

## OUR SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

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"Potter—how about starting a Naturalists' Society in Trinidad?" Thus, naively, was sown the seed by the late Henry Caracciola, when he spoke to Mr. T. I. Potter in lower Frederick Street, some time in the year 1890.

In the following year the Trinidad Field Naturalists' Club had its formal birth, among a small but enthusiastic band of naturalists: Henry Caracciola, its first President and Founder; W. E. Broadway, veteran botanist; R. R. Mole, authority on snakes; F. W. Urich, veteran entomologist, and later considered a walking encyclopaedia on the fauna of the island; P. L. Guppy, authority on fishes, and the son of an equally famous naturalist, R. J. L. Guppy, after whom the internationally known "Guppy Fish" is named; Alfred Taitt, T. I. Potter and G. W. Hewlett.

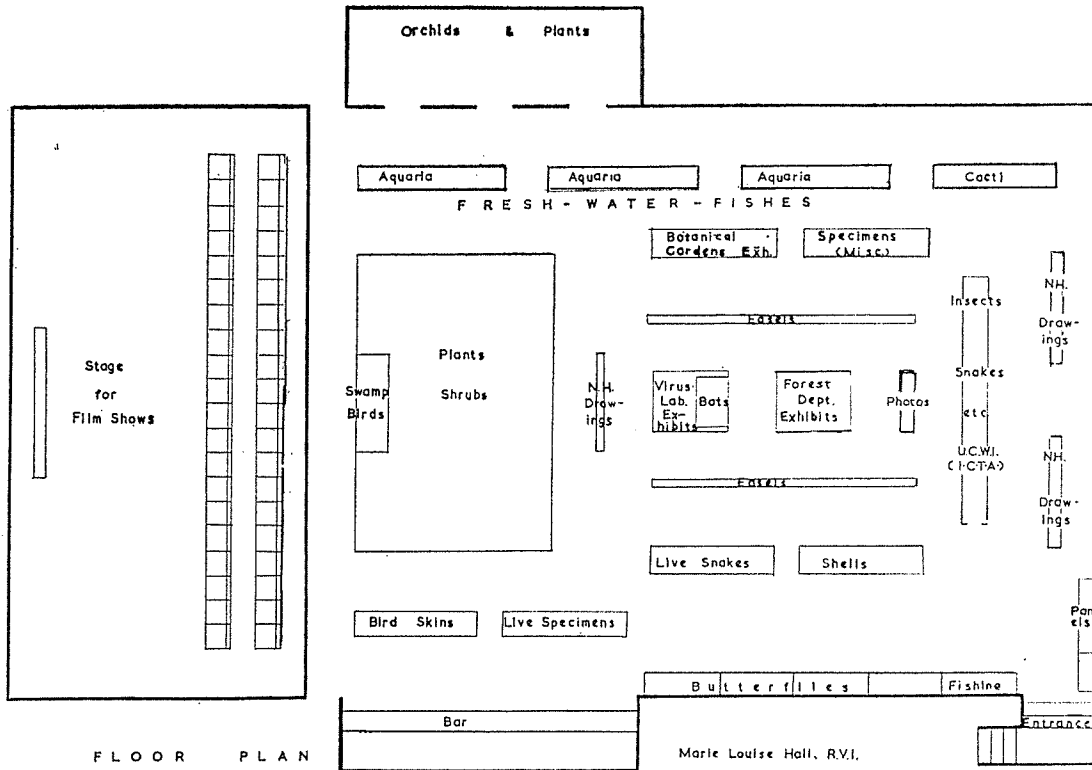
These gentlemen also adopted an apt motto:—"Natura maxime miranda in minimis"—"Nature is most to be admired in the smallest things"—and only those who, through the medium of the microscope have made excursions into a world unseen by the naked eye can appreciate its force and charm.

Seventy years is a red letter period in the existence of any institution and in Trinidad such longevity is indeed a rare experience. That the Trinidad Field Naturalists' Club is able to attain this, is a glowing tribute to the fascination of the subject of natural history and the educational needs the Club has filled in the life of the community.

In celebration of this august event, the Trinidad Field Naturalists' Club is holding a Seventieth Anniversary Natural History Exhibition for seven consecutive days at the Royal Victoria Institute from July 10th. to 16th., 1961.

The Golden Jubilee Exhibition in 1941 was a huge success; 4,357 persons paid admission fees to the show, among whom were 2,191 schoolchildren, accompanied by teachers, a feature made possible through the co-operation of the Education Department.

This year we are equally optimistic and hope to surpass that Golden Jubilee total.



FLOOR PLAN

Marie Louise Hall, R.V.I.

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## 70th ANNIVERSARY PROGRAMME

MONDAY, JULY 10—

Exhibition opening at Marie Louise Hall, R.V.I.

Address—Minister of Education,

Lecture—"History of the Trinidad Field Naturalists' Club"—  
Father L. J. Graf, C.S.Sp.

MONDAY, JULY 10—SATURDAY, JULY 15:

Exhibition open daily

Daily film shows: 5 p.m.—Children;

8 p.m.—Adults and Children.

### FILM PROGRAMME

MONDAY, JULY 10—

Official opening—No film show

TUESDAY, JULY 11—

Children's Show, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.:

"Village Turned Out"; "Between the Tides";

"Kariba Game Rescue."

Adults Show: 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.: "Between the Tides;"

"Twilight Forest"; "Looking at Britain—Hyde Park."

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12—

Children's Show: "Mountain Rescue"; "Some Birds of the  
Countryside"; "Underwater Story."

Adult Show: "Some Birds of the Countryside";

"Underwater Story"; "East Africa—Coffee."

THURSDAY, JULY 13—

Children's Show: "Long Flight"; "Forest Heritage"; "Enchanted  
Isles."

Adult Show: "Journey Into Spring"; "Kariba Game Rescue";  
"World Garden."

The above films will be shown by courtesy of the United  
Kingdom Information Office.

FRIDAY, JULY 14—

Children's Show: "Children's Zoo"; "High Over the Border";  
"Wonder House"; "Guardians of the Wild."

Adult Show: "The Gift of Green"; "Everyman's Empire"; "In  
the Beginning"; "New England Fisherman."

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SATURDAY, JULY 15—

Children's Show: "Sweeney Steps Out"; "Its the Maine Sardine";  
"Mount Rainier National Park."

Adult Show: "Atom and Biological Science"; "The Web of Life"  
(Two Parts).

The above films will be shown by courtesy of the United States Information Service.

## EXHIBITS

R.V.I Museum	Swamp Birds; Fruit and Vampire Bats; Beetles.
Mr. E. Kong, Mr. Fenwick and others	Orchid display.
U.C.W.I. (I.C.T.A.)	Snakes—Mr. M. G. Emsley. Lizards—Prof. G. Underwood
St. Augustine Nurseries	Flowering plants and cut flowers.
Zoological Society and Mr. Ian Lambie	Freshwater Fish.
Virus Laboratory	Bromeliads and mosquito larvae; skin of Trinidad birds—Dr. W. G. Downs and Dr. T. H. G. Aitken.
S.P.C.K. Bookshop	Books.
Capt. A. Mendes and Mr. F. Ambard	Panels and Ricker mounts of butterflies.
Mr. P. Fortune	Club activities in photos.
Fr. L. J. Graf, C.S., Sp.	Stuffed mammals.
Capt. A. Mendes	Deep-sea fishing tackle and photos
Mr. Urban Cross	Cacti (50 specimens).
Mrs. Monsanto	Marine shells.
Forestry Dept.	Forest exhibits.
Education Dept.	Prize-winning drawings.
Philatelic Society	Natural History Stamps.
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