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NEW OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 1961-62



At the Annual Delegates Meeting held on April 16th, the new slate of officers for the 1961-62 season was presented and unanimously approved by the members present. The newly elected officers will officially take over on Sept. 1st. We would like to officially introduce them to you--giving a brief accounting of their square dance activities.

BUD SIBBALD, PRESIDENT, and his wife Betty, live at 985 Soldier Hill Rd., Oradell, N. J. They have been dancing for four years and belong to the Valley Steppers Round Dance Club, Metuchen Square Dance Club, Belles & Beaux Square Dance Club, and Hilltop Squares. During their years of square dancing, the Sibbalds have found time to be secretary of the Belles & Beaux, president of the Valley Steppers Round Dance Club, vice president of the N. N. J. S. D. A. and have worked on publicity for the Association in Bergen-Passaic Counties.



BOB KELLOGG, VICE PRESIDENT, and his wife Isabel, live at 2404 Bryant Ave., Westfield. Seven years ago, Bob said, "What! Me go square dancing!" So now they are ardent square dancers, help teach rounds, have served on the Board at Hill City Square, belong to Westfield Squares, Metuchen Square and Metuchen Round Dance Clubs, Country Promenaders, and naturally, Plainfield Promenaders, where they are Head Couple at present. In their spare time, they are helping on the 7th Atlantic Convention.



KAY ADAMS, SECRETARY, and her husband John, live at 608 Morey Ave., Staten Island 9, N. Y. They have been square dancing since 1952 and belong to the Richmond Dancers, Westfield Squares, Metuchen Country Promenaders and the Metuchen Square Dance Club. They are also delegates to the N. N. J. S. D. A. from the same club. You will see John and Kay "all over the place" at the 7th Atlantic Convention for they are the Chairmen of the Hospitality Committee for that affair.



BILL FENGLER, TREASURER, and his wife Alice, live in Berkeley Heights. They have been square dancing since 1956 and are currently members of the Metuchen Square Dance Club, Westfield Squares, Hilltop Squares and Bell Labs Pioneers. Officially they have been club delegates to the N. N. J. S. D. A. for two years and Hospitality Chairman for the Metuchen Square Dance Club for the season. Square dancing has and is giving them many active and enjoyable hours with an ever widening circle of friends.

DON'T FORGET GEORGE CAMPBELL DANCE - - MAY 21st.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Although there still remains nearly 4 months before my tour of duty as president is ended, this issue of GRAND SQUARE is the last in which I will have this opportunity to write a "message".

My subject continues to be coordinated and cooperative efforts to advance square dancing. When NNJSDA was formed, we looked at the dancing population and enthusiasm of the West Coast, Florida, etc. and eyed this as some sort of an objective. We still have a long way to go; on the otherhand, we have made a good deal of progress. This year saw the graduation of about 55 new square dance couples, we've had widespread publicity in newspapers, and organized three Association party square dances for your pleasure. In addition, the undertaking of the Seventh Convention is a big step to popularizing square dancing in New Jersey. The reason why these affairs were or will be successful is because of the willing and coordinated efforts of the many dancers who have taken an active part in the work --- willingly, cooperatively, and unselfishly. The continued success of the Association depends entirely on the willingness of enough people to take a working part in future Association undertakings. A dangerous threat to the progress of square dancing in our area is complete apathy and an attitude that somebody else will do the work or struggle with the problems. A more dangerous threat is that of individual actions and programs made without concern for and which directly oppose or conflict with planned Association activities and schedules.

Your new officers take the reins on September first. Support them and help them because you want them to succeed.

Finally, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the willing efforts and support of my fellow officers, Fred and Mae Schreiber, Bert and Dot Starlin, Bud and Betty Sibbald, and advisors Al and Jean Aderente.

(Bob Keck)

--- AND FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

The year 1961 is a momentous one for the Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association and for each and every member dancer.

Fifty-five new square dancing couples representing three courses at East Brunswick, Paramus and Plainfield were recently graduated and joined the ever-growing group enjoying modern western style square dancing in the many clubs throughout Northern New Jersey.

With the addition of three new member clubs, our association now represents twenty clubs in the Northern New Jersey Area. Every new member club is a welcome increase and bodes well for the future of our recreation in New Jersey.

There was a time when early summer spelled the end of square dancing until the fall season rolled around. Now, however, there is enough summer dancing available to prevent anyone from becoming rusty. This is particularly helpful for those new graduates who can put to practice what they recently acquired and gain poise and confidence before the clubs renew activity in the fall.

The 7th Atlantic Convention at Atlantic City on September 29 and 30 is by far the most ambitious undertaking our Association has ever sponsored. In order to insure the success of this great convention, it will require the efforts of many members of the Association. I have confidence that those called upon will contribute their efforts to help make the 7th Atlantic Convention the best to date. The rewards of publicity and recognition for our Association will be well worth the combined efforts of all members.

