

FOLKLORE SOCIETY

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OUR MAY MEETING will be held on Saturday, the 22nd at 8:30pm. First and foremost on the agenda is the election of next year's officers. A special event following the business portion will be an informal folksing led by John Dildine, so bring your instruments and voices. Please attend this very important meeting. Before elections there will be time for questions, new nominations, speeches (short ones), et al as desired by those present at Clarendon Methodist Church. To reach the church, turn right off Arlington Blvd. (Rt. 50) two stop lights west of Fort Myer, or left coming from the Beltway, onto North Irving Street in Arlington. Go on N. Irving about eight blocks to the church at Sixth Street. Use the Sixth Street entrance to the Fellowship Hall. There will be no admission charge and everyone is urged to be there and to vote.

PROF. BRUCE R. BUCKLEY will speak on "American Folk Life Research" at our June meeting--the 12th. More on that in the next newsletter.

A DELEGATION FROM FSGW was invited for liason discussions on folklore and folksong organizations by the Philadelphia society. They went.

DOES YOUR NEWSLETTER REACH YOU? A ridiculous question, but we need to know whether or not we have your present, correct mailing address. We are presently changing over to a mechanical address-o-graph system. If there are any changes necessary, notify June Silverman (927-3442) of same as soon as possible.

NOW WE ARE PREPARING FOR OUR SECOND YEAR. We're fat and established (to some degree). Most of our ideas have undergone a "sea change". Sol Schneyer drafted the following statement of purpose which, though it may be altered in the future, is a good expression of where we now stand.

"The purpose of the Society is to preserve the folklore of America in song and story, as a living tradition. It is our conviction that this heritage constitutes a significant source of cultural and esthetic enrichment for our people and that it should be preserved not only in archives, but in the everyday life of the community. Since we know of no existing community organization addressing itself directly to this issue and we do not believe that the need which we see can be met through commercial channels, we hope to:

- 1) Serve as a focal point for individuals in the greater Washington area who are interested in the broad area of American folklore.
- 2) Carry on a program of activities which will disseminate folk materials and information about them. Although the Society is primarily concerned with American Folklore, it is also interested in the folklore of other countries, particularly that of other English speaking countries.
- 3) Stimulate the interest of the community in folk materials in terms of active participation as well as passive appreciation.
- 4) Stimulate interest in the study of, research on, and collection of materials relating to the folklore of America."

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