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We take this opportunity to wish all our members a wonderful, joyous, happy new square dancing year. Thanks to everyone for their Christmas cards and kind words. 1965 has been a very eventful year for us. We have been keeping very busy with the many Association activities and are enjoying every minute of it. Perhaps our greatest delight is visiting our many clubs and meeting so many nice people. It is indeed rewarding and gratifying to us to be given the opportunity to serve the fine people in all our clubs.....

This is exemplified in the kind, generous, extraordinary response by our members to our appeal for help with the KEOKUK DISASTER FUND. Contributions are coming in almost daily from our clubs and they have already surpassed our expectations. We are so proud of the brotherly love and human kindness inherent in our members that we enjoyed one of our happiest Christmases.

On January 29th the Association is sponsoring Paul Hartman at the Thomas Alva Edison High School in Westfield. We do hope to see all our members there to enjoy the dancing and help make it a success....You soon will be asked by your club delegate to participate in the Grand Square Booster Drive. This is important. In order to continue the beautiful new format of the Grand Square and to help in its fine contribution to square dancing we ask that you become a Booster.....

Plans are in the making for a Keokuk Memorial Dance. Also in the planning stage is a forthcoming meeting of our Association callers. Their main purpose, among other things, is to update the material for teaching beginners square dance basics, figures, breaks and styling....Looking forward a bit, on April 30th, the Association will sponsor Bruce Johnson, more to follow.....

Thanks again to all of you for your fine spirit of cooperation, for your many kind expressions and for your help.....

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'nuff said

"Many years ago," observed Maine's Senator Margaret Chase Smith at a dinner in Manhattan, "the word square was one of the most honored words in our vocabulary. The square deal was an honest deal. A square meal was a full and good meal. It was the square shooter rather than the sharp-shooter who was admired. What is a square today? He's the fellow who never learned to get away with it, who gets choked up when the flag unfurls. There has been too much glorification of the angle players, the corner cutters, and the goof-offs. One of America's greatest needs is for more people who are square."

from TIME Magazine

stage II

Many beginner classes are now entering Stage II of their lessons. If you know any couples who for one reason or another have had to drop from the S/D picture for awhile but would now like to get back in the swing but would feel more secure with some practice sessions on newer calls, or perhaps some new dancers who would like to have more review, or folks who've moved into the area and would like to brush up and become better acquainted with a smaller group 'fore emerging into a large club, tell them about STAGE II - the second series of S/D lessons most clubs are now conducting. Contact Jack & Carol DeCoste if no club is nearby to solve this problem.

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"Y" SQUARES -- Westfield, N.J.

1 & 3 Fridays

Washington or Wilson Schools

Seasons Greeting to all square dancers from the Westfield "Y" Squares. The highlight of the Christmas season for our club was the festive dance on December 15 at Wilson School. Hung from the ceiling was the decorative theme for the party, a balloon suspended basket, containing Santa Claus with his bag of gifts. Large cut out white snowflakes hung about the room to complete the winter motif. As usual our caller, Bob Kellogg, came up with a fine job of calling regular dances as well as several special numbers for the seven squares of members and guests. Bill & Marge Hoople did the decorations while John & Ruth Thatcher and Dick & Jan Gellina provided the refreshments. Club presidents Joel & Alice Spivey were in charge of general arrangements.

On the 17th of January, under the "Y" Squares sponsorship, a second set of 10 lessons will begin at Westfield YMCA. Running for 10 consecutive Monday evenings, the lessons will be open to the couples who have completed the first ten lessons and any other square dancers of equal or greater skill who wish to add to their dance knowledge. Class time is 8:30 to 10:30PM. Bob Kellogg will be doing the teaching. Any one wishing more information may contact club president, Joel Spivey at 233-4608; club veep, Bob Sweet at 232-1494; caller Bob Kellogg at 548-8160 and of course the Westfield "Y" at 232-2700.

The club extends an invitation for all square dancers to join with us any first or third Friday, so come along and Square Your Cares Away. For dates and places, contact any club officer, or drop us a line, we'll be glad to send you a schedule card.

reporter - Marge Hoople 233-5570

WESTFIELD SQUARES -- Westfield, N.J.

every Wednesday

Tamaques School on Willow Grove Rd.

