

Dedication

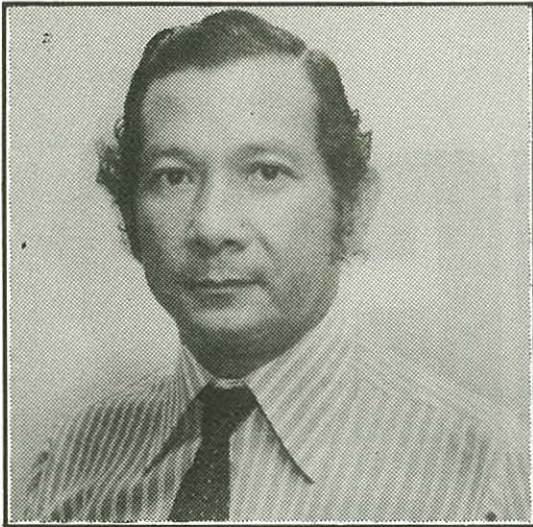


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Neville Clive Acham

was born in Brasso, Central Trinidad, on January 18th, 1932 and shortly after moved with his family to the suburb of Belmont in the capital, Port of Spain, where he went to the Belmont Boys R.C. School, graduating to St. Mary's College on Frederick Street where as fate would have it he was elected to the presidency for 1989 of the Trinidad and Tobago Field Naturalists' Club, the monthly meetings of which have been held in the rooms and auditorium of this college for many years.

It was during his return from one of the monthly field trips of the Club, this time to Icacos, that Neville was tragically killed in an accident on the Beetham Highway on April 30th, 1989.

The members of the Club mourned the passing of one of its brightest leaders and set up a fund in his name to aid the conservation movement in Trinidad to which Neville was totally committed.

Neville's interests were varied; his further education in England to a professional level with an ACCA degree, experience in the Humbrol Bank in the United Kingdom and his immediate joining of the Field Naturalists' Club in 1975 upon his return home to Trinidad attest to this. This act was to set the pattern of his life from there on, and Neville was a familiar figure on all hikes with the Club, whether scaling the heights of the Northern Range, exploring the jungles, or leading Turtle Tagging teams to the remote nesting beaches of Matura, Paria or Tacarib.

His caring and concern for other less agile hikers, campers and climbers was always tempered with fun and unbounded good humour.

In his business life in Trinidad a three year stint with Winsure Insurance led to the opening of his own business - Reliance Stock Brokers - but his experience and guidance were sought by several private companies and organizations as a board member. These included the Institute of Marine Affairs, Taste-Makers Manufacturing Company Ltd., and the Trinidad Stock Exchange.

Married in 1959 to Cathleen Sue Loo Chee, Neville was the proud father of three children Lisa, Gillian and Nicholas.

Every one whose life touched Neville could not help but be affected by his willingness to assist, and his good humour was never better shown than by his yearly romp at Carnival, where he enjoyed himself to the maximum.

He had almost completed building his new home on Bergerac Road in Maraval, when tragically, he was taken from us in such an incomprehensible way. This left a great void amongst his family and friends.

It is only fitting that this journal be dedicated to Neville Clive Acham in fond remembrance of his commitment to the aims of The Trinidad and Tobago Field Naturalists' Club.

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Soldado Rock from the north-west (see p.16)

The Trinidad and Tobago Field Naturalists' Club

The Trinidad Field Naturalists' Club was founded on the 10th July, 1891. Its name was changed to the present one in 1974.

The objects of the club are to bring together persons interested in the study of natural history, the diffusion of the knowledge thereof and the conservation of nature.

Monthly lecture meetings are held at St. Mary's College on the second Thursday of the month while field excursions are held on the last Sunday of each month, except December, when no official club activities are organised.

Membership is open to all persons of at least fifteen years of age, who subscribe to the objects of the club.

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