

CORDETTES: ONE OF THE BEST IN THE LAND



Sangre Grande's pride and joy.

THE Cordettes Steel Orchestra was formed in Sangre Grande the year Trinidad and Tobago became independent. In the early days of their existence, they had to cope with some resistance in the eastern part of the island.

But by dint of perseverance and talent the day came when the people of Sangre Grande recognised the band as their own and even more saw in them the potential of a first class steelband. The view was not misplaced for in a very short time Cordettes proved their worth emerging as one of the best bands in the whole of Trinidad and Tobago.

To whom does one give the credit? It would be impossible to list the names of all those who during the past six years have contributed to the development of the band.

A great deal of the driving power came from the band's manager, Alwin Chow Lin On; captain Cornell Contain; arranger Paul Campbell and that excellent p a n t u n e r, Joseph Roseman.

In 1967 the KLM Cordettes won a trophy donated by Mrs. Margaret Russel for the best rendered test piece in the Steelband Festival. At the 1968 Steelband Festival the band won second prize.

That they are a good band there can be no doubt but why not judge for yourself by listening to the band this carnival.

