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CALLERS CARNIVAL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER

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THOMAS ALVA EDISON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

800 RAHWAY AVE., WESTFIELD, N. J.



"My dear, I wouldn't miss the Callers Carnival for anything in the world!"

Al Aderente, John Carroll, Vin Caruso, Jim Flammer, Barney Hartenstein, Bob Kellogg, Beulah Samec, and Slim Sterling, will share the spotlight for Square Dancing at the second annual "CALLER'S CARNIVAL" on Saturday, November 30. Bob & Edith Thompson will be in charge of the Round Dances.

The Carnival will get under way at 8:00 P.M., and will conclude at 11:00 P.M. Callers will draw numbers to determine their places in the program. Here is your BIG chance to dance to 8 Callers in one night! No tickets will be sold. Admission at the door is \$3.00 per couple.

All clubs are requested to bring their club banners with them to give the hall a festive look, and to let all dancers know the clubs that are present.

DIRECTIONS: From the Garden State Parkway, take Exit 135, North on Central Avenue toward Westfield. Two miles to Grove Street (2nd light) Left $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to Rahway Avenue.

From Route #22, go south on Mountain Avenue. Mountainside to Central Avenue, Westfield, to Grove Street. Right to Rahway Avenue.

THE DATE: Saturday, November 30, 1963

THE PLACE: Thomas Alva Edison Junior High School, 800 Rahway Avenue, Westfield, N. J.

THE TIME: 8:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - Frank Preston

One year ago on November 30 in the Thomas Alva Edison Junior High School in Westfield, the Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association held a "Callers Carnival". This year, by popular demand, the Callers Carnival will be held again - Yes, that's right...same date, November 30...same place, Thomas A. Edison Jr. High School..... but exactly one year later!

Why a Callers Carnival? Why not a National Caller for this Association Dance?

The first thought was of the fun it would be - dancing to a different caller each tip during the evening, and also having the pleasure of dancing WITH them!

Secondly, it would give the dancer a chance to hear not one, but all of the callers of all the clubs of the Association.

As most of the local callers have only called to a group of between 10 and 20 squares, it would present the challenge and thrill of calling to 40 or 50 squares.

Last but not least, it would show the appreciation of the Association and the clubs for the fine work our local callers are doing - and - we'll stack our callers up against the national callers any old time.

We know that you will enjoy this BIG dance, and we are looking forward to seeing you there.

EDITORIAL - YOUR ASSOCIATION AND IT'S PURPOSE

In our constitution, one of our aims is as follows: "To serve as a clearing house for area activities and information."

What does this mean to our member clubs?

Every club has its own responsibility for scheduling its regular and special events. For maximum attendance and enjoyment, the clubs will want to avoid date clashes with member clubs, especially those nearby. In the case of a special dance featuring an out-of-town caller, such a clash can be disastrous if both clubs schedule a special dance on the same night or on a very close date.

By acting as a clearing house for information, these conflicts can be held to a minimum. A service of the Association is to provide upon request, details of dates of events already scheduled in the area. In addition, helpful advice may be obtained in choosing between possible dates. The value of this advice is based on knowledge of Square Dancing in the area, and the experience gained in conducting Association Dances through the years. If all clubs will use this service before making definite commitments, a greater success will result, and the value of the Association as a clearing house will greatly increase. Notifying the Association after the date has been decided will further help the exchange of information.

In performing these functions, the Association's role is advisory only - it lays down no rules, and makes no attempt to dictate to any member club in any way.

1963-1964 BOOSTER DRIVE

From all reports, the drive for "Boosters" for the GRAND SQUARE is progressing very well. Other than the advertising, this is the only means we have to pay for the publishing of this newsletter, which is distributed free to all our dancers.

- Xmas Gift Suggestion -

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FROM BEHIND THE MIKE - Al Aderente

Speaking from the Caller's viewpoint is quite a new experience for me after looking at things as a dancer for so many years. Needless to say, my opinions and ideas are still slanted toward the dancer attitude and I am going to make every effort to keep them that way. This brings up the first of three points I wish to stress in this article.