Ten squares of festive dancers enjoyed Beulah Samec's calling at the Christmas party, December 22. Bob and Jean Kellogg directed their usual fine rounds, plus a special Christmas mixer dance. Delicious refreshments were served by the officers. In the spirit of Christmas, the entire proceeds collected that evening were donated to the Keokuk Disaster Fund. Substituting for Beulah in early January, when she and Joe took their daughter back to college in Florida, were Bob Kellogg and Manny Amor.

reporter - Betty & Max Maneval 464-9184

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REELERS of IRONIA -- Ironia, N.J.

1 & 3 Fridays

Ironia Elementary School

The new class sponsored by the Reelers completed ten strenuous lessons in mid December. Preparatory to having them embark upon the next set of lessons, members of the class were invited to the Christmas dance of the club. Being a party, we had refreshments, an extra hour of socializing and as an extra special feature, during the evening, a demonstration by mystery visitors. We wish for the NNJSDA, its callers and its dancers, a very Happy 1966 full of dancing pleasure and fellowship. Come and see us on a first or third Friday...a hearty welcome awaits you all.

reporter - Jeff Delchamps 584-7729

ISLE SQUARES -- Oakwood, Staten Island, N.Y.

2 & 4 Wednesdays Oakwood Heights Church Hall, Guyon & Hylan Blvd.

On Dec. 22 we had our Christmas party. Ken Casazza called a terrific dance to six squares. A great time was had by all. In early January we held our "Missionary Dance" to try and get new people interested in Square Dancing with each dancing couple asked to bring at least one new couple along with them as guests. We're hoping to start a new beginners class on Monday, January 31.

Please mark your calendars, Isle Squares now dances 2 & 4 Wednesdays with Ken Casazza and Glenn Cooke alternating nights at the "mike". See you there.

reporter - Lorraine Ahrens 212-YU4-7752

PLAINFIELD PROMENADERS -- Plainfield, N.J.

2 & 4 Fridays

Cook School - Leland Ave.

Our Christmas Dance was a fine evening. Beulah called a good fun dance attended by eight plus squares. Following the dancing, Santa Claus visited us and distributed gifts to Paws and Taws. The evening ended with refreshments of coffee and home made cookies served buffet style from appropriately decorated tables. Art Seeley and his wife joined us for refreshments in a traditional visit they have made to us for a number of years.

President Mike Duhig has received a letter from John Carroll advising that he and Irene have had a good rest and will return to call for us again starting with our February 11th dance. Welcome back, John and Irene,

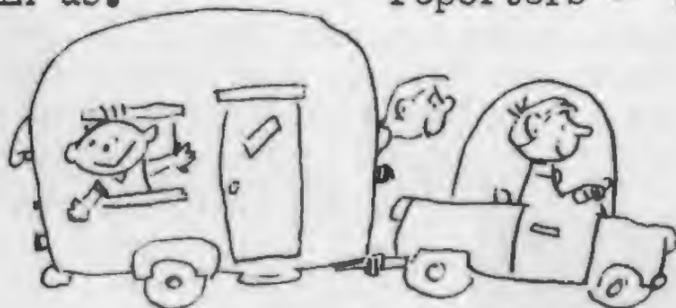
reporter - Ruth & Lloyd Moren AD2-1556

GARDEN STATE SQUARE DANCE CAMPERS

Our dinner-dance is all set for January 23 at the Cranwood in Cranford N.J. with Jack Shoffner scheduled to call a few tips afterwards to sort of help digest our meal. It has been interesting to note that many of the non-dancing couples we've met on our camping weekends who have shown interest in S/D classes, are happily engaged in lessons....and planning to join us on our trips next summer. We plan to always be on the look out for prospective square dancers.

Comes warmer weather we expect to have two camping shows. One will be in the northern portion of the NNJSDA area and the other will be in the southern portion. All square dancers interested in camping are invited to join us.

reporters - Bob & Lynn Long 257-7255



SQUARE VIEW

BY
MANNY AMOR



" THIS IS NOT AN ARKY FIGURE "

M T SQUARES -- Woodbridge Township, N.J.
1 & 3 Saturdays School 19, Menlo Terrace

Members and guests danced out the Old Year and brought in the New Year with enthusiasm. Barney and Virginia really had us swinging. Father Time (Ken Housman) and Baby New Year (carried in by Scotty Robertson) kept us laughing. The committee entertained us with a square dancer's version of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" which really should be in print (Ed. please take note!)(We did, and it is). The singers were Mildred & Ken Housman, Dolly & Bud Byers and Dolores & Scotty Robertson. All in all, a most successful party. In fact the people upstairs kept coming down to watch us!

