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RICK AND LORRAINE LEE WILL BE FEATURED AT THE JANUARY PROGRAM

Rick and Lorraine Lee will be in town to help us begin the New Year by highlighting the regular monthly program for January. As usual, the concert will be held on the second Friday (January 14) at the Washington Ethical Society, 7750 16th Street N.W. Starting time is 8:30 PM and the program is free to FSGW members (non-members \$2).

Both Rick and Lorraine are accomplished musicians with Rick exercising his talents on the keyboard and banjo while Lorraine provides the best dulcimer playing that you are ever likely to hear. In addition to their instrumental talents, Rick and Lorraine are fine singers and perform a wide variety of traditional, original, and country-western material.

THE FSGW MINI-FESTIVAL IS SET FOR JANUARY 29

The 1977 version of the Folklore Society's "Mini-festival" will take place from 12:30 PM to midnight on January 29th at the Sidwell Friends School. See the map inside for directions. Featured will be a multitude of workshops, concerts, and lots of dancing. The basic schedule will be: A) 12:30 - 1:30 Concert of workshop leaders. B) 1:30 - 6:30 five hours of workshops. C) 6:30 - 8:30 Break for dinner. D) 8:30 - Midnight Dancing-called by Bob Dalsemer. Admission is \$3 for the whole day (\$2 for either the workshops or the dance) and children under 14 are half-price. The entrance to the Middle School is on 37th St. (see map) and the doors will open at noon. Beginning at 1:30, you may also enter and pay at the front of the gym where the dance workshops will be held. Both buildings will be cleared and locked between 6:30 and 8:30.

This year's workshop topics include Banjo styles, Sea Songs, Pocket instruments, plucked dulcimer, Carter family songs, piano styles, and contra-dance band. There will also be several workshops of special interest to children and their parents including dancing for children. Adult dance workshops will be held in the gym (see note about shoes) and mini-concerts will be held in the drama room.

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MINI-FESTIVAL CONTINUED

OPEN SING - JANUARY 7

A special attraction this year will be a room designated "Folk Marketplace" We hope to have a good selection of folk books, records, magazines, pocket instruments, strings, and some interesting older instruments for sale.

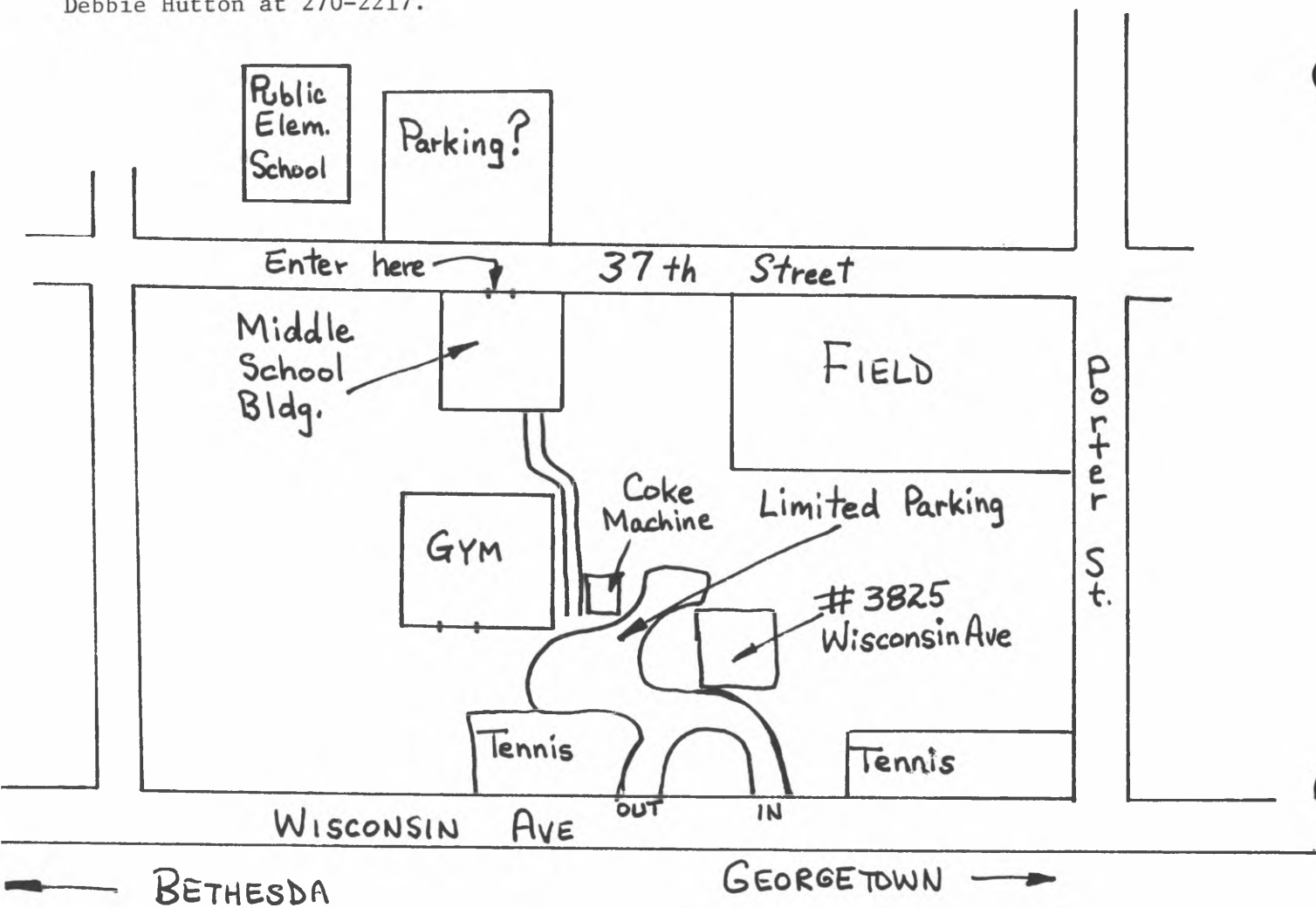
This month's open sing will be led by Bill Destler whose topic is (New Year's) Resolutions and Morals. These sings are held on the first Friday of each month at the Washington Ethical Society, 7750 16th St. N.W. Singing starts around 9 PM and \$1 covers refreshments.