1. Square dancing belongs to the dancers-not to the callers, record companies, square dance barns or other commercial ventures. A caller has the difficult responsibility of providing a program that is enjoyed by the great majority of the dancers. He is constantly "on stage" and every word, gesture and mannerism help or hurt him and his club. His duty, first, last and always is to the dancers. It is therefore, up to the dancers as a group through their club steering committees, Association officers and other leaders to see to it that the caller gives them the type of dancing and enjoyment they wish.
2. Criticisms! I personally am deeply indebted to my many friends who, through their gentle but firm criticism and pats on the back, have helped me with my calling. When you have had a good time, by all means let your caller know. Everyone needs some praise. Even more important, if your caller does something that you feel is poor, let him know so that he can correct his error. He will be a better caller for it and you will have a better dance. However, if he does not always heed your recommendations, be understanding. Personal preferences do enter into it. The singing call you told him you do not like may be the one that someone else thinks is the greatest. It is the group opinion that a caller must go by, but he must hear it from you if he is to know what the group wants.
3. Importance of large beginner classes! I have noticed that as the club memberships grow larger and the treasury grows fatter, we all tend to become a bit complacent. Six years ago many of our 12 clubs were down to 2 and 3 squares and wondering how to continue simply because of lack of new dancers. As a result of much hard work and many successful beginner classes, we now have 24 clubs in our Association with good memberships. The dancer can find a place to dance fairly close to home almost any night, with a good variety of callers to choose from. Let's keep it that way by continuing to work hard to get new people into Square Dancing.

ALLIED SQUARES

We dance on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 8:00 to 10:30 P.M. in the beautiful new cafeteria of the administration building of the Allied Chemical Corporation in Morristown.

Our officers are Parker & Daw Johnson, Presidents; Mel & Becky Leewright, Vice Presidents, and Hostess Chairmen: Paul & Myra Jones, Secretaries; and Howard & Billie Hurmence, Treasurers.

Allied is sponsoring classes which meet every Monday evening. Barney & Ginny Hartenstein are teaching two very enthusiastic squares.

Howard & Billie Hurmence spent their vacation in England, and Ed & Gwen Knight, our English couple, went back overseas to visit their friends & relatives.

COUNTRY PROMENADERS

Big news at the Country Promenaders is the rapid growth of membership during the present year. We have welcomed 34 new members this fall, and have had visitors each night from surrounding areas.

The highlight of our November 1st dance was real home-baked genuine German Coffee Cake (Rosine Kuchen) made by Else Kruse and Horst's mother, Mrs. Johannes Kruse, who is visiting from Bremerhaven, West Germany. This was greatly enjoyed by the 14 squares in attendance. Many thanks ladies!

We have fun and fellowship in all our dances, and feature Al Aderente's calling, with Rounds under the direction of Bob & Edith Thompson. Come and sample our fare.

TENAKILL TWIRLERS

Have begun an out-of-state notebook for all dancers to enter places & people where square dance information can be gathered. No more of this wondering where to dance on vacation or business trips. The club welcomes entries from any dancer or caller.

Charlotte & Ed Meyer who danced their way across the country and back, have been busy filling in many pages.

The class for "drop-outs" began in November with Al Fulmer in charge of this brush-up course. If you know of anyone in the area who have dropped from the Square Dance picture, contact Al at 568-3172 for more information.

The Round of the Month will be taught from 8:15 to 8:30 by Doc & Peg Tirrell, and then Slim Sterling will take over for the squares. Dances are held on the 3rd Fridays at Bryan School on Brookside Ave., Cresskill. Folk dancing class on the 2nd Wednesdays at 50 Carleton Terrace, and the club Round Dance class is every 3rd Monday at the Reformed Church, Cresskill. Beginners classes are held on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 50 Carleton Terrace.

Frank & Hazel Preston dropped in at our October dance, delivering the "Grand Square". They must have known it was "Party Nite", with Jody Bromberg, Shirley Cavello, Alice Fulmer, and Peg Tirrell baking the cakes.

BELLES & BEAUX

In the first half hour preceding our dances, the Hulins or the Sibbalds will teach the Round of the Month. Promptly at 8:30 Jim Flammer will keep the club busy with the latest in "Squares" until eleven o'clock.

Due to the resignation of our refreshment chairmen, Doc & Peg Tirrell moved in to take on this additional job until someone is recruited.

We dance every 4th Friday at the Church of Atonement on Highwood Ave., in Tenafly. There will be no dance in March.