Elsie & Bud Miller, vice presidents in charge of the class, report they are at the 13th lesson and looking good.

reporter - Connie Stillwell 233-6950

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STATEN SQUARE SET -- Elm Park, Staten Island, N.Y.

1 & 3 Saturdays

Adalberts Hall - 366 Morningstar Rd.

Even Scrooge's heart would have melted had he seen the beautiful Christmas decorations at St. Adalbert's Hall. The Christmas committee had worked for weeks to make this party the memorable one it was.

After a wonderful night of dancing, all the lights were dimmed and in came the lighted candles - 18 beautiful Christmas centerpieces which were given away as door prizes later in the evening. We were treated to a delicious punch and president, Gene, proposed a Christmas toast. Cakes and cookies were plentiful thanks to the class who had joined us celebrating their mid-term dance.

Santa Claus was ushered in by a piano roll call. "Jingle Bells" was played by Norma Vigor. Santa's bag was full and he gave a gift to everyone present. There was a special gift for Al & Nancy Aderente, Manny & Jackie Amor and John & Kay Adams. Each couple received a delicate glass serving tray with "Staten Square Set" engraved on it. Father Ed was presented with a beautiful pipe. The grand prize, a beautiful 3 stocking cake baked by our talented Bea Tooker was won by guess who??? Our own Gene & Grace Lucarini. Norma Vigor played Christmas Carols on the piano and everyone sang. Santa left turning a cartwheel to prove he's still chipper and promised to return December 24th.

reporter - Alice Farrell 212-YU4-9206



RICHMOND DANCERS -- Stapleton, N.Y.

2 & 4 Saturdays

First Presbyterian Church - 10 Brownl St.

Our Thanksgiving Dance was a tremendous success, dance wise and pie wise with almost everyone, even the folks from Long Island, bringing along their favorite pie (and 95% were home made, too!!!). Guess we had practically every variety under the sun on our buffet table. Square dancing is good for the appetite - only one was left.

The response to our Christmas toy dance was simply overwhelming - 4 baskets of gayly wrapped toys were contributed by the dancers for the children at St. Michael's Orphanage. We may have been pleased, but the nuns were delighted.....and wrote us the loveliest note.

Glen Cooke called a special dance for us in January - FEBRUARY will bring forth a special dance to end all specials. The idea's been brewing a long time....and is almost ready for the unveiling. If you miss our flier, call us so you won't miss this one. 'Nuff said.

reporter - Marianne Sears 212-351-0291

SOMERSET HILLS SQUARES -- Basking Ridge, N.J.

2 & 4 Tuesdays

Cedar Hill School Gym

We're happy to announce we now have a club banner!!! Designed and made by our veep's daughter Kathy Erickson, with some side line coaching by Helen. Our class decided to continue right on with the next set of lessons - such enthusiasm!!! It's wonderful to see. We're sorry to see Leslie & Molly Reed exchanging their address for a comparable one out California way. A hearty welcome is extended to Bill & Barbara Hoerman from Conn. and Gerry & Barbie Hosking formerly from California. Also a welcome back to Ken & Gladys Compton from the wilds of Wyoming.

reporter - Anita Ciba 766-4472

2 & 4 Saturdays

RAMAPO SQUARES -- Oakland, N.J.

Heights School on Seminole Avenue

Since our regular dance date fell on Christmas Day this year, we took a "breather" until Jan. 8th. Almost need the rest after the 3-in-a-row humdinger dances we've had since the last reporting. On Nov. 13th Al Brundage certainly gave us and our many guests an evening of square dancing to remember. Doc & Peg and the Ramapo Rhythmaires R/D group demonstrated the "Turkey Trot". Pretty slick! Jerry Salisbury's calling at our Nov. 27th dance was terrific, and the 3 visiting sets of be-whiskered Grand Prowlers let it be known by their howls that they too thought he was "the cats". Manny Amor called for us again on Dec. 11th. His exciting delivery and novelty numbers added to the holiday spirit. Thanks to Hanover Squares for their black light demonstration. And thanks to the wee Scottish Santa Claus who dropped in that night, minus kilts.

