



NEW BRITISH SCHOOL BUILDING INAUGURATION — The picture shows the scene in the great hall of the new modern British school building in Urbanización Altamira, at the inauguration ceremony last Tuesday. When the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Urquhart, (standing, center) made the inauguration address and declared the school open, after which he turned to the Headmistress, Miss Eileen Hinks, and presented teacher with an apple. Right, Miss Hinks with the apple. (Photo: Joseph Fabry.)

British And Canadian Ambassadors Inaugurate New British School Building In Urb. Altamira

The inauguration of the new buildings of the British School, at 9th. Transversal, East of Avenida del Avila, Altamira, took place on Friday afternoon last, at 3 p.m.

The British Ambassador, Sir Robert Urquhart, and the Canadian Ambassador, Mr. H. G. Norman, declared the buildings open.

Present on the platform with Their Excellencies were members of the Honorary Board of the School, Mr. G. W. Greenacre, President; Mr. A. W. van Kleef; Mrs. Rona Earle, (at the piano); Mrs. R. H. Crease; Mr. J. Winterbotham (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. L. G. McIntosh (Hon.

Secretary) and Miss Eileen Hincks, the Head Teacher.

The proceedings commenced with the singing of the hymn, "Now thank we all Our God" and a prayer said by the Rev. Davis-Jones.

Mr. Greenacre then welcomed to the new buildings their Excellencies, the parents and children. He said that the note on that day was one of gratitude for the achievement of the opening of the new buildings. They wished to thank so many who had assisted to make the building possible. Sir Robert and

Mr. Norman had given valuable help, and sums had been received from business interests and private persons.

A great deal of credit was due, Mr. Greenacre continued, to Miss Eileen Hincks, the Head Teacher, who had so ably conducted the school during the past four years in the old building and who was the only survivor of the old staff.

Five new teachers were welcomed to the school, four from the United Kingdom and one from Canada.

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BRITISH SCHOOL

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Sir Robert Urquhart then spoke, and, after addressing a few words to the children, spoke to the parents of the difficulties overcome in the old school and how the success of the school had been assured from the outset, thanks to Miss Hincks, Mr. Greenacre and all the friends of the school. He said that parents would be proud today of the new school building, a fit place in which their children will be educated. He knew that parents had confidence in the school and the teachers and that the children would be happy there. Sir Robert said that, in the course of his career he had been called upon to open many buildings and to launch ships but never before to open a school and he thought that "the best way to do that was this" whereupon H. E. produced an apple from his pocket and presented it to the teacher, Miss Hincks.

Miss Hincks then rose to tender thanks to Their Excellencies and all concerned on behalf of the children and teachers of the school and expressed the pleasure and pride of all concerned, in the new building. She said that when she first came to Caracas on September 1st, 1950, she was told that the school was to open with 53 children on September 15th, but that there was no school building. However, with courage, faith and goodwill, the school board and parents found a home for the school in Las Mercedes and there it was opened. Miss Hincks said that she and all the staff would do all in their power to carry on the good work started there. She then briefly addressed the children for, as she said, there would be no school without the boys and girls.

Mr. Norman, the Canadian Ambassador followed, and spoke to the children. He told them that they should care for their new school as if it were a new baby brother or sister. They should, as if they were running a race, look forward and keep going. He then called for three cheers for Mr. Greenacre, President of the school board.

After the singing of the Venezuelan National Anthem and "God Save the Queen", parents and friends then made an inspection of the new building, admiring the light and airy classrooms, the open-air theatre with outdoor stage and amphitheatre, the playing field, the library and office, the teachers room, first aid room and Headmistresses room.

In the booklet prepared for the opening of the building, the school board acknowledge their indebtedness to a number of business interests who have given financial support, to Mr. A. W. van Kleef, member of the board, who was responsible for the basic design and lay-out of the new building, Dr. J. L. Vaamonde, who technically perfected the plans and C. A. Constructora La Venezolana (Clave), contractors who carried out the work, and a number of other friends of the school.

UNIVERSAL, 31ST MAY, 1956.

Condecorado por la Reina de Inglaterra directivo de escuela británica en Caracas

Su Majestad la Reina Isabel II ha concedido el M.B.E. (Miembro de la Orden del Imperio Británico) Sr. G. W. Greenacre, súbdito británico residenciado en Caracas. Esto se anuncia en la Lista de Honores de Cumpleaños, publicada hoy 31.

El Sr. Greenacre, quien hace diez años que vive en Caracas, ha formado parte de la Junta de la Escuela Británica desde que ésta se fundó en 1950, y ha sido Presidente de dicha Junta desde 1951. Ha desempeñado en esta forma un papel principal en la creación y desarrollo de dicha escuela.

