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PICKIN' & SINGIN' PICNIC
AT FORT WARD, ALEXANDRIA, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

A free-for-all pickin' and singin' picnic at Fort Ward, Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, September 16, will begin the Folklore Society's fourth year. Anyone interested in learning more about the Society, in folklore or folk music, or in pickin' and singin' will be welcomed.

The picnic will begin around noon and run till dusk. There will be no admission. Bring your own food, drink and musical instruments. Most of the area is tree-shaded. Charcoal-broiling is permitted. There is also a large shopping center, where food and drink are available, about a mile distant.

Fort Ward, where the Society has held its annual summer Pick-niks, is the location of a restored Civil War fortification and may be reached from the Capital Beltway (Interstate 495) by taking Exit 4, Shirley Highway (Interstate 95), north toward Washington. Continue north on Shirley Highway past the Edsall Road exit and the Duke Street exit, taking the exit at Seminary Road (State Route 716) east. Pass three traffic lights and turn left on North Howard Street at the new Alexandria hospital. North Howard curves right and becomes Braddock Road. The entrance to the park is to the left just after this curve.

FIRST PROGRAM OF SEASON
FOLKLORE FILMS, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

The Society's first monthly program of the season will be a showing of folklore films at 8: 30 p.m., Friday, October 13, in the auditorium of the Washington Gas Light Company, 11th and H Streets NW., Washington, D.C.

All monthly programs are free to members of the Society. The public is invited. General non-member admission will be one dollar.

Plans for other programs during the year include three programs on songs and ballads of the British Isles, one apiece on Ireland, Scotland and England; two programs on folkmusic in the greater Washington area, one on local white music and the other on local Negro music, and a program of Irish, Scottish, English and American folkdance. As in the past two years, a session of papers on folklore topics is also planned.

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POLICY STATEMENT...

Due to the rapidly increasing size of our general mailing list and the resultant inordinate expense of publishing the Society newsletter, the Executive Board has made the following decisions:

1. The Newsletter will accept advertising. Classified rates will be one dollar a line. Other rates are available upon request.
2. When practicable, the Newsletter to addressees on the general mailing list will be limited to one sheet. A Newsletter Supplement is being prepared which will include book and record reviews, the folk calendar, articles and columns. This Supplement should appear around the first of the year and will be sent only to Society members and paying subscribers.

In order to insure fast delivery of the Newsletter, the Executive Board also has decided to mail the publication first-class to members only.

COLLECTANEA...

Professor Esther K. Birdsall this fall will teach an Introduction to Folklore course at night on the campus of the University of Maryland at College Park. Write: University College, Adult Education Center, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland 20740...Bluegrass Unlimited, a monthly publication dedicated to bluegrass music and musicians, is going into its second year and may be obtained for \$4.00 annually from P.O. Box 1611, Wheaton, Maryland 20902...The Bureau of Indian Affairs has prepared a 13-booklet series on the American Indian, Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts of Alaska; Indians of Arizona; Indians of California; Indians of the Central Plains; Indians of the Dakotas; Indians of the Great Lakes Area; Indians of the Gulf Coast States; Indians of the Lower Plateau; Indians of Montana-Wyoming; Indians of New Mexico; Indians of North Carolina; Indians of the Northwest, and Indians of Oklahoma. These may be purchased at 15 cents a copy from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Indian and Eskimo Children (Juvenile) and Famous Indians, at 35 cents a copy, are also available...Carlton Haney's annual Bluegrass Festival has moved to Watermelon Park, Berryville, Virginia, where it was to have been held September 1 through 3. Among participants, Bill Monroe, Reno and Smiley, the Osbornes, Mac Wiseman, Bill Harrell, and, for Sunday gospel singing scheduled to begin at 11 a.m., September 3, The Chuck Wagon Gang. Watermelon Park is on the Shenandoah River just off Route 7 about 45 miles west of the Capital Beltway (Interstate 495)...Stringbean was to have appeared on Labour Day, September 4, at the Silver Spur country music night club on old Route 5, Waldorf, Maryland...The National Folk Festival Association is arranging a day-long conference, bringing together folklore scholars, practitioners, festival directors and performers, to be held Friday, September 29, in the Bureau of Indian Affairs auditorium. For information write the NFFA, P.O. Box 19228, Washington, D.C. 20036, or call (202) 296-0068...Folklore Society of Greater Washington Executive Board meeting 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 5, Suite 710, 1346 Connecticut Avenue NW., Washington, D.C.

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