Now that Ramapo's first New Year's Eve party is a happy memory, we are all looking forward to Manny Amor and Vin Caruso at our January dances. For those who like to S/D after they S/D, come up and see us some time! Yes, we have a few more tips, to records, while snacking at the Carriage Barn in Oakland.

By the way, Ramapo Rhythmaires are back to normal Round Dance schedules 1st & 3rd Wednesdays and 2nd Thursdays at the Ramapo Mountain Lakes Country Club in Oakland.

reporter - Vi Clapp FE7-7578

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2 & 4 Mondays

CIRCLE EIGHTS -- Tenafly, N.J.

Mackay School

October saw many of our group journeying to Honeymoon Haven at Dingsman's Ferry, Penn. for a retreat. Reports were that the Summerlines, Rattners, DeSimones, Kurtzs and Happes had a fine time and encourage more to come another year. The Boggs, Flo and Cliff, are Hawaii bound. We're wondering how the Hula will mix with square dancing.

The Junior Woman's Club of Bergenfield held a dance at the Mall in November with our Beginner's Class well represented. Our advanced class will begin on Jan. 4th and run for 15 weeks. A great deal of credit for the beginners class being so successful goes to our president, Wib Warfel and wife Ruth. They are always present to encourage, lead and advise. They will be one of the few couples to set a perfect attendance record.

Two couples, Al & Anita Hoff and Charlie & Jean Bogart recently returned from an extended cruise to St. Croix, Martinique, Trinidad, St. Maarten, Barbados, Granada and St. Thomas. Frank and Vi Grande became grandparents for the first time this past month. It's a girl, Karen Ann. Vi journeyed to Des Moines for the big event.

Our first dance in January will honor our past officers.

reporters - Hattie & Lou DeLeau 836-6249



Dancing Calendar

1966

JANUARY

- 23 - Garden State S/D Campers dinner dance - Cranwood, NJ
- 28 - Johnnie Roth - Bryan School on Brookside Ave., Cresskill, NJ 8-11
- 29 - Paul Hartman - Thomas A. Edison Jr. High School, Westfield, NJ

MARCH

- 18 - Buzz Chapman - Mahwah Jr.-Sr. High School, NJ 8:30-11
- 31 - Jim Cargill - Wilson School, Summit, NJ

APRIL

- 4 - Jerry Salisbury - Mackay School, Tenafly, NJ
- 23 - special guest caller - Heights School, Seminole Ave., Oakland, NJ
- 30 - Bruce Johnson, NNJSDA

MAY

- 7 - Frankie Lane - Hi Taw Twirlers
- 12 - Earl Johnston - Bergen Mall Auditorium, Paramus, NJ 8-11
- 25 - Bob Page - Tamaque School, Westfield, NJ
- 28 - Bob Brundage - Memorial School, Whippany, NJ

JUNE

- 18 - Beulah Samec - St. Thomas Church, Old Bridge, NJ (dinner dance)
Contact Merri-Eights for more information

in order to keep this calendar of NNJSDA special dance dates of its membership as current as possible, we ask all club secretaries to notify us of any additions or corrections as soon as possible.

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Paul Hartman

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We were pleased to greet visitors from 17 clubs at our Thanksgiving dance! Al Aderente called his usual outstanding dance, and many couples joined in the round dancing - both old and new numbers.

Our Christmas dance will be long-remembered by all. The decorations, designed and created by Ozzie and Amy Lee Mueller, brought forth "Oh's" and "Ah's" of admiration! Naturally, Santa Claus came to visit us and brought Mrs. Santa Claus along to help him distribute the gifts. More than ninety dancers, many dressed in traditional red or green outfits, made the dancing a real picture!

After several special features, refreshments were served from a most beautifully appointed table. This enjoyable part of the evening was presided over by Homer and Mildred Davis.

