

5-group merger

Jamaica National Building Society

in the making

Gleaner Western Bureau
MONTEGO BAY, S.J., July 15:
 The green light was given today for the establishment of the Jamaica National Building Society, as members of the St. James Benefit Building Society at a special meeting agreed to merge with societies in Westmoreland, Manchester, St. Ann and Brown's Town.

Manchester has already merged with Westmoreland.

The acceptance of a special resolution by unanimous decision agreeing to the trans-

fer of its engagements to the Westmoreland Building Society highlighted the Special General Meeting of the St. James Benefit Building Society in its headquarters, 2 Market Street, Montego Bay recently.

Big business

Society chairman, Hon. Walter Fletcher, Custos of St. James, presided over the largely attended meeting and explained all aspects of the merger emphasising that when a business is big it commands more money, more business, more confidence, more respect and more influence. He said that the St. James Benefit Building Society was desirous of establishing a wider spread-out of service in as many parishes as possible but this could only be done, he said, if a number of Building Societies pooled their resources.

He said that it was possible that Building Societies in other parishes would have surplus money with comparatively small investment requirements while in St. James it was the other way around hence a merger would make surplus funds in one society available to borrowers in a member society.

Speaking after Mr. Fletcher, the society's secretary, Mr. W. H. (Billy) Hoyt explained that

mergers were common over the world and had become quite common in Jamaica today. He felt that it was a thing to be encouraged. He reminded the meeting that "money generates money". He said that Building Societies which would form the combine include St. James Benefit Building Society, Browns Town, St. Ann, Westmoreland and Manchester but, already, Westmoreland was merged with Manchester.

Knew the ropes

He said that when the union was completed it would be known as the "Jamaica National Building Society." Mr. Hoyt explained that the reason why Westmoreland had been selected by the St. James Benefit Building Society to start the chain was mainly because Westmoreland having already joined with Manchester, it "knew the ropes".

And, again, he said, it had been proven by big business concerns abroad that it was more prudent and wise to house their head office in a small town where land value and office space were cheaper than in the big city.

He said that although normal business will continue undisturbed in the society's local office when the question of high finance was to be dealt with that would take place from a board

level in Savanna-la-Mar. Other speakers included Mr. Allan Hart, Mr. Roland Edwards and solicitor H. Clinton Armstrong, directors.

3,426 homes in unsatisfactory health conditions

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MONTEGO BAY, S.J., July 17:
 During the month of June local health men made a Parishwide house-to-house visit and found 11,588 in a satisfactory health conditions while 3,426 were unsatisfactory. Of tenements, 1,288 were in order while 418 needed attention. Of the 138 barracks visited only 26 were found to be satisfactory. Six hotels were unsatisfactory but 55 were in order. This information was disclosed Wednesday at a meeting of the St. James Parish Council's Public Health Committee.

About 29 beef shops were far below health standards while 59 were found to be O.K.

Health conditions at schools left much to be desired. Only about 51 percent of the 99 schools visited was anywhere near the required health standard.

Bakeries and dairies were found to be in a shameful state of health. Five bakeries were in order while 17 were entirely unsatisfactory. Of the 41 dairies visited only six could boast of any health standard. Stores were not too bad for 41 of them were in order while 10 needed attention. Bars boasted a good record for 239 of them were in order with only 18 out.

2,112 lbs of food condemned

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MONTEGO BAY, S.J., July 17:
 Two thousand one hundred and twelve pounds of food was seized and condemned by the St. James Health Department during the month of June. This included 36 lbs. canned food, 12 lbs. fine salt, 1,016 lbs. flour, 4 lbs. jam, 364 lbs. powdered milk, 30 lbs. cheese, 70 lbs. sweets.

Reasons for the condemnation include "blown and rusted cans", "contamination", "weevil infection", "mould formation", and "liquefaction".

Also included in the seizure were 412 lbs. liver, 38 lbs. ox lung, 5 lbs. kidney, 3 lbs. ox spleen, 66 lbs. pigs liver, 30 pigs lung, 8 lbs. pigs kidney, 13 lbs. beef, 3 lbs. goats flesh.

"Fluke Cirrhosis", "Pneumonia", "congestion", "Neurosis parasites", and "Dentatus" were given by Health Department officials as cause of condemnation.