I would like to reiterate at this time the importance of supporting the Association dances. These are the only fund raising affairs which are sponsored throughout the year. May I take this opportunity to appeal for much better support for future dances.

This is an imposing list of activities for such a young organization. Achievements were possible through the efforts of many dedicated dancers. The future looks even brighter as newspaper and word of mouth advertising bring in more prospective enthusiasts.

(Bud Sibbald)

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GRAND SQUARE BOOSTERS

Many thanks to the following people who have contributed to GRAND SQUARE. Our Booster list for the 1960-61 year was a great improvement over the previous year. Our mailing list, however, has also grown along with our printing costs per issue due to the improved quality of the printing and paper. We hope you've all enjoyed receiving and reading the GRAND SQUARE and will continue and increase your support of it. The October 1st issue will start a new year and all are encouraged to again renew your booster donation of \$1.00 for the 1961-62 season. Send your dollar to:

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HI-LIGHTS OF APRIL 16, 1961 ANNUAL DELEGATES MEETING

Despite inclement weather, there were very few seats at the Field House, Summit, N. J. where on April 16 the Delegates of the Association gathered for their Annual Meeting. This is the meeting at which the new officers of the Association are elected and practically all of the clubs were represented. Voted into office starting Sept. 1 were: Bud and Betty Sibbald, President; Bob and Isabel Kellogg, Vice President; John and Kay Adams, Secretary; and Bill and Alice Fengler, Treasurer. Three new clubs were admitted to membership - the HANOVER SQUARES in Hanover, the GRAND PROWLERS in Whippany, and the PARSIPPANY SQUARES in Parsippany. This brings the Association's membership up to a total of 20 clubs. The Delegates voted to continue the Summer Dance Program geared however to encourage greater Beginners attendance. A list of the graduates of the East Brunswick, Plainfield and Paramus Classes were distributed to the Delegates with the suggestion they be invited to join the clubs. The number of couples graduated by the Association now totals 175. Plans for the May 21 George Campbell dance (St. Phillip's Church, Clifton) were finalized. Seventh Atlantic Convention Chairmen Frank Preston, Bob Kellogg and Bud Sibbald gave status reports on Registration, Circulation and Publicity. Members were urged to register now to enable the Association to meet printing, postage and advertising costs. Next meeting of the Delegates - Sept. 10.


ERNIE GROSS DANCE

This Association affair was well attended (26 squares) and proved to be a fun-packed evening for all. We owe our thanks to Fred Schreiber, Dance Chairman.




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The main reason people square dance is for the fun and sociability they receive from it. Whether the dancers are beginners, intermediate or advanced, their main interest is fun but they also receive a little different reward for their efforts according to the dancing they are doing at the present time.

The beginners are being introduced to square dancing so therefore along with some confusion they feel that they also are having fun learning the more simple dances as well as meeting and making a great many new friends. The brand new square dancer leaves his first dance with the enthusiasm and feeling, "I should have done this sooner. I had a lot of fun."

The intermediate dancer has already experienced the feeling of the beginner so he looks a little further. The intermediate dancers are still dancing for fun but they find their enjoyment dancing with their new made friends along with the thinking they have to do to execute some of the figures the caller is now giving them. These dancers leave with satisfaction and joy written on their faces for the feat which they have accomplished.

The advanced dancer's aim is still fun but on a challenge basis. The figures, which are more intricate, are executed from any position in the square. The difficulty of the figures and the progression in which they are called is where the challenge comes to the dancer. The elated feeling they get for their accomplishments is their fun and they go home in the spirit of "A job well done".

So in conclusion, whether you are a beginner, intermediate, or advanced dancer the keynote should be "Square Dancing is Fun".

(Jim Flammer)

P. S. --- Edna and I want to thank all the square dancers and callers who contributed and gave their valuable time to make the benefit dance such a success dancewise and financially. Also thank you for the many cards and letters Edna received while in the hospital. They were greatly appreciated and made the time pass faster during the lengthy stay.

We have always thought square dancers were the nicest people but never realized the tremendous amount of thoughtfulness such as was expended to us.

It would be impossible to thank you all personally so I am taking this opportunity to say many, many thanks to all of you.

(Jim and Edna Flammer)

SEVENTH CONVENTION NOTES

Registrations are now beginning to roll in for our biggest 7th Atlantic Convention. You can all be very helpful in easing the last minute work load and helping financially by registering now if you have not already done so. Fill out the enclosed application and send it in now.