Thus the first half of our 1965-66 season has drawn to a close. We look forward to seeing you soon and hope you all have a very Happy New Year of square dancing!

reporters - Bob & Hazel Fergus 425-4949

		YOU OUGHT TO SEE 'EM DANCIN' ON SATURDAY NITE AT RAMAPO ! SEMINOLE AVE, OAKLAND 8:30 - 11 PM
JAN. 22 WITH VIN CARUSO FEB. 12 WITH MANNY AMOR		
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TENAKILL TWIRLERS -- Cresskill, N.J.

Were all greatly saddened by the death of Else Becker in an auto accident in November. A graduate of last year's class, she was a person of great warmth and charm and will be sadly missed. The club as well as individual members have placed books on square and folk dancing in her home town Paramus Library and also the new Cresskill Library in her honor.

The "Wrong Way Thars" surprised us at our November dance and took home a miniature banner, and their lovely club apron we had appropriated on our trip there. Since the first Triple "T" trip was to their club, it was most fitting that their visit coincided with the award of the first group of Triple "T" badges to those who had been on three trips.

The only December Triple "T" trip was to the Merry Squares where we met the Staten Square Set who were out on a mystery ride. There was hardly room left in the hall for the Merry Squares themselves.

We are all looking forward to our January 21st-dance with Chip Hendrickson and our very special annual dance with Johnny Roth of Iowa on the 28th of January....both at Bryan School.

In February our club will sponsor a dinner dance with all S/Ders invited. Instead of folks signing up to bring a specific dish, couples are asked to bring along either a casserole, salad or dessert, to serve six. Please note the hour - 7:30 for all who plan to eat first. See you there.

reporter - Dorothy Pullman 568-5138

	CIRCLE EIGHTS ANNUAL SPRING DANCE	
	A GOOD THING IS WORTH REPEATING	JERRY SALISBURY
	MONDAY, APRIL 4 - 8:30 P.M.	
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January 28th - Earl Johnston
29th - Manny Amor



February 5th - Al Brundage
29th - Dick Jones

APRIL 23

afternoon - round dancing - Dottie & Jules Billard
2:30 to 5:00 PM
evening - squares - Roy Keleigh
review rounds - Dottie & Jules Billard
8:00 to 11:00 PM

METUCHEN SQUARE DANCE CLUB -- Metuchen, N.J.

1 & 3 Saturdays

Reformed Church on Lake Ave.

We had a very successful Christmas Dance with Beulah Samec calling. Every lady received a favor created by Hazel Preston assisted by Frank. A good time was had by all. We also had a New Year's Day Dance with Bob Kellogg which was a tremendous success. Everyone was in a gay mood. Bob & Edith did a fabulous job on the rounds. With everyone in a spirited and tired state it was not an easy task for both Bobs to keep everyone going. We even had entertainment at coffee time. Our own Alice Fengler ably assisted by Bob Thompson on the stage lights did a Hula dance for the group. (Bob, do you have a union card?) Beulah will call our Jan. 15th dance; Feb. 5th will have Bob Kellogg at the mike and John Carroll will be back with us to finish the season starting Feb. 19th. See you at the Reformed Church on the 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month.

reporter - Gloria Gold 569-5052

COUNTRY PROMENADERS -- Metuchen, N.J.

2 & 4 Saturdays

Reformed Church on Lake Ave.

Our pre-holiday dance, with Al Aderente calling in his inimitable manner, was a delight to everyone present. Of course our talented Hazel Preston furnished the ladies with Christmas corsages, and as an extra surprise, there were a few lucky ladies who walked home with the beautiful centerpieces that bedecked the coffee tables.

For the month of February Al will call on the 12th and Lee Kopman on the 26th. Last, but by no means least, Edith & Bob Thompson will have their usual Round Dance Workshop from 7:30 to 8:30. Round dancing is fun, especially under the guidance of Edith & Bob.

Winter is here, which means lack of physical exercise, which means what are you going to do about it, which means come to Country Promenaders, which means no midriff bulge, which means physical fitness, which means fun and enjoyment, which means see you the second and fourth Saturdays of each month in Metuchen.

reporter - Marge Wukits EL6-3506

HILL CITY SQUARES -- Summit, N.J.

