

ART GROUPS HONOUR 'NEW DAY' AUTHOR

A joint party was held by the Theatre Arts and the P.E.N. Clubs on Wednesday night last to honour the author of 'New Day', Mr. Victor Reid. Mr. J. E. Clare McFarlane, O.B.E., president of the Poetry League of Jamaica was asked to preside over the evening's activities.

Mr. McFarlane paid tribute to Mr. Reid's achievement in having the courage and artistry to produce a Jamaican novel that could be read and appreciated by not only those inside, but also by those outside the island of its birth.

Mr. Wycliffe Bennett, secretary of the Poetry League, also extolled Mr. Reid's prowess in having found a medium which could express Jamaican life and history in a manner which could be appreciated by laymen, writers and poets the world over.

Promote Understanding

Mr. Gai Eaton thanked Mr. Reid for having produced a work which could be used in promoting understanding of the Jamaican way of life among those to whom life in the island had hitherto been somewhat of a mystery, and for whom up to now nothing sufficiently eloquent had ever been written that was suitable.

Mr. Victor Reid replied in a modest and witty speech, in which he pointed out that inasmuch as he may have had courage to write the book, his publishers certainly had a larger measure of the same quality in publishing it, and he only hoped Hollywood would have the courage to film it, as he had heard rumours that interested parties had been asked to read the script.

Among those present were members of both Clubs, Mr. and Mrs. Basil Shann, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Montgomery, Miss Louise Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Ranny Williams, Mr. Lee Gordon, members of the Little Theatre Movement, The Poetry League, the Jama-Rhythmers and other interested visitors.

Past Tutors Feted At Welcome Function For Schoolmate

A recent welcome function for Mr. Maurice Ramsay turned out to be a memorial to a noted educationist of a past era.

Mr. Maurice Ramsay, Jamaica born, resident in New York for the last thirty years was being greeted by a number of old friends in an informal function arranged by Mr. F. Adolph Stanley, city businessman and every speech was not only a welcome by old friends but a tribute to the late Sister Mary Eusebius O.S.F., a former principal of St. Aloysius Elementary School of Kingston.

Among those present at the function were Mr. Maurice Ramsay, Mr. F. Adolph Stanley, Mr. Alan Wynter, Mr. Dudley Wynter, Mr. Osmond Gilson, Mr. R. J. McDowell, Mr. R. Elliott, Mr. Stanley Jr., Mr. Ivan Donaldson.

Mr. Ramsay, an old student of St. Aloysius School was warmly welcomed by his fellow schoolmates, and during the course of proceedings tributes were accorded to the late Sister Eusebius as well as Sisters Lucy, Carmella and Michael.

Mr. Donaldson revealed at the function that plans were afoot to erect some form of permanent memorial to the late Sister Eusebius and that announcements to all former pupils of St. Aloysius would be made in due course.

In reply to the greetings, Mr. Ramsay expressed his pleasure in visiting his homeland and said that not only himself, but other Jamaicans would gladly join in any endeavour to perpetuate the memory of Sister Eusebius who had made her mark as an educationist in Jamaica.