

Time for a spree

CARNIVAL shopping in the South has not only been infective, but it has become as spontaneous, and in some instances, moreso than the shopping "sprees" for Christmas.

It is not only shopping for just the two days of Carnival, but takes in everything the "gay" set need for all the functions that stretch for several weeks before.

This means an involve-

ment of every section of the community, feverishly getting ready for the country's biggest form of celebration with the freedom that is common to people here.

It is not only beads and ~~swernsdown~~, crepesoles and satins, as in the past, but all the best to wear in the gayest colours and patterns, and the best of fabrics, for the queen shows, calypso shows, and

the pre carnival competitions.

Merchants up and down High Street, and the other busy shopping centres, said that the big swing in the shopping now, is that the majority of the merchandise has to be geared for the "spectator" public, and not so much for the masqueraders, as in the past.

Not that the shopping for masquerade materials

has not been considered just as good as any year in the past, but the striking difference is that the public is taking up the "lion share."

With just a week to go sales are fantastic, judging from the short space of time there was between Christmas and Carnival, the merchants pointed out.

But not only the merchants are happy, the people who are also in-

involved in "carnival work" wire bending, metal shaping, float building, paintings, and jersey designs, "never had it better" they stated.

Hundreds of boxes of white jerseys have left the stores, and on these will go the paintings of all descriptions. Calypso motifs, trade names and emblems, and this is a big part of the trade, the merchants stated.