1 & 3 Thursdays

Wilson School

Our Christmas party was a big success- dancers exchanged Christmas gifts, coffee and sandwiches were served afterwards and as a highlight- a square from Hanover Squares presented us with a live present - a set doing a black light square dance. A wonderful evening for our Beginners Class to come visit and dance and get their first taste of club dancing. Jamey Jamison, as Santa, passed out candy canes and managed to dance with all the sets. Our classes will resume in January for the second series. Dancers are always welcome to join us on first and third Thursdays.

reporters - Joyce & Charlie Thompson 464-2907

1 & 3 Wednesdays ALLIED SQUARES -- Morristown, N.J.
cafeteria of Allied Chemical Corporation

We're dancing to the calls of Hal Holmes assisted by Doris with the rounds. We have enjoyed dancing to Hal's calling and welcome any guests from other clubs who may care to come visit. Speaking of visiting, it was a pleasant surprise in November when a "square" visited from the Somerset Hills Club. reporters - John & Myrtle Quinn 538-0305

2nd Friday TENAFLY SQUARES -- Tenafly, N.J.
Presbyterian Church

In spite of three other dances on the same night, five squares showed up for our November dance, and a good time was had by all. Jim Flammer called some new ones, which were well liked. Our Christmas dance was attended by nine squares, with one couple coming from Orono, Maine, and again all had a wonderful time. Our dances always end with delicious buns and coffee, and guests are always welcome. If you like to dance for enjoyment and fun, the Tenafly Squares are for you. After the buns and coffee Jim usually puts on a few records for those still having energy.

It is a tradition with the TENAFLY SQUARES to invite the graduates of the beginners classes in the area, to attend our February dance. This gives them an introduction to club-level dancing. So-o, all you clubs with classes, this is an advance notice. You'll be hearing from us.

reporters - Frank & Marie Poole 342-3375

	TENAKILL TWIRLERS brings back
	Johnnie Roth FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 1966 Bryan School, Brookside Ave., Cresskill, NJ dancing from 8 to 11 PM

every Thursday HIX & CHIX -- Mahwah, N.J.
Immaculate Heart of Mary School on Island Rd

Our slogan - It's HIX & CHIX in '66!!!

With plans to visit all clubs in the NNJSDA as soon as possible, we have designed a scroll which will be brought along for signatures by the caller and the club president. See you soon.

Star the first Thursday of each month - it is our party night with coffee and served immediately after the dance.

Our special dance is on Friday, March 18 with our guest caller being Buzz Chapman...the place - Mahwah High School.

reporter - Terry Moore 445-2292

1 & 3 Saturdays GRAND PROWL'RS -- Whippany, N.J.
Memorial School on Highland Avenue

Grand Prowlers dance for fun.....and the club is sure living up to its five year old slogan with eight to ten squares dancing to Vinnie Caruso. Two and a half squares participated in our November 27th "prowl" to Ramapo and captured one of their miniature leather banners. December 18th was a notable occasion, the Prowl'rs' Christmas supper with 76 people enjoying the feast and even managing to dance afterwards! One dance only in January, on the 15th, but look out for Prowls! (ed. note - love their whiskers and ears they sport as they visit other clubs.)

reporters - Ed & Gwen Knight TW5-2559

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SWINGIN' STARS -- Tenafly, N.J.

2 & 4 Saturdays

Church of the Atonement

We danced through the holiday season. Manny Amor settled the last of the turkey with a grand dance on Nov. 27th. Dick Jones gave us lots of Christmas music at our only December dance. Mrs. Prexy, Martha Sewell, fixed holly for the ladies and mistletoe for the men. Turned out all our men were chicken except for Fred Boenen. He pinned the mistletoe to the cuff of his shirtsleeve and the unwary girl who did a 'star thru' with him was in for a surprise.

Two sets from M.T. Squares caught us by surprise but accepted our promise of a later delivery of our miniature banner.

After the holidays we are looking forward to dancing to our regular callers in January and to Buzz Chapman of New England on February 12th.

reporter - Dorothy Pullman 568-5138

HI TAW TWIRLERS -- Spring Valley, N.Y.

every Tuesday

Kakiat Junior High School

We extend to all our fellow square dancers greetings and wish them all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The first of our series of the 5th Tuesday guest caller dances was very successful. We had more than 8 squares dancing to the great calling of Harry Tucciarone from Orange, Conn. Our next 5th Tuesday dance will find Al Aderente at the mike.

