound for England
7 – 2	Piles of pit props in Prop Yard
8 – 31A	Donald Roberts – Tub Boat for supplies
8 – 26	Pit props
9	2 nd row 2 nd Picture
10	None