MERRI EIGHTS

Known as the "Friendliest Club", the Merri-Eights dance on the 1st & 3rd Fridays at Irwin School, East Brunswick, N.J. Beulah Samec is our caller.

Notices of our dances are in the form of a newspaper, "The Merri-Eights Mumbler", published by O.I. Goofed.

We have been having the largest attendance ever at our dances, with our last dance in October numbering eleven sets.

A door prize, given by Alma Massing at our November 1st, dance, was won by Bill & Sue Pitney (a most useful gift!).

HIX & CHIX

One of our newest clubs in the Association dances at the Odd Fellows Hall in Ramsey. Jim Flammer calls, and they meet every Thursday. This is a growing group, begun by a few dancers, but adding newcomers at almost every meeting. Jim is doing a grand job of keeping the newer dancers happy, and those who have danced longer too, by alternating his tips.

Visitors are always welcome. We had a Halloween dance right on our regular meeting night.

M. T. SQUARES

We dance the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month at School #19, Menlo Park Terrace, Metuchen, New Jersey. Visitors are always welcome.

Last month our club had a birthday -- we are now ONE YEAR OLD! We also launched a new beginners' class of 5 squares.

Distinguished visitors during the month included Roy & Betty Kuhn from Mechanicsburg, Pa., and the Association Secretary, Lou & Edna Sullivan.

The Lanes had a boy -- CONGRATULATIONS DICK & MARILYN.

Our Christmas Party will be held Saturday, December 21st, hope you can come.

CIRCLE EIGHTS

Mark your calendars now! There will be no dance on December 23, as the school will be closed. We dance every 2nd & 4th Monday in the Mackay School on Jefferson Avenue in Tenafly. Marty Winter calls.

IRONIA REELERS

We are looking forward to the return of Mary & Joe Kuletz, faithful square dancers, as soon as Mary recovers from her illness.

The Reelers dance on the 1st & 3rd FRIDAYS at the Ironia School. (Not on Thursdays as reported). A special Christmas Dance will be held on December 20. Vin Caruso is the caller.

HILLTOP SQUARES

Decko Deck of Arlington, Virginia will be our guest caller on Sunday, November 24, at the K. of C. Hall on Bergen Ave., Ridgely Park. Rounds taught by Joe & Es Turner, will be reviewed from 6:30 to 7:00, and Decko will hold forth from 7-10. Naturally this will be a club-level dance, one that we know all square dancers will thoroughly enjoy.

MERRY SQUARES

We dance every first Friday down at the Hill Top Barn in Bloomfield. Marty Winter calls. Visitors are always welcome. On November 1st, we had a belated Hallowe'en party complete with costumes. It's good to see Lynn & Joe Dowling back in this area again.

ADDITIONAL REMINDER!

Don't forget to bring your club banners to the "CALLER'S CARNIVAL" on Saturday, November 30, at the Thomas Alva Edison Junior High School in Westfield!

WAYNE SQUARE DANCERS

Oldtimers as well as newcomers of the N.N.J.S.D.A. are delighted with John Carroll's calling since he came to the Wayne Club. John & Irene are also teaching us the Round of the month.

A special Leap Year Dance is to be held on Saturday, Feb. 29. The caller will be the Queen of Hearts, Beulah Samec.

Only one dance in November, (23rd) and December (14th).

Hanley & Vi Clapp taught a beginners Class last year, and we welcome the graduates, Bob & Annetta Colpitts, Harold & Janice Lamping, and Julian & Marge Little. Another class was formed, with 4 couples meeting weekly in the Clapp's home.

Walter Hamshar & Lil Simpson, alternate with Doc & Peg Tirrell in teaching folk & round dancing twice monthly.

TENAFLY SQUARES

This club that dances to the calling of Jim Flammer every second Friday at the Presbyterian Church in Tenafly, is noted for its delicious coffee and buns.... as well as comfortable square dancing, and its sociability.

STATEN SQUARE SET

The Staten Square Set has elected new officers for the 1963-1964 season: Presidents, Gene & Grace Lucarini; Secretaries, Ib & Ruth Mork; and Treasurers, Don & Ann Flash.

Our first event will be a Children's Dance (Ages 6-14) to be held on Saturday, November 16, from 2:00 to 4:30 P.M. at St. Albans Church Hall. Open to children of Square Dancers, \$1.00 per family.

