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"Our pans were tuned by Lennie "Genie" Marcano and the band became the sensation among Arima's youth, after being sponsored by the brickmaking firm Bestcrete.

"I eventually went over to Melodians under Ivan 'Skull' Henry and the Bernard brothers on Cocorite Road Arima," he says.

Noel's social life continued to glow in the eastern borough as he became Scout-Master of Arima Boys' Government Third-Arima troop with over 120 scouts under his charge.

At the Caribbean Scouts Jamboree of 1961 Noel won special commendations for scouting which he still holds dear. The military or uniformed life had captivated him tremendously.

"On Carnival Monday, 1962," says Noel, "I was recruited as a member of the Trinidad Police Force merely on my scouting ability, since the taboo of a panman would have debarred me from becoming a policeman.

"You simply could not be a policeman with the perception that pan players were hooligans.

"In 1965 as a member of the Police Mounted Branch, I was one of the buglers and became quite close to Anthony Prospect in the Police Band.

"I almost fainted with disbelief," says Noel. "A special Police message came to me when stationed at Biche request-