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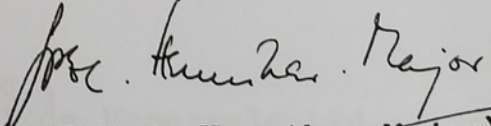
PERSONAL

May 29, 1956.

Sir,

I have much pleasure in informing you that The Queen, on the recommendation of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has been graciously pleased, on the occasion of Her Majesty's Birthday, to direct that you should be appointed a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in recognition of your valuable services.

Yours truly,


(J.P.E.C. Henniker-Major)

G.W. Greenacre, Esq.

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Sra. Eileen N. Mendt

CARACAS 1st June, 1956

Dear Mr. Greenacre,

We have just learned that you have been given the honor of M.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honors and we would like to tell you how delighted we are to hear that you have been honored in this way.

We, in this School, are all very conscious of the great work that you have done on behalf of the British School and of how much the School owes you for its present standing and we would like also to tell you how deserving we believe, is this recognition by the Queen, of your work.

Yours sincerely,

Eileen Mendt

Mrs. Eileen Mendt
Headmistress.

Mr. G.W. Greenacre,
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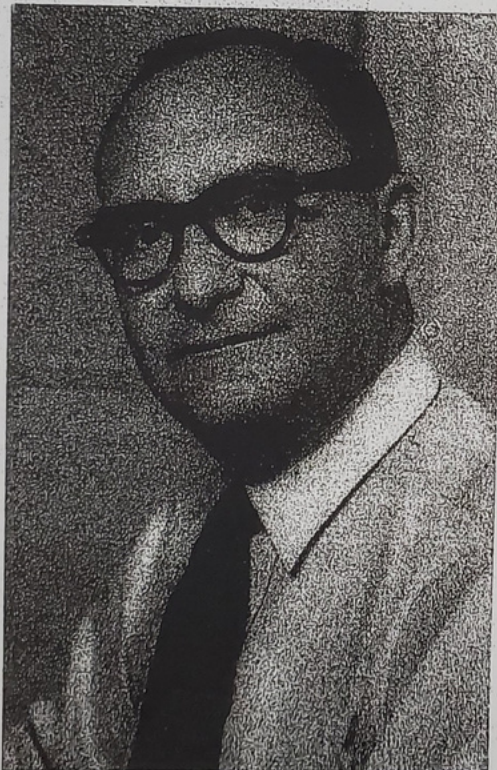
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G. W. Greenacre
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En la lista de honores de cumpleaños publicada el 31 de mayo se anunció que Su Majestad la Reina Isabel II ha concedido a G. W. Greenacre, empleado de Tesorería de la Oficina de Caracas, la Orden del Imperio Británico, en reconocimiento de sus actividades en la Escuela Británica de Caracas.

G. W. Greenacre nació en Londres, el 23 de diciembre de 1908. Comenzó a trabajar en la Shell en octubre de 1925. Primero desempeñó un cargo en el Departamento de Correspondencia de la Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company, y luego pasó al Departamento de Contabilidad de la misma empresa.

En mayo de 1933 fue transferido a Venezuela y se le asignó la Sección de Auditoría Interna del Depto. de Contabilidad de Maracaibo; como Auditor de Campo visitó todos los Campos de la Compañía en la División Occidental.

En 1934 fue transferido a Trinidad, donde estuvo diez años. Durante la guerra, además del desempeño de su cargo hizo el servicio militar como Oficial de las Fuerzas Armadas de Trinidad.

G. W. Greenacre volvió a Venezuela en octubre de 1944 para hacerse cargo del Depto. de Impuestos y Auditoría de la Shell y tuvo a su cargo todos los asuntos relacionados con el impuesto sobre la renta de la Compañía, hasta su designación como Contador de la Colon Development Company en abril de 1954. En agosto del mismo año fue nombrado también Secretario Asistente de esa compañía.

Fue fundador de la Escuela Británica; desde poco después de la fundación de la escuela en 1950 ha formado parte de la Junta Directiva y desde 1952 es su presidente. Su interés constante en el desenvolvimiento del plantel le ha merecido la distinción de que ha sido objeto.

THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION OF VENEZUELA
CARACAS

Apdo. 809
Caracas.

March 6, 1957.

Dear Mr. Greenacre,

It is with very great regret that we receive your resignation as a member of the Association.

We have all known for some weeks that the British Community was to lose one of its most prominent and respected members, never-the-less we were downcast by your letter which reminded us that your departure from Venezuela would indeed be a fact too soon.