During the 1966 season, the HiTaw Twirlers has a terrific line-up of special dances. We will have Frank Lane from Lawrence, Kansas, calling for us in May; Ken Anderson from Burlington, Iowa, calling for us in August; and also John Hendron will be back with us for the third time in the Fall. So look for our ad in the next issue telling who, when and where.

At our Christmas Party dance we had our present beginners' class as guests of the Club. A good time was had by all, especially Santa as he distributed the gifts to the ladies.

reporter - Edna Maddocks 914-PE5-2217

MERRY SQUARES -- Bloomfield, N.J.

1st Friday

Hill Top Barn

Our December 3rd dance was invaded by a horde of masked dancers! We were delighted to welcome 17 couples from the Staten Square Set and 3 squares from the Tenakill Twirlers - both groups pinned our banner. And it was indeed a pleasure to have our Presidents, Gene and Grace, dancing with us. With Marty Winter's lively calls, the Barn was really jumping. Join us when you can - the more the merrier!

reporter - Pat Franzke 342-2625

Our Christmas Dance was filled with warm and friendly faces. Both callers, Bob Kellogg and Jack Shoffner, were on tap. And, oh yes, a special guest caller...Charlie, a puppet which sang one round with Bob. We all enjoyed a mix-up dance and also a mystery dance which was won by Don & Eleanor Ubry. Everyone enjoys ice cream, and the club had a special treat with home made ice cream trimmed with coconut made to look like snow balls....complements of Eleanor Ubry and Marion Tippitt. Santa also made an appearance and gave us presents. We wish all who could not be with us there, a most happy new year.

Art Seeley invited the Teen Age Class to the third annual Teen Age Hop at Hoe Down Hall in Woodbury Dec. 29th. Two squares attended. There they met and danced with teens from Pa., NJ and Md.....14 squares in all. Nine callers filled the bill, Frank Seidelman, Gordon Lentz, Charlie Thomas, Art Seeley, Allan Ingram, Hank Drum, Peggy Seeley, Jack Shoffner and a teen age caller for the Swartmore Church Mice whose name I can't recall. It was an inspired group who returned to Northern New Jersey... a group already planning how to attend the Wheaton, Maryland Teen Age Festival around the Easter Holidays and a return to Woodbury another year.

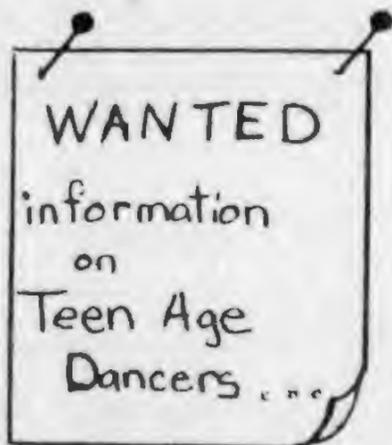
reporter - Marion & Don Comeau



While square dancers usually dance for their own pleasure, they are really some of the most generous, warm hearted folks around. Mention a hospital or favorite charity needing assistance and you'll probably find very quietly, with no fanfare, a group organizing a special dance with everything being donated to the worthy cause.

This past Christmas season two clubs voted to forego the exchange of gifts and instead each brought a gayly wrapped children's gift to their Christmas dance. At Circle Eights, in Tenafly, N.J., a representative from the Tenafly Recreation Commission picked the gifts up for distribution to the children at St. Joseph's Orphanage in Rockleigh, N.J. At Richmond Dancers, N.Y., the gifts were brought to St. Michael's Orphanage where the nuns were overjoyed at the dancers generosity.

The Keokuk Disaster Fund is another example of the square dancer's kinship. Within a week, our delegates had acted upon a letter from our Association Presidents setting up a central collecting place for all contributions. Quietly, and with no publicity, couples continue to make donations, clubs have held and others are planning special dances earmarked for Keokuk and the Association, itself is planning an event in the near future. Makes one proud to be included in the square dance movement. "Friendship is the Square Dancers greatest reward."



