

SLAVE REGISTERS ON EXHIBITION

Three of the five genuine Tobago slave registers of people who worked on estates across the island centuries ago are available for public viewing, starting today (July 22).

In addition, copies of these registers are also on display.

This initiative coincides with the Tobago Heritage Festival and Emancipation Day, and will help sensitise Tobagonians on their family history and genealogy.

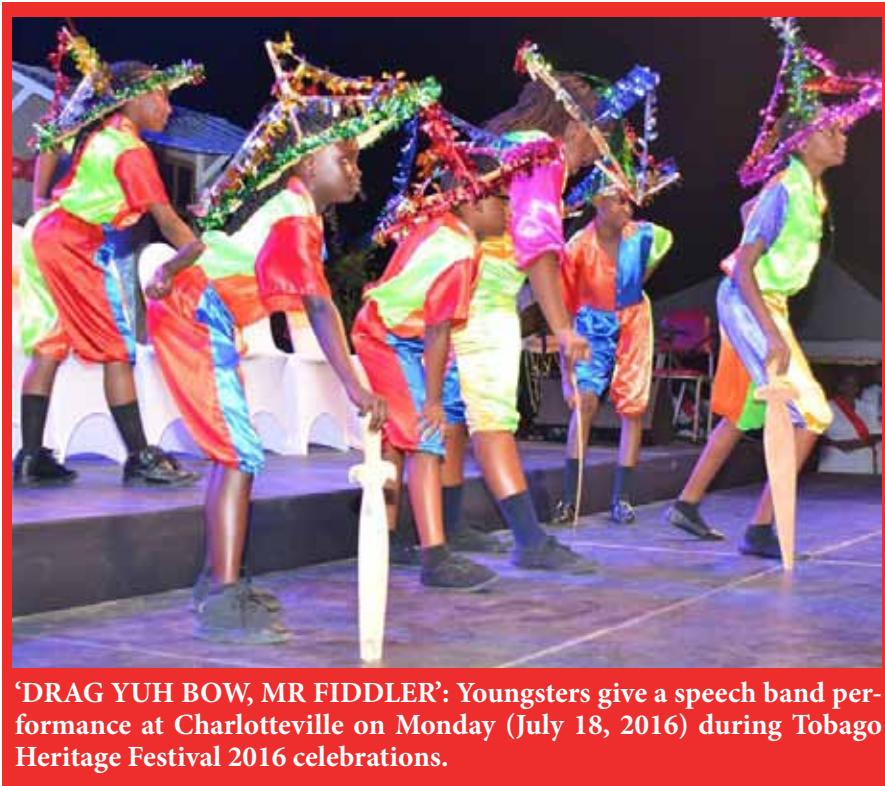
The exhibit, which ends on August 11, is being hosted by Tobago Library Services, in collaboration with the National Archives of Trinidad and Tobago and the National Committee of Trinidad and Tobago – Memory of the World.

Head librarian Helen Johnson said there is also an online component to the exhibit.

“Also, in an effort to maintain our continuous use of technology, persons

can use the computer within the exhibit to search their lineage online as well,” Johnson said.

The Memory of the World Programme was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), in 1992. The programme recognises and maintains registers of documentary heritage of international, regional and national significance.



‘DRAG YUH BOW, MR FIDDLER’: Youngsters give a speech band performance at Charlotteville on Monday (July 18, 2016) during Tobago Heritage Festival 2016 celebrations.

TOBAGONIANS TOLD TO OBEY THE SPEED LIMIT

In recent days, many speeding tickets have been issued on Tobago’s roadways.

Assistant Commissioner of Police Garfield Moore said although the speed limit was imposed before the Claude Noel Highway was constructed, the law is the law.

“So there’s nothing we can do,” Moore said at a police town meeting in Calder Hall on Wednesday (July 20). “We can make recommendations at the end of the day, but until the minister decides to take an Act to the Parliament to have that increased or decreased, the speed limit in Tobago is 30 miles or 50 kilometres per hour.”

Moore said the speed limit is the same throughout the island.

“Whether it’s the highway, or the narrow roads leading to Castara and Charlotteville—it’s the same 50 kilometres per hour. It’s unfortunate, but we have to live with it until (the authorities change it).”

RABBIT HAILED AS ALTERNATIVE TO CHICKEN

Rabbit could be the new chicken. This according to Rodney Jones, manager at the new Genetics Centre at Hope Farm. The Centre, which replaced the Artificial Insemination Unit, is being expanded to offer a wider range of breeding services.

Jones stated Tobago has more farmers per capita than Trinidad, and has the potential

to produce as much pork, and other meats, as the island’s population needs.

He said that rabbit meat could be an alternative to poultry.

“...We can, and I want to be more bold in saying we will eventually be able to supply ourselves with all the livestock or meat requirements that we have. Maybe except for poultry, but Tobago should be

the ‘rabbit capital’ of the Caribbean. And rabbit is one of the meats that can replace poultry...”

Mr Jones said farmers need to get on board in order to make this a reality. His vision is to play a leading role in expanding the island’s meat production, by offering four courses a year on livestock management and animal pen construction.