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May I personally extend my best wishes for a new year of happy Square Dancing to the members and clubs of the Northern New Square Dance Association, and may the New Year bring continued success, health and happiness to you all.

To the officers and delegates of the Association, in your name, I thank them for the excellent job they have been doing for the enjoyment and benefit of Square Dancers everywhere. The work being done by Frank and Hazel Preston, Dan & Mildred Hulin, Lew and Edna Sullivan, and Dick & Janet Davis is much too long to be listed, but is sincerely appreciated by all of us.

My personal gratitude goes to the fine people who do the major share of the work in publishing the Grand Square, for without their contribution of their time and talent, this paper could not be published. Thanks to Area Club Reporters Peg Tirrell and Nels Oliphant, Advertising Manager and Special Features Editor Fred Schreiber, Circulation Manager Isabel Kellogg, and Typist Ruth Simon.

To the individual clubs, their reporters, and their members; a big "THANK YOU" for your friendship and cooperation.

We enjoy working on the "Grand Square", and we hope that you enjoy it. This is your paper, and we welcome your suggestions and criticisms.

Happy Dancing,

Bill Geier - Editor

EDITORIAL

Your Association and it's Purpose

In our Constitution, one of our aims is as follows: "Organizing and Providing Beginners Classes."

What does this mean to member clubs?

Without new dancers, the square dance movement will wither on the vine and die. YOUR Association was founded at a time when square dancing was at a very low ebb because of the lack of new dancers. The initial success of your Association was due to untiring efforts of a nucleus of Club workers who organized beginner classes when they were badly needed. Getting new people into square dancing is our primary objective and our ability to do this will assure growth and well being of our Clubs. This should be a united effort with all the member Clubs working in harmony with NNJSDA.

A Message from The President

Delegates: Who are they, what are they and what are their responsibilities?

The delegates are club dancers who represent their clubs in the Association. The delegates attend the regular meetings of NNJSDA and express their club thoughts on the various matters discussed. Following the meeting, they report back to their clubs the matters discussed and the action taken. In this capacity they are the principal line of communication between the Association and the dancers. It is easy to see that the manner in which the delegates carry out their responsibility has great bearing on the success of the Association and of Square Dancing in general in this area. It is possible that there may exist some misconception that a delegate's responsibility is simply to attend three meetings a year. Certainly this attendance is very important because it gives the delegate a good knowledge of Square Dancing and its problems and how its problems are tackled and sometimes solved. Of much more importance, however, is his participation in the efforts of improving and promoting square dancing not only in his club but also in the whole movement.

FRANK PRESTON

OUR SYMPATHIES, BEULAH!

Our sympathies are sincerely extended to Beulah Samec, whose father passed away on December 20th.

We all mourn the untimely death of Belle Appleton, who died on December 11. At her request, many clubs and dancers are making a contribution to the American Cancer Society in her name.

STATEN SQUARE SET

Classes are beginning on Thursday evening, January 9, at St. Christopher's School in Grant City. A Missionary dance was held on January 4, at which guests were able to get a better insight into square dancing. 10 couples registered for the coming class.

February 29 will be the Staten Square Sets "SNO-HOE-DOWN" at St. Alban's Parish Hall. Featured will be Jeff Flash, John Carroll, and Manny Amor. Everybody's invited. (ED. NOTE: This club has come out with a cute monthly newspaper, called the "Stat'n Chatter").

FREE DIRECTORY

A "Directory of Sources" will be released about February 10 by the Foundation for Square Dancing, Inc. Arranged for quick reference, it lists sources of information on when and where there is square and round dancing, and how to obtain such publications. Readers may request a copy of the Directory without charge by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the "Foundation for Square Dancing Inc.", 230 Harvard Circle, Newtonville, Massachusetts 02160, before January 31, and mentioning GRAND SQUARE.

COUNTRY PROMENADERS

The best Christmas Party Ever! That was the unanimous feeling of all. The combination of beautiful decorations, arm corsages for all the ladies (made by Hazel Preston) delicious refreshments, and an excellent program by Al Aderente, and Bob & Edith Thompson made it so.

Jan Trescott has been out of square dancing due to illness (hurry back, Jan).

Jim Cameron, back from a round-the-world tour is back and dancing up a storm. Welcome home!

The Weinman's home from their Florida vacation, rested and tanned, and ready to get back into the swing.

We continue to add new members, and now have membership from A to Z. (Adams to Zeik, that is).

Al Aderente very active with out-of-town calling, with dates in Albany, Lancaster, Baltimore, and Ocean City. Really gets around!

BEGINNERS MID-TERM DANCE A SELL-OUT!

16 squares of beginners and club dancers filled the Cook School gymnasium in Plainfield at the Association's Mid-Term Dance on January 6th. The beginners (many in new square dance outfits) performed so well that it was hard to distinguish them from the regular dancers!

Al Aderente and Barney Hartenstein, alternating at the mike, did a magnificent job of calling. The duet patter call by Al and Barney at the end was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The beginners, all of whom had completed 10 lessons, were from the Merri-Eights, the M. T. Squares, and the Allied Squares classes, and the Association's Plainfield and Basking Ridge classes.