Those dancers who have teen age children can take heart; there are a few clubs where the teens square dance and love it....and there are clubs who allow children to take lessons. For those interested, here are the clubs we've heard about-

Teen Age Promenaders - meet 1,2, and 3 Sundays
 Caller - Dick Lighthipe 233-7862

Staten Square Set has a Teen Age Auxiliary
 Wrong Way Thars has a Teen Age Class

Tumbleseeds; Tumbleweeds - meet Saturdays
 Caller - John Adams 212 YU4 4564

As most S/D publicity chairmen and secretaries know, the task of getting our favorite form of recreation and relaxation presented in a favorable light is a hard one. Many editors and readers seem to think of us only in terms of "barn stomping, swing the ladies 'til they drop". For those of you who are trying to get newspaper, radio and even TV coverage of beginner classes and club events even tho' discouraged - don't give up. More and more often we hear and read of S/D club activities. Announcements will be made over radio station WOR (1440 Broadway, N.Y.) and the Countryopolitan Bulletin Board of Station WJRZ (Box 970 - Newark, N.J.).



As for the written word, dancers in our northern area take heart - Weekly S/D schedules are prepared for use Saturdays in the Rockland (NY) JOURNAL-NEWS and in 9 Westchester dailies, with a combined circulation of something like 180,000. Material should be mailed to PHIL GREEN, c/o THE CITIZEN REGISTER, 7 St. Paul's Place, Ossining, New York, 10563. in time to reach his office by Thursday - or last minute dispatches may be telephoned him at 914-WI-1-8000. While Phil makes a habit of collecting fliers everywhere he goes, any officer who wants to make sure their club is listed, would be wise to add Phil Green to their mailing list.

MERRI-EIGHTS -- East Brunswick, N.J.

1 & 3 Fridays

Irwin School, Racetrack Road

Almost one hundred dancers attended the Christmas Dance. Stan Brzychcy, as Santa Claus, distributed gifts to all the guys and gals at the end of a Grand March. Each man attending received a Holiday towel, and each girl a Christmas pin. Our caller, Beulah Samec, received a money corsage from the club. The hall was beautifully decorated by the Committee composed of the Massings, Costas, Schurleys and Cooks. Door prizes were given out, including six beautiful table decorations, donated by Bill & Sue Pitney.

All in all, it was a wonderful dance, with lots of fun, even including the set with seven couples in it.

We are looking forward to our 1966 season with great anticipation. At this time, we would like to thank our officers, Ed & Claire Bruen, George & Babe Pfeiff, Bill & Kay Geier and Paul & Carol Smith for their work during the past year; our caller Beulah Samec for the fine calling, and to our committees for their services, and most of all, to our dancers who, with their enthusiasm, and friendliness, make the club what it is.

reporter - Bill Geier CL4-4151

BELL LABS -- Murray Hill, N.J.

2 Thursday

Dining room - Bell Telephone Laboratories

A large group had a wonderful time at the Bell Lab's Christmas Party where Jeff Delchamps did a fine job playing Santa Claus. The Jamisons made attractive favors for everyong and beautifully decorated the tables where everyone enjoyed the home made cookies. Bob Kellogg, our caller, was ably assisted by "Charlie". For pleasant dancing, come join us any second Thursday. A Happy New Year to all.

reporter - Maurice Rudd 757-3111

ROUND OF THE MONTH



January - Moonlight Cocktail - Windsor 4707

February - Waltz You Saved For Me - Hi Hat 821

SQUARE VIEW

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"WOW - WHAT A GREAT NEW BASIC"

As we hunt and peck away, we realize soon we'll be typing graduation news. Traditionally, our March issue is dedicated to the new dancers and includes a listing of all graduating square dancers, with their addresses. Club secretaries, please mark your calendars now to have it in our hands by March 1st. Our thanks, most heartfelt, to the many, many folks who've sent along news, ads, ideas, suggestions and criticisms—without you, we'd never make a deadline.

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NORTH NEW JERSEY
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This year, as in the past, a Booster campaign is planned for GRAND SQUARE with FEBRUARY designated as Booster Month...with club delegates asked to handle this at their respective clubs. A couple, or single person, may become a booster by contributing one dollar which will be used toward defraying the expense of publishing and distributing GRAND SQUARE. Each couple becoming a Booster will receive one tag (usually worn by the tag). We suggest these tags be worn at all dances folks attend during the month of February. Thank you.