John & Kay Adams are now in charge of our Round Dancing. We dance on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays at St. Albans Church Hall, 76 Old Amboy Road, Staten Island, N.Y. Jeff Flash is our caller.

HILL CITY SQUARES

A special dance was held on Halloween, with guest caller, Jim (Big Daddy) Cargill at the mike. Those who came in costume added much gayety to the dance. Our regular caller, Beulah Samec, filled us in on the Rounds.

Jim & Marie Volpe prolonged their stay up north for this dance before returning to their winter home in Florida.

The Christmas dance will be held on December 5. Our club meets the 1st & 3rd Thursdays at Wilson School, Beekman Terrace, Summit. We extend a cordial welcome to all dancers to join us.

"SPECIAL" - Mark your calendar for a special dance on February 22, at the Edison Recreation Center, Morris Ave., Summit, when we will have Bob Brundage as our caller. For further information, call Louise or Jamie Jamison at ME 5-5086, or Club Delegates Howard or Madge Gerlach, at ES 3-8772.

GRAND PROWLERS

We are dancing at Salem Drive School in Whippany until further notice, due to repairs being made at Memorial School. Our Halloween Dance was celebrated with Cider and doughnuts. We hope to have a covered dish supper before our Christmas Dance on December 21st. Our new officers for this year are: Presidents, Harold & Doris Holmes; Vice-Presidents, Ed & Edith Van Seggern; Secretaries, Nick & Florence Bradford; and Treasurers, Bill & Dot Keller. We dance on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays, to the calling of Vin Caruso, and we extend a warm welcome to all.

PLAINFIELD PROMENADERS

The Promenaders held a special supper dance on Friday, November 8th, with John Carroll calling. Hosts for the dance were: Lee & Florence Geisler at their home in North Plainfield. We are looking forward to our Christmas Party dance, which will be held on Friday, December 13, at the Cook School, Plainfield.

RICHMOND DANCERS

The committee is hard at work preparing for our Christmas Dance to be held on December 14th. As usual, there will be favors for the ladies and home-made goodies for all. Come and dance with us to Beulah's calling.

For those who wish to dance the new year in, reservations are being taken for our New Year's Eve Dance and buffet. Contact George Kircher, 112 Fox Beach Ave. Staten Island 6, New York.

Both Christmas and New Year's Eve dances are being held at our regular spot, St. Alban's Church Hall, Old Amboy Road.

"WELCOME BACK" to George Russell and Walt Willig, both of whom suffered serious injuries during the summer.

Frank (give us one more chance) Bellotti has no RUNNING WATER in the Adirondacks this hunting season. It seems she's restricted to the reservation.

METUCHEN SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Jim Cameron is still away on his Far-East trip. We'll be anxious to hear if he found any Square Dancing in South Korea or any of his other stopping points.

The Christmas dance for the club will be held at Tamaques School, Westfield, on December 21.

Nelson Oliphant is spending a few weeks in Paris (business, of course) and hoped to contact the American Embassy to find out where the "Paris Squares" dance.

NEW CALENDAR BEING PREPARED

In response to our request for criticism, we have been asked to publish where and when clubs dance - who to contact, and who the callers are.

The officers of the Association are preparing new fliers listing all this information, and they will be distributed very soon.

In the meantime, we will publish news of special dances and items of interest from all clubs who send this information to us.

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The next issue of the "Grand Square" will be mailed on January 15th. All club news must be in the hands of your reporters not later than January 5th.

In order to print the news and doings of ALL the clubs, we request that you limit your club article to not more than four (4) column inches.



Merry Christmas

'T WAS A MONTH BEFORE CHRISTMAS
AND ALL THRU THE HOUSE...
PAW AND TAW RAGED ABOUT...
SQUARE DANCE GIFTS FOR THEIR SPOUSE.
GREAT BOOTS AND BALLETS!!!...
THEY PICKED UP "GRAND SQUARE"...
THEIR ANSWER TO SHOPPING WAS
SOLVED THEN AND THERE.
NO MORE SHOPPING AROUND...
NO MORE CHRISTMAS LIST WOES...
THERE WERE "HE AND SHE GIFTS"
FROM THEIR HEADS TO THEIR TOES.
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