GRAND PROWLERS

Had an old fashioned Christmas covered dish ball, with 34 couples bringing mouth-watering casseroles. 8 sets squared it up to the top-notch calling of Vin Caruso.

Even Santa himself (Frank Howlett) stopped in to dance with every set. He then presented gifts to the man behind the scenes, the janitor of the school. The marching band made their first appearance that night, with Max Breuche as Drum Major. (You should have seen his blinking red bow tie). He led his band around the room, each playing (?) their toy instruments to the rousing "Raise a Ruckus".

Everyone glad to see Frank & Hilda Howlett, who have been out of circulation due to operations.

Dick Jones will be the guest caller on February 15, so bring your Valentine out to the Salem Drive School in Whippany. We dance on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays. Call Doris Holmes at Center 9-1780.

HILL TOP SQUARES

Had ourselves a ball as we danced the old year out at the Legion Hall in Paterson. So Callers in the area could relax and dance, they flew in Don Lents from Lima, Ohio who called up a storm. 8 squares stopped at midnight to toast in '64 with champagne and enjoy the delicious buffet. Then back on the floor to dance 'til 2:30.

RAMAPO SQUARE DANCERS

Confused?...The R.S.D.'s were formerly the Wayne Square Dancers. The club now dances in the Heights School on Seminole Ave. in Oakland. John Carroll is the caller.

Dates scheduled for dances are: January 11-25, February 8-29*, March 14-28, April 11-25, and May 9-23.

The February 29th dance will be a special Leap Year Dance with Beulah Samec at the mike. Advance reservations at \$2.50 per couple may be obtained from Hanley & Vi Clapp, 52 Calumet Ave., Oakland. Donations at the door will be \$3.00 per couple.

So come on - grab your partner, and take advantage of this "once every four years" night of fun.

I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY

Fred Schreiber sent me in a "Behind the Mike" article by Bob Kellogg in plenty of time, but somehow, in the middle of all the holiday mail, it got misplaced. Bob is out of town, and I cannot get another article - but I will reserve the same space for him in the March issue. "to err is human - to forgive, divine".

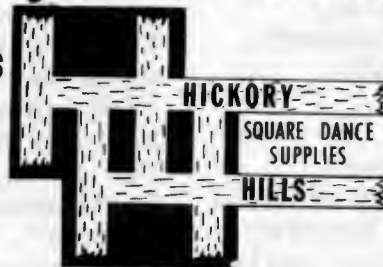
SOMERSET HILLS CLASS ENDS FIRST TERM

The Somerset Hills/NNJSDA Square Dance Class completed a successful first semester. The event was celebrated with a Christmas Dance on December 18, and was called by Al Aderente. Veterans of the 1962-63 class joined in the activities to make it a real fine occasion. The second semester began on January 8, and is being held every Wednesday at the Bernardsville, Y.M.C.A.

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TENAKILL TWIRLERS

Like so many clubs, the T. T.'s welcomed in the New Year with a basement party dance. As a preview of things to come, they used the tape of Johnnie Roth's last visit. With everyone bringing part of the mid-night buffet, no one was loaded down with work. A real ball!

It was good to see Edna Hopper and Peg back on the dance floor full time again, after their hospital stays.

Biggest news is the return of Johnnie Roth from Red Oak, Iowa on Thursday, January 23. He'll call from 8 to 11 at the Bryan School on Brookside Ave., in Cresskill.

Due to school holidays, our February dance will be held at the Reformed Church on the hill. Slim Sterling will be calling at the same old stand.

MERRI-EIGHTS

Lucky & Pat Walton are the entertainment chairmen for the club. They will handle all of the special dances of the club, including our annual June dinner dance.

Carolyn Laden injured in an auto crash, ending up with a broken nose and a concussion.

Kay & Bill Geier became the proud grandparents of Michael John Geier in December. And their daughter, Kathleen received her engagement ring on Christmas eve.

Barney Hartenstein filled in most capably for Beulah Samec at the Merri-Eights Christmas Dance. Nine sets were active and enjoyed the refreshments, door prizes and decorations.

Two anniversaries this month -- it's the McCarry's 37th on January 17th, and the Poulsen's 38th on January 10. Congratulations to two wonderful couples.

MERRY SQUARES

A terrific Christmas-New Year's dance was held on December 28, with loads of surprises. Two squares came up from Asbury Park (the Cali-Hoes to capture their banner) Henry & Kay Knoblock, along with the Roy Keleighs sparked this visit.

Helen & Roger Smith were made honorary life members of the club. They can still remember when the Merry Squares began on the shores of the Hudson. The club wishes them good health & happiness as they travel with their trailer around the country.

For a grand time we dance at the Hill Top Barn in Bloomfield on the first Friday of every month. Marty Winter calls.

The February dance will be fun! It will be a Leap Year dance with every taw bringing refreshments for one man. Later in the evening, the taw will discover who will be her partner at refreshment time.

