

Herb McKenley honoured

The Calabar High School Old Boys' Association honoured veteran Jamaican athlete Mr. Herb McKenley, one its most outstanding members, at a function at the Oceana Hotel recently.

Paying tribute to the distinguished athlete, Dr. Basil Keane said that Calabar had contributed significantly to the development of Herb McKenley's character, the refining of his goals and ideas and the will and desire to achieve.

In recalling McKenley's achievements, Dr. Keane said that apart from his excellent performances on the track he had also represented Calabar at football and cricket -topping the bowling averages in the Sunlight Cup Competition and playing with distinction for the All-Sunlight team.

Herb McKenley was the world record holder for the 300 yards, 440 yards and 400 metres from 1946-1948 and was 440 yards world record holder 1946-53. He was the first man in history to run under 46 seconds in the 400 metres. This achievement was in the AAU Championships in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA, in 1948 when he did 45.9 seconds.

He has also served with distinction in administrative capacities on several national and international athletic organizations and in 1975

he was the recipient of the Order of Distinction from the Government of Jamaica.

The Association saluted Herb McKenley as their "home grown throughbred, a living legend in our own time".