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BILL VANAVER, MULTI-TALENTED FOLK PERFORMER TO GIVE DECEMBER PROGRAM

Bill Vanaver, long a stalwart of the Philadelphia Folk Song Society and a singer and performer accomplished on many folk instruments including the banjo and guitar, will present the Society's December program, 8:30 p.m., Friday, December 13, in the Washington Ethical Society auditorium, 7750 - 16th Street NW., Washington, D.C.

A native of Philadelphia, Vanaver has performed at the Philadelphia Folk Festival, where he once won the banjo contest. He also teaches folk music in the Philadelphia area.

His taste in folk music ranges from old-time string to East European dance music. He performs blues, songs in the style of Uncle Dave Macon, and recently has become interested in Eastern music.

The Ethical Society auditorium is just north of Walter Reed Army Medical Center, near the intersection of 16th Street and Kalmia Road and may be reached from the Beltway (Interstate 495) by taking Georgia Avenue (Route 97) south toward Silver Spring and bearing right at 16th Street extended, about a half mile south of the Beltway.

Admission to the program will be free to Society members, one dollar for the general public, and fifty cents for children.

PETE SEEGER COMING TO WASHINGTON FOR APRIL CONCERT

Among folk performers coming to Washington in the near future is Pete Seeger, who will give a concert on Sunday, April 13, in Lisner auditorium.

Also coming to Washington are Nana Mouskouri, Sunday, February 2, also in Lisner, and Judy Collins, Sunday, March 9, in Constitution Hall.

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Help Wanted: SING OUT!, the folk music magazine, which in its eighteen years of existence has frequently come to the aid of causes and individuals, now could well use financial support, according to a letter from some members of its editorial board. Subscriptions at \$5.00 for one year, \$8.00 for two years (foreign subscriptions fifty cents per year additional), and lifetime subscriptions at \$100 may be sent to the magazine at 595 Broadway, New York, New York 10012. The National Folk Festival Association, 710 Dupont Circle Building, Washington, D.C. 20036, is also enlisting support in the form of memberships at \$5.00 per annum. Another Washington area group, now in its third year of existence, puts out a monthly magazine dedicated to the "furtherance of bluegrass music." Its publication, Bluegrass Unlimited, is available at \$4.00 yearly (overseas \$5.00) from P.O. Box 1611, Wheaton, Maryland 20902.

Odds and Ends: Musical sawyer Jim Turner, of 1026 - 15th Street, Boulder, Colorado 80302, is writing a book on the musical saw, and has sent out a call for information via a questionnaire which begins: "Are you a cut up? Have you ever sawed a musical scene, or seen a musical saw? Please answer the following questions if you have ever heard the sweet, sawchedelic sounds of the singing saw." The Balkan Serenaders have recorded a "Continental Toast" LP, which includes "Oro Se Vije - Kolo D," "Cesto Mi Dragi - Su Su Mile Kolo," "White Ribbons - Kolo," "Miserlou," and "Granada." The record may be obtained for \$5.35 from Balkan Serenaders Recording Company, P.O. Box 103, North Tonawanda, New York 14120. Dover Publications, 180 Varick Street, New York, New York 10014, has reprinted in paperback Richard Chase's Singing Games and Playparty Games (formerly titled Hullabaloo and Other Singing Folk Games), available for \$1.00, Andrew Lang's Fairy Books, the Red, Yellow, Violet, Blue, Green, and Brown, and the Japanese Fairy Book, selected and translated by Yei Theodora Ozaki, the latter for \$1.50 apiece.

Local Television and Radio (A Very Partial Listing): Liam Creaven is well-ing on WPIK (730 Kc) where "The Irish Hour" may be heard at 12:10 p.m. Saturday. On WAMU-FM (88.1 Mc) are John Dildine, who features folk music from the British Isles and United States at 5 p.m. Friday, and Richard K. Spottswood, who surveys bluegrass music at 10:30 p.m. Wednesday. Bluegrass may also be heard on the Ray Davis show at 4 p.m. Monday thru Saturday on Baltimore's WBMD (750 Kc) where Davis also has a country hymn show at 1 p.m. Monday thru Saturday. Other country hymn shows may be heard on WDON (1540 Kc) at 9 a.m. Monday thru Friday, 7:30 a.m. Sunday (a three-hour show), and on Warrenton, Virginia's WKCW (1420 Kc) at 10 a.m., Monday thru Friday. Don Reno and Bill Harrell play bluegrass on WTTG, Channel 5, at 11 a.m. Saturday.

SEASON'S GREETINGS!

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