



Ole mas' in Arima

FOR the second year running the Arima Carnival Improvement Committee will be organising an ole mas competition.

And this year the committee hopes that the show will be one of the major pre carnival activities because it is slated to take place on the same night as the calypso finals.

The competitions will take place on February 19 at the Municipal Stadium from 8 p.m.

This year the committee will be offering bigger and better prizes, including prizes for best individuals and couples.

According to the chairman of the committee, Councillor Alfred Thompson, Mayor of Arima, registration of bands are taking place at Arima Town Hall between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Jump-up over big weekend

SPECTRUM 5 and the Hotel Normandie will jointly hold a jump-up at the hotel's car park over the carnival weekend starting at 9 p.m.

Solo Harmonites, Dolphins with Brass and Tobago Little 7 will play on Friday; Joey Lewis, Tobago Little 7 and Ebonites steelband on Saturday, and Joey Lewis, Ed Watson and Solo Harmonites on Sunday.



HACKETT JOINS THE BIG LEAGUE

AS soon as Carnival 1978 was over, Herman Hoppy Hackett and Associates sat down to plan their band for 1979. And after much thought and research they came up with "Universal Festivals."

In the large bands category this year with 1,000 members, "Universal Festivals" will depict the costumes of the different peoples of the universe.

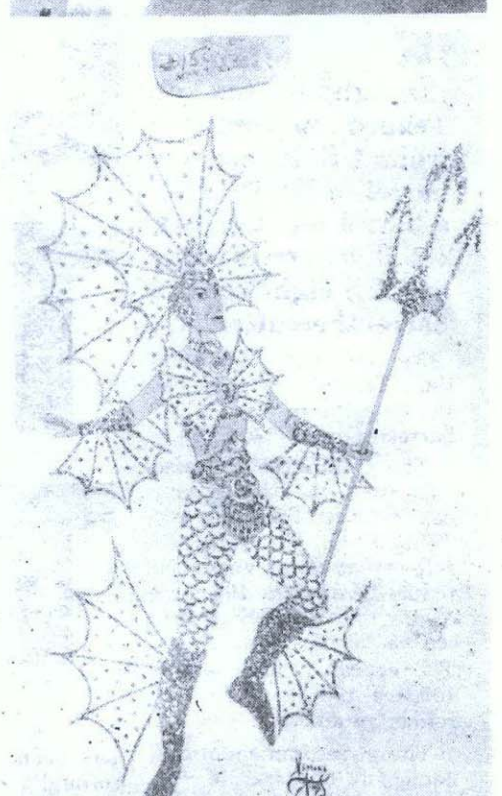
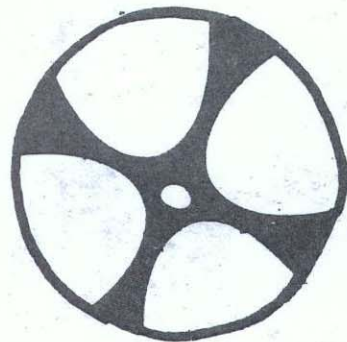
"Last year," said Tony Murrell, one of the associates, "we had 800 members and entered the medium-sized bands with our portrayal of 'A Touch of Elegance.' We placed third in the Independence Square competition and second in the Victoria Square competition."

He added that they also won Junior Carnival band of the year with their portrayal, "Children's World."

With 18 sections and prices ranging from \$85 to \$150 they are hoping to do better this year. Registration is \$15.

"Right now," said Murrell, "we are getting everything prepared so things are a bit hectic. But on Carnival Sunday, when everything is gone, I know my head will be cool."

The mas camp headquarters are at the corner of Park and Pembroke Streets, Port of Spain and there are still a few sections open. The camp is open from 9 a.m. to midnight daily. And for those who live out of the city, there are branches at Morvant, Belmont, St Joseph, Maracas and at 12th Street, Barataria.



1979 CARNIVAL

Palo Seco extravaganza

THE Palo Seco Los Charos Village Council will hold its fifth annual Carnival Extravaganza — which will be an ole mas competition and dance — at the Palo Seco Community Centre on February 17 from 8 p.m. There will be music by Los Charos and a DJ.

On February 18 the council will present a carnival competition, the crowning of a calypso king and the crowning of Miss Palo Seco.

CARNIVAL SAYONARA

RUDY PIGGOT will present "Carnival Sayonara" at the St John Ambulance headquarters, Wrightson Road Extension, on March 2 from 8 to 11 p.m. There will be music by Invaders, Pandemonium and Solo Harmonites steelbands and Charlie's Roots.

Brass and pan in school

TOBAGO's Jerry Stuart Brass, along with Dimensions Brass and Melodians Steelband, will be playing at the carnival fete to be held at Arima Boys' R.C. School on Friday, February 23 from 8 p.m.



MEXICAN WARM-UP

VICTOR RIQUE's j'ouvert band, prizewinners for the past four years, will present "Down Mexico Way" this year.

The band will comprise seven sections and will parade to music by Trinidad Troubadours and Tripolians steel orchestra.

The members of the band are holding their "warm-up" fete at the West India Club, Maraval, on Friday from 9 p.m.

Music will be provided by Troubadours, Mano Marcellin and Starlift steel orchestra.

HEAVY JAMMING

There will be a Carnival fete at Felix Basement, Hibiscus Drive, Petit Valley on Saturday.

Entrance at the door is just \$2.50, and heavy jamming from "The man himself" D.J. "Dynamic" Carl

Meeting to discuss East Panorama

STEELBANDSMEN from Tunapuna to Sangre Grande will meet with officials of the Arima Carnival Improvement Committee tomorrow at the Arima Town Hall.

The meeting, which gets underway at 5 p.m. will consider proposals from the panmen for the staging of the 1979 Panorama competition in Arima.

An official of the committee stated yesterday that this year's competition will take place at the Municipal Stadium.

He pointed out that the committee expects to increase the prizes this year and is hoping that the competition will be better than previous years.

The organisers are catering for six bands in the finals and the panmen will decide at the meeting tomorrow the possibility of staging a semi-final.

Last year's Panorama winners, Nu Tones, has already registered for the competition.

Rules for this year's competition will also be discussed.

Sea scouts jump-up

FRIDAY: Trinity sea scouts jump-up at Richmond Street Boys School from 8 p.m.

Dance at St. Michael's grounds, Diamond Avenue, Diego Martin, from 8 p.m. Music by Joey Lewis and Third World.