The Parents and children of the British Community will always remember that you have unselfishly served them with exceptional merit. The Committee has requested that this sincere commendation should be formally entered in the Minutes of the Association - a small gesture but it reflects the gratitude of our British members in Caracas.

We wish you and your wife all happiness and success in your new home in Nassau.

On behalf of the Executive Committee.

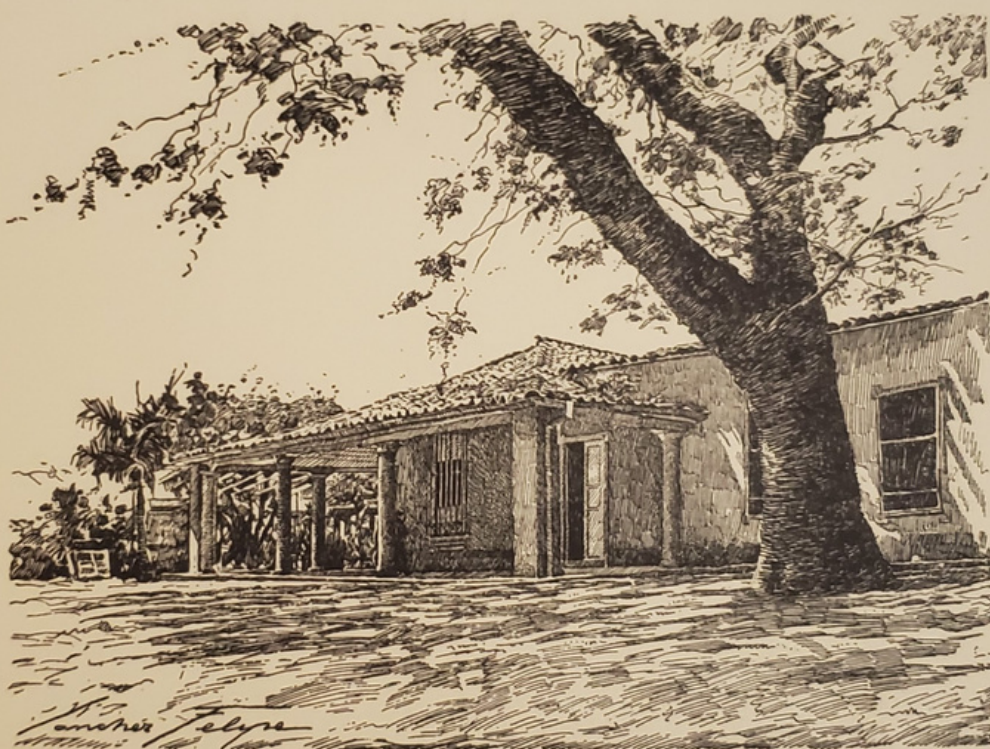
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Yours Sincerely,

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Acting Hon. Sec.

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British School - Hacienda las Mercedes - Caracas

HONOURS AND AWARDS

MR. R. E. HALES, C.B.E.

Mr. R. E. Hales, Managing Director of Sarawak Oilfields Ltd. and of The British Malayan Petroleum Company, was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire, in the recent Birthday Honours List, for public service in Borneo.

Mr. Hales joined Shell-Mex Limited in 1926, and thereafter served in Mexico, the Netherlands and Egypt. During the war he was engaged in important work at Stanlow and Shell Haven Refineries, and afterwards became Refinery Manager at Suez. He was Manager of The Anglo-Egyptian Oilfields Ltd. before taking over his present position.

MR. G. W. GREENACRE, M.B.E.

It was announced in the Birthday Honours List that Mr. G. W. Greenacre, of the Treasury Department of the Compañía Shell de Venezuela, Caracas, has been made a Member of the Order of the British Empire.

Mr. Greenacre receives this award for his activities in connexion with the creation and development of the British School in Caracas; he became a member of its Board of Governors shortly after its foundation in 1950, and has been Chairman of the Board since 1952.

Mr. Greenacre joined the Group in 1925, working with The Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company in London until 1933, when he was transferred to Maracaibo and worked as Field Auditor in the Western Division of Venezuela. In 1934 he was sent to Trinidad, where he was assistant accountant in U.B.O.T., now The Shell Company of Trinidad Ltd. During the war he did part-time military service as an officer of the Trinidad forces. He returned to Venezuela in 1944, being assigned to the head office in Caracas, where he was in charge of income-tax matters until 1954, when he was appointed Accountant and Assistant Secretary of the Colon Development Company Ltd.

MR. D. H. SMITH, B.E.M.

We have pleasure in recording the award, announced in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, of the British Empire Medal to Mr. D. H. Smith, of Stanlow Refinery.

Mr. Smith, who is Foreman (Plant