

# Xmas stamps issued on steelband art in Guyana

GEORGETOWN Friday (Reuter) - THE Guyana Government, which has dedicated special Christmas 1973 stamps to the steelband art, has also announced a gift of land to a local band for a clubhouse and farming.

The highly colourful Christmas stamps bear among its illustrations the images of two steelbandsmen playing their instruments.

Printed in Britain, each stamp is a beautiful blend of six colours- red, Mauve, white, gold, Peach and brown.

The three-acre land gift has been made to the 14-member El Dorado Steel Orchestra in Eastern Georgetown.

Presentation was made yesterday by Mr. Hamilton Green, Minister of Co-

operatives and National Mobilisation and President of the National Steelband Association.

The Government moved to assist the band because it practised in the open and had no proper place to store instruments. In addition, eight of its members were unemployed youths, four had jobs and the other two are still at school.

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