The convention executive committee is as follows:

General Chairman	- Bob Keck
Secretary	- Fred Schreiber
Treasurer	- Al Aderente
Registration	- Frank Preston
Circulation	- Bob Kellogg
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SUMMER DANCING

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- NNJSDA-** Location - Edison Recreation Center, Summit, N. J.
 Caller - Different local club caller each dance.
 Dates - June 15, 29; July 13, 27; Aug. 10, 24; Sept. 7
 Dancing will be "relaxing type", perfect for summer dancing and a wonderful opportunity for you graduates to dance and keep "sharp" until clubs begin dancing regularly in the Fall.
- RICHMOND DANCERS** - Location - American Legion Hall, Main St., Tottenville, Staten Island; starting at 8:30 P.M. on Wednesday, June 14th and every Wednesday through August. Beulah calling.
- HILLTOP BARN** - Location - Hilltop Barn, Bloomfield, N. J., starting Friday, June 16, and every Friday at 8:30 P.M. through August. Various local club callers each night.

SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE

- May 20 - Open House - Host Metuchen Square Dance Club - Metuchen High School Gym - John Carroll calling.
 May 21 - **NNJSDA SPECIAL DANCE** - George Campbell, Miami, Fla., guest caller - St. Phillips Church, Clifton.
 Afternoon Round Dance Workshop with Bob and Edith Thompson
 Evening Square Dancing with George Campbell.
- May 27 - Country Promenaders - "Curley" Custer caller - Reformed Church, Metuchen. (Club members only)
 May 30 - Middlesex Square Dance Club - Annual Family Picnic
- June 4 - 1. Richmond Dancers - Annual family picnic - Rheinhart's Picnic Grove, Rossville, S. I. (Members only)
 2. Merri Squares - Annual family picnic - Home of Roger and Helen Smith, Upper Saddle River.
- June 7 - Westfield Squares - Make-up dance for May 1st cancellation, Jefferson School, Westfield.
 June 16 - Plainfield Promenaders - Makeup dance for snow casualty of last winter.
 September 1 - Hilltop Barn (Marty Winter) - Dance Jamboree with many of local club callers participating.
 September 10 - Second Annual Knothead Reunion Dance - Garden State Plaza, Paramus - Afternoon and evening dancing to Al Brundage, Chip Hendrickson and Marty Winter.
 September 28, 29, 30 - **SEVENTH ATLANTIC CONVENTION**

NNJSDA RECEIVES CASH GIFT

In behalf of all the members, the officers of the Association extend sincere thanks to all the callers who were members of the recently dissolved New Jersey Square Dance Callers and Teachers Association for their gift of \$82.16 which was the balance of their Treasury. At their request, this money will be used in connection with beginners instruction programs.

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CLUB NEWS

BELLES & BEAUX - Belles & Beaux had another successful season with membership almost doubling. Officers pleased with happy crowds -- (who said square dancing in Northern N. J. is dying?!!) Annual dinner meeting held in April. Last dance May 26.

METUCHEN SQUARE DANCE CLUB - Metuchen is ending another successful season with two special events - May 6, George Campbell from Miami, Florida, guest caller (for club members only). -- May 20 - "Open House" at Metuchen High School Gym - all members of associated NNJSDA clubs are cordially invited to be their guests.

MERRI SQUARES - Annual picnic to be held Sunday, June 4, at the home of Roger & Helen Smith, Upper Saddle River. Afternoon and evening dancing (as well as food) are always well enjoyed by all attending. Next year, beginning in September, Merri Squares will dance regularly the first and third Fridays, and cordially invite all club level dancers to join them for an evening of fun. They are also planning Invitation Nights for fifth Fridays when other clubs will be invited to visit them, sharing our favorite pastime.

PLAINFIELD PROMENADERS - On March 24 Plainfield was host to recent graduates of beginners' classes, with nearly six squares of graduates attending. On April 14, Plainfield held "Open House" in celebration of their 7th Birthday, with nine squares of guests joining in the celebration. -- each taw was presented with wristlet bells! 1961-1962 slate of officers as follows:

Head Couple - Lee and Florence Geisler Treasurer - Parker and Dawn Johnson
Vice President - Al and Jean Burhans Secretary - John and Peg Foard

Fall dancing begins on September 8 and will continue on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of every month. An extra dance, June 16th, is scheduled for Cook School as a makeup for a snow casualty.


TENAKILL TWIRLERS - The Monday and Wednesday beginners' classes will graduate May 19 and a fine group of dancers they are. This enthusiastic group plans to hire a bus and travel to Manchester, Conn. to dance to Earl Johnston (20 couples signed up at last count.) This will earn for these couples their Knothead Badges. "Doc" Tirrell is creator of a round dance for Tenakill Twirlers called "Tenakill Wheels". The Summer Beginners' class for this group is practically full. The June 16 dance will meet in "Fellowship Hall" of the Reformed Church on the Hill in Cresskill.

