

Now it's bacchanal down in South...

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SPOTLIGHT on the Carnival season...and it looks like bacchanal down in South.

The tempo swings into full gear early tomorrow morning.

Thousands will rub sleepy eyes and shiver across to the towns for J'Ouvert. Public personalities will be the main depictions.

At Harris Promenade and High Street, San Fernando the crowds will be thickest: here will take place CDC and Winsure Bomb competitions.

BIG GUNS

And stickfights. Throughout the Southland the boys men will "carry" to the rhythmic roll of the drums (how the crowds will scream with sadistic frenzy when hot blood gushes from a freshly-opened wound on the head).

But mas' on Monday will yet be a contained celebration.

On Tuesday the "big guns" will roll out with full artillery and the mad frenzy of the season will come to a climax.

Thousands will flow through the towns in a bustling, shuffling, ex-

cited mass while the bands parade through the streets to the sweet beat of the pans.

Months of hard work, sleepless nights, worry and tension will end for the masmen.

At Skinner Park, the big CDC competition will draw the most attention.

Several bands will appear before the judges including Gilbert Maynard's "An Inhabited Rainbow", Peter Carvalho's "An Astrologer's Dream" and Mack Copeland's "Afro '71".

The big question: who will win?

At Princes Town and Point Fortin competitions will also take place.

The calypsonians will

also be in for their share of anxiety...who will emerge the roadmarch champ?

But while thousands flock the streets an equal number will remain at home or go to the beaches, according to investigations.

RUMOURS

The fear that there will be trouble on the streets is rumoured but a senior police official at San Fernando has brushed aside these fears.

Steps are being taken to ensure that the public spends a safe season on the streets, he disclosed.

National Association of Trinidad and Tobago Steelbandmen (NATTS) will be holding the annual South Steelband "Bomb" Competition on J'Ouvert morning on High Street between the corners of Chancery Lane and Penitence Streets.

At stake is the Winsure Trophy which was donated to the Steelband Association by the West Indian National Insurance Company.

Secretaries big meeting

IT'S going to be a very serious occasion when the National Secretaries Association hold their monthly meeting Thursday.

Even the little parcels which the girls will carry to the meeting will be all business. For the parcels will be sold after the get together at the Productivity Centre, Salvatori Building, Port-of-Spain at 5 p.m.

Love story behind a murder?

AT FIRST, as with most couples the affair between Winnifred Quashie and her lover was a happy one. They lived as man and wife.

Then trouble started and they separated. That was 14 months ago and Quashie, 34, thought it was all over.

Last Friday Quashie of Culloden Village, Tobago set off for work.

She had not gotten far when she was brutally hacked to death with a cutlass. Then her assailant burnt down her home and cut his throat with a knife. A man is now under police guard in a hospital.

The story of Quashie and her lover was told by police yesterday. They believe the murder followed another reconciliation attempt.

Arima Keith, masman in a wheelchair

BEING confined to a wheel-chair will not prevent Keith Hollingsworth of Arima from bringing out a Carnival Band.

Keith's band, "Heritage of the Himalayas" will be one of the bands parading before the

judges in the Arima Parade of Bands on Monday and Tuesday.

Other bands taking part in the competition will include Sylbert Clement's "Somewhere in Angora", Vernon Edwards' "Extracts from Mexico", Ken Matthews' "Paradise Regained" and Wayne Ruiz's