
Dedication

ANDREW THOMAS CARR was born in Belmont in 1902. He died at his home at French Street, Woodbrook, on Tuesday October 26, 1976, after a prolonged illness.

During the 74 years of his life Andrew Carr made significant contributions in the fields of Culture, Art, Politics and Natural History.

He was a "true organisation man" with an ability to arbitrate in disputes and capable of defusing situations where persons were of strong opposite views.

A superb raconteur, he was probably best known as a folklorist and as one writer stated,

"He was a walking encyclopedia of our social, cultural and political history. He knew all there was to know about Carnival, he knew all there was to know about Calypso, and he talked about historical mas' such as Dame Loraine, Robbers, Wild Indians, Pierrot Grenade, and Dragons and Beasts with expertise and authority."

Andrew Carr was a member of the Trinidad Field Naturalists Club (name changed in 1974) for nearly 50 years joining the Club around 1928, and continued as an active member until 1956 during which time he served the Club as Honorary Secretary and Honorary Secretary/Treasurer for 18 years and thereafter as Vice-President. At the Annual General Meeting held on January 10, 1974, he was made an Honorary Member in recognition of his many contributions to the Club.

It was Andrew Carr who at a meeting of the Trinidad Field Naturalists' Club in 1947 moved a motion for the formation of a Zoological Society in Trinidad and Tobago, which led to the official opening of the Emperor Valley Zoo in 1951.

When Andrew Carr became a foundation member of the People's National Movement and its Public Relations Officer in 1956, their gain was our loss. His participation in the Club's activities gradually diminished. Nevertheless, his interest in the Club and in its programmes was maintained until his death.

I am a richer person for having known Andrew Carr.

It gives me great pleasure to dedicate this issue of our journal to his memory.

Ian Lambie
Honorary Secretary.



Andrew Thomas Carr (Photo courtesy Trinidad Express)