MIDDLESEX SQUARE DANCE CLUBS - Dancing began in January when California "gold prospector" Jack Reeves returned to do calling honors. Their season ends with the annual May 30th picnic. This club is again saddened with the news that Jack is being transferred, this time to Virginia.

WESTFIELD SQUARES - April 12, Westfield played hosts to four squares of graduates, representing all three classes. Beulah gave all a wonderful time. March 29th Bob Dawson dance was a fine success with 17 squares attending. Officers wish to thank all for their generous support. An extra dance is scheduled for June 7th at Jefferson School due to cancellation of the May 10 dance.

RAHWAY SQUARE SETS - Rahway played host to recent graduates on Tuesday, April 25.

RICHMOND DANCERS - On April 8th Richmond welcomed graduates of Beulah's Winter beginners' class. The annual club family picnic is scheduled for June 4th at Rheinhart's Picnic Grove at Bloomingdale Rd., Rossville, S. I. Summer dancing will again be sponsored by Richmond Dancers (See Summer Dancing Schedule).



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President - George and Sue Petrusky Secretary - Bob and Betty Garguile
 Vice President- Les and Dot Moyer Hospitality- John and Eleanor Jones
 Treasurer - Pete and Shirlee Hugger

This group looks forward to installation of officers when the new President is required to call a tip (this is a treat?) !!

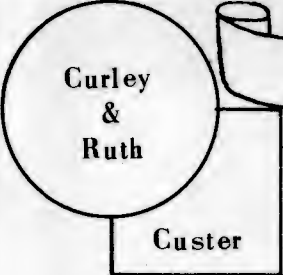
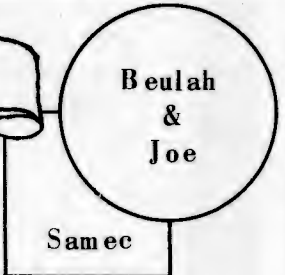
WAYNE SQUARE DANCE CLUB - Another successful dance season for our friends in Wayne, with club membership swelling with recent graduates of NNJSDA classes.

BELL LABS SQUARES - Will continue to dance through the Summer in their air-conditioned hall. Inasmuch as John Carroll, regular caller, will not be available, the following guest callers have been engaged: July 13th, Vin Caruso; August 10th, Lloyd Siewers.

HILL CITY SQUARES - Final dance will be a make-up dance left over from a snowed-out dance. The date is June 1st and the dance is open to all.

PATTER CALLS

Bob & Betty Hawekotte (Plainfield Promenaders) vacationed 3 weeks in Florida -- John & Esther Schneider also in Fla. for about 6 weeks. Welcome to Gordon & Evelyn Lawson recently moved here from Detroit area. The Holths (Plainfield) plan summer vacationing on Cape Cod with dancing at 3 local clubs while there -- Audrey Weigman (Westfield Squares) in French Hospital, N. Y. during April -- happy to say is recovering she nicely -- A great many Association dancers attended the Washington Square Dance Festival in late March -- Among those known to be planning to dance at the National Square Dance Convention, Cobo Hall, Detroit, in late June from Westfield Squares are Edith and Bob Thompson, Lucy and Vin Schaefer, Isabel and Bob Kellogg, Dottie and Ken Decker, Janet and Dick Davis, Carl and Allegra Rogers -- Marty & Flo Winter (Merri Squares) are sporting a new granddaughter -- Dave & Peg Davidson (Belles & Beaux) spent a glorious week at Asilomar, Calif. during Feb. -- Anne & Dick Baxter moved to Haworth but still dancing in Tenafly -- Ed Falck (Belles & Beaux) still resting from the dance floor but hopes to be back swingin' again in the Fall -- We hope you folks planning to do vacation dancing will take along flyers of the 7th Atlantic Convention -- Let's sign 'em up all over!

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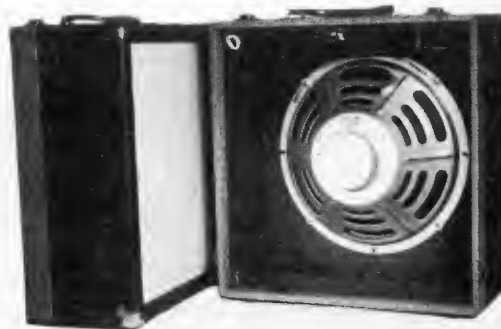
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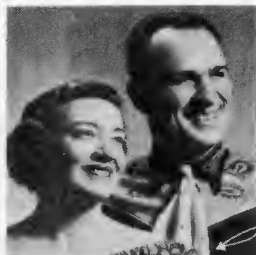
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No cancellations after Sept. 1, 1961

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