

**WINDWARD ISLANDS' OPINION**

Established by J.H. Lake, Sr.

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as a means of helping to improve the social economical and political conditions of the Windward Islands by advocating against the causes of injustice and oppression.

**O.D.I.A. CELEBRATED 10TH. ANNIVERSARY**

On Wednesday June 21, the Officers and members of the O.D.I.A. celebrated the tenth anniversary of the Association.

The occasion was marked by a parade around Philipsburg lead by the Philipsburg Community Band at 4 p.m.

After the parade the officers and members of the Association along with their invited guests gathered at the O.D.I.A. Hall in Philipsburg, where speeches were made and refreshment served. The Lt. Governor and his charming wife as well as Deputy Milton Peters and Rev. Frank Wilby were among the distinguished guests.

The celebration lasted until 8 p.m. and all went to their homes satisfied.

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**ROAD TO POINT BLANCHE OPENED**

On Thursday last the road to Point Blanche which has been under construction for sometime was officially open by the Lt. Governor.

The Lt. Governor made a short speech and then cut the ribbon which was a cross the road with a scissors handed to him by the adorable little Miss Patsey Canegieter. After the cutting of the ribbon - cars, trucks, motor-cycles and people on foot headed for Point Blanche where they were given free drinks to mark the occasion.

Dr. Petit Mayor and General Councillor of Marigot arrived late for the opening ceremonies, but was in time for the free drinks.

The road is not yet asphalted but a car can now drive from Philipsburg to Point Blanche.

The Windward Islands' Opinion congratulates the contractor and the workmen for this accomplishment.

**STANLEY SMITH ON SHORT VISIT**

On Friday June 23, Mr. Stanley Smith arrived here by Caribair via Puerto Rico and St. Thomas from the U.S.A. for a short visit to the island.

Mr. Smith was the skipper of the Lago Cricket team which defeated the Shell Curacao Cricket team (in their traditional annual encounter) at Curacao for the Whitsuntide. Skipper Smith won the bowling average during this meet, by claiming 4 wickets for ten runs.

The Tuesday after defeating the Shell Curacao Cricket team, Stanley "took-off" for the U.S.A. where he spent 28 days with relatives and friends, he also spent one week in Canada.

During a short interview with Mr. Smith, he told our reporter that his vacation would not have been complete had he not visited "The Rock".

Mr. Smith who is a Foreman in the Instrument Dept. of Lago, left the island on Tuesday June 27 for St. Kitts, and left St. Kitts on Friday June 30 for Aruba.

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**BASEBALL:****MARIGOT TRAMPLES COLEBAY DODGERS 24 - 14**

Dr. Petit, Mayor of Marigot hurls the opening pitch and the first game of the 1961 Baseball tournament, staged by five energetic youngsters, forming the St. Maarten Baseball Bond, got underway; on Sunday last when Marigot bombarded the Dodgers of Colebay at the Marigot Sport-field with 19 hits scoring 24 runs to 14.

Both teams having a good start in the first inning, however, Marigot broke loose in the second scoring seven big runs on five hits to lead nine to three. Jimmy Peters replacing Joel Heyliger, took over the pitching job and kept the runs down to a lower score, but didn't seem to stop the big hitters from blasting the pitches away. The Dodgers with two away in the sixth inning threatened to turn the table but pitcher E. Brookson got the following batters to fly out allowing only three to score. The Dodgers then ran into more trouble in the eight, however pitcher Jim Peters got Franklin to bat into a double play stopping another Marigot rally. The score ended 24 to 14 for the French boys and both teams should be praised for the good sportsmanship displayed during the game.

The winning pitcher was Joseph Daniel, and the loser was Joel Heyliger. Veteran umpire Stanley Smith is surely due some praise for a job well-done, praise is also due the other umpires, and we hope to have them present during the rest of the season.

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**SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEK-END**