M. T. SQUARES

Visitors at our Christmas Dance included George and Shirley Feaster of Perrysburg, Ohio, one of the founding couples of the club.

Our beginners class has completed its first 10 lessons and looked real sharp at the Association's Beginners Dance on January 6th.

Want to know anything about Clark, New Jersey? Ask Ed Ayers who has written the history of the township for its Centennial celebration.

With a nice boost from our beginners class, our coffee pot fund goal is almost in sight.

Candid Camera Lofstrom's movies of last year's Folk Dance Festival and Christmas Party were a pleasant surprise.

Remember the Graves, (Jack and Betty) of Santa Barbara, California? They wish to be remembered to all of their New Jersey friends.

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ALLIED SQUARES

Hurray for Us! Our banner was completed just in time for the Callers Carnival. Our Christmas dance was a huge success with the ladies receiving pretty favors - and Barney and Ginny Hartenstein scared off the reindeer with their rendition of Rudolph, the Red--Nosed Reindeer.

We're looking forward to a new year of square dance fun on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Come dance to Vin Caruso, our guest caller, for a fifth Wednesday special on January 29th.

HIX AND CHIX

We started the year with a new slate of officers. Elected were: Presidents, Eileen & Harry Moore; Veeps are Terry & Catherine Moore (not brothers) Treasurers, Betty & Jack Doyle; and Secretaries, Evelyn & Charlie Noback. Delegates are Bill & Gen Van Pelt. Dancing is every Thursday at the Odd Fellows Hall on Franklin Turnpike in Ramsey.

Oh! Our caller is Jim Flammer.

HANOVER SQUARES

Dance with us to the calling of Al Aderente on the 2nd & 4th Fridays, at the Salem Drive School, in Whippany.

Our Christmas dance had 12 squares with Al at the mike, and our New Year's Eve dance had 9 squares dancing to Vin Caruso.

Chip Henderson will be featured at a special dance on Saturday, February 29.

RICHMOND DANCERS

52 member couples now is the present membership of our club. Our new class working hard since last fall, will be graduated at the March 14th dance.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Sophie Adamo, who broke several ribs in a fall on the ice.

BELL LAB PIONEERS

Bad roads kept attendance at our Christmas Party down to 4 squares, but those who braved the elements had a fine time. Santa Claus (Max Breuche) performed in great style. Two Bell Lab couples - the A.F. Potters and the L.F. Willeys, have been attending the Plainfield classes, and we look forward to welcoming them as members on graduation.

"Y" SQUARES

Caller Bob Kellogg is out of town for a few weeks, but the club will be back in full swing on his return. Classes under the auspices of the Westfield YM-YWCA will be starting on January 25, with Bob teaching.

WESTFIELD SQUARES

President Wally Moran is off to Europe for several weeks, followed by a stay in Washington, D.C. All of their friends enjoyed seeing and dancing with Ruth & Jay Folk, who now reside in Loveland, Colorado. We understand that they danced in several of the area clubs during their stay here.

TENAFLY SQUARES

It's tradition now that the Valley Promenaders (the beginners class of the Tenakill Twirlers) attend the February dance of the Tenafly Squares. Besides introducing them to a new caller's style and calls, it shows them that good fun and friendship is not just limited to one club.

They dance every 2nd Friday at the Presbyterian Church in Tenafly, to the calling of Jim Flammer (The Tenafly Squares, that is).

CIRCLE EIGHTS

Big news is the return of Dick Jones as our guest caller for a dance on January 27 at the Mackay School. Normally we dance every 2nd and 4th Monday at the Mackay School in Tenafly. Marty Winter starts promptly at 8:00 as they must end by 10:30.

BELLES & BEAUX

For a real good time, dance every 4th Friday at the Church of Atonement in Tenafly. The Hulins teach the Round of the Month from 8 to 8:30, with Jim Flammer taking over the mike at that time for the latest in Square dance calls. Dancing is until 11, when we stop for coffee and -. Due to Good Friday, there will be no dance in March.

REELERS

The Ironia Elementary School was the scene of a gay and colorful party on the evening of Friday, December 20, as we celebrated the holiday season with dancing, refreshments, and friendship. Vin Caruso called and enlivened the festivities with a mixer or two. Glad to have Doris & Harold Holmes, Presidents of the Grand Prowlers with us. The new dance series of the Reelers begins on January 17, and will continue on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. Members of other clubs will receive a cordial welcome. The time - 8:00 P.M..... The place - Ironia Elementary School on the Dover-Chester Road.

METUCHEN SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Belated congratulations to Presidents Ed & Elsie Rice, who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary in November.

John Carroll did a fine job calling at the Christmas dance. Come on out and dance with us on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays!

PLAINFIELD PROMENADERS

Having a wonderful season, but there is always room for another square. The 2nd & 4th Fridays are the nights, and John Carroll is the caller.

RAHWAY SQUARE SET DISBANDS

Our club has had to disband due to small attendance. At a final dinner-dance at the "Turf", everyone had such a good time, that it will be repeated on a monthly basis. For details, contact Dick Lighthipe.

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