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McPEAKE FAMILY

AN UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY IS NOW YOURS. The deservedly-famous **McPEAKE FAMILY FROM BELFAST** is in the U. S. on their first tour. They will appear Friday, March 12th at 8:30 pm in the main hall of the new Hawthorne School, 6th and Eye Sts., S.W. (Near Arena Stage). The McPeakes have a long tradition in Irish instrumental music and folk singing. Head of the family, Francis McPeake (80 years old), will be joined by his sons, Francis II and James; grandchildren, Francis III and Kathleen; and their cousin, Tommy McCrudden. Among them they play the Irish harp, Uilleann bag-pipes, guitar, banjo, bass fiddle, and Irish tin or penny whistle. Their music derives from the last six centuries and the oral traditions of Ireland, and unaccompanied singing is another excellent part of their program. They have made popular many of the songs which are now considered classic Irish folk songs. Going from singing around their family hearth, the McPeakes have successfully toured England, Europe, and of course Ireland. In 1958 and 1960, they won the first instrumental prize at the Welsh International Eisteddfod. The family also appears on eight records here and in England. While carrying on the traditions of their music, the McPeakes are creative performers who enrich the songs and melodies with their own imagination. Please don't miss them.

Advance tickets may be obtained from the newsletter address. Send \$2.00. Checks to "Folklore Society of Greater Washington." Tickets to members are \$1.00 and may be bought at the door. Also, The Guitar Shop, 1816 M Street, N.W., and the Dale Music Company, 8240 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, carry tickets.



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OUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be held Friday, March 19th at 8:30 pm at the Fairfax Unitarian Church. To reach the church, take the Beltway to Route 123. Follow Route 123 through Vienna to Oakton. In Oakton, make a right on Hunter Mill Road, at the big oak tree, and go .9 mile to the church. At the meeting we will be discussing everything in our past, present, and future. All members are urged to come. If you have suggestions for the agenda, call John Dildine or Chuck Perdue.

THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE MARCH 19 MEETING:

- A. To Section V, (Officers), A: Amend the phrase "... Special Events Chairman and Publicity Chairman," to read "... Special Events Chairman, Publicity Chairman, and Publications Chairman."
- B. To Section V, Paragraph L: Delete the present paragraph and add: "The Publicity Chairman shall be responsible for all publicity, advertising, promotion, and Public Relations activities of the Society."
- C. To Section V, add a Paragraph M, reading: "The Publications Chairman shall be responsible for the preparation, printing, and disposition of all regular and special publications of the society."

A NOMINATING COMMITTEE headed by Chuck Perdue is now beginning to draw up a slate of prospective officers for our second year. If you have any suggestions or wish to have your name included, call Chuck at 273-0762, or tell Joe Hickerson, Helen Schneyer, Lani Herrmann, or Ed Morris. Nominations will be announced at the March 19 meeting and nominations may be made from the floor at the March and April meeting

JUNE SILVERMAN has been named by the Executive Board as Secretary, following the resignation of Lani Herrmann, who recently gave birth to a son.

THE ONTARIO PLACE, at the corner of Ontario Road and Ontario Place, N.W., needs and (especially) deserves the patronage of everyone interested in serious (i.e., non-pop) folk music. When open, they offer such honest performers as Mississippi John Hurt, Mike Seeger, John Jackson, Flora Molton and Ed Green, Chuck and Nan Perdue, etc. For information, call 232-2606.

NEWSLETTER NEWS. As with everything about the Folklore Society, the newsletter is expanding tremendously--the mailing list now contains over 1000 names. Also, the newsletter will soon be enlarged to several pages with articles, record and book reviews, and whatever other features our members would like to see. A "What's Happening in the Area" column will be a regular feature. If you have any notices, announcements, dates of appearances, etc., send them to Carol Lee (address below).

LAST CALL is out for suggestions for a name for the newsletter and/or a simple design for our nameplate. The originator will be credited and is hereby thanked.

We would like to inaugurate an EXCHANGE PROGRAM with other clubs, societies, coffee houses, and publications pertinent to folk music and folk lore. If you are one of these, or know of interested groups, please let us know. Send your name, address, and example of your publication.

If you see anything WRITTEN ABOUT THE SOCIETY, please send us a copy. If you are writing about us, we will be glad to assist with information, etc.

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? HOW CAN YOU RESIST THAT URGE TO REACH FOR YOUR CHECKBOOK? Surely, the world's best buy is a Folklore Society Membership. Checks (\$5.00 for individual, \$7.50 for family membership) should be made out to the "Folklore Society of Greater Washington" and sent to Jim Lee (address below)

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McPeake concert ticket, \$2.00

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