

NOTES AND NEWS

The Asa Wright Nature Centre.

It is good news that the Nature Centre has reopened after a period of inactivity and consolidation. Mrs. Asa Wright, the eccentric but energetic old lady who sold her property at Springhill Estate to the Nature Centre in 1967, died in February 1971, after being in poor health for some time.

The Board of Management is anxious that Trinidadian residents should recognise the opportunities available to lovers of peace and natural beauty at the Nature Centre. Membership confers on residents the right to visit the centre at any time, although persons wanting to use the facilities or obtain meals should preferably make an appointment with the Manager by mail, c/o G.P.O. Bag 10, Port-of-Spain.

It seems likely also that preferential rates may shortly be available for Trinidadian residents wishing to stay at Springhill, especially out of the busy season. The opportunity to stay at a comfortable guest-house, 1,200 feet up in the Northern Range, is not to be found elsewhere in Trinidad, and members of the Trinidad Field Naturalists' Club may well wish to avail themselves of this offer.

The National Trust

Indications are that a National Trust is about to be formed at long last. As we go to press, discussions and meetings have been taking place among interested persons, and concrete results should soon be forthcoming. All interested in conservation will welcome this development, and it is anticipated that members of the Trinidad Field Naturalists' Club will play their full part in the promotion of a powerful and effective National Trust, concerned with the preservation and upkeep of areas of importance to natural history, archaeology, architecture and several other fields.