The Sidwell Friends School which generously co-sponsors this event (as well as our monthly dances) has two rules that we must respect: 1) No alcoholic beverages are permitted on school property and 2) Only sneakers or other soft light-colored rubber soles are permitted on the gym floor. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

NEW DATE FOR BOARD MEETINGS

At its last meeting, the executive board voted to change its meeting day from the first Tuesday of each month to the first Wednesday of each month (so that board members can attend the Tuesday night dancing at C.U.- which has been short on women lately) Board meetings are held in the National Folk Festival Office in the DuPont Circle Building and they begin at 8 PM. All FSGW members are welcome to attend.

Remember! All workshop leaders will be asking you to join in so bring: A) your voices B) your instruments C) your questions and D) your sneakers For additional information call Debbie Hutton at 270-2217.



DULCIMER PLAYERS TAKE NOTE

Lorraine Lee who will be performing for the Society on Jan 14 has agreed to offer a dulcimer master class from 2 to 4 on Saturday the 15th at Helen Schneyer's home in Kensington. The class will be limited to 12 and will cost FSGW members \$3 (\$4 for nonmembers). Pre-registration is required. Please send your check (made out to FSGW) to Debbie Hutton, 6 Pine Ave. Takoma Park, Md. 20012. For more info, call Debbie at 270-2217.

SACRED HARP SING

The January *Sacred Harp* sing and potluck dinner will be held on Sunday, the 23rd, beginning at 4PM at the home of Ellen Maske in Northwest Washington near Silver Spring. You can call Ellen at 589-7199 to get directions and food ideas.

BREAD BAKING WORKSHOP

At a leisurly 3 in the afternoon on Sun. Jan 16, you'll have a chance to take part in a new offering from the FSGW and loaf around at the same time. In what promises to be the first of several "folk food" affairs, Ames Perry and Caroline Hoover will conduct a workshop in the crusty craft of baking bread. You'll find out about different breads from different traditions, learn how to tell Tip-Top vinyl from homemade reality--and most importantly, you can play too! Everything will be provided, from expertise to ingredients to ovens. It costs a mere \$2, and it will be held in the Hoover's much cooked in Bethesda kitchen. It's limited to 10 people, so call the Hoovers at 656-7634 to reserve a spot and get directions. Man cannot live by bread alone, but that's only because everyone comes running when they smell a fresh loaf.

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING

English country dancing is featured at the bimonthly dance parties of the Greater Washington Center of the Country Dance and Song Society of America. (FSGW is also a CDSS center) New England contras and square dances are also taught and danced on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at the Silver Spring YMCA (Beltway and Colesville Road/highway 29) beginning at 8 PM. Both singles and couples are welcome, with a donation of \$1.25 per person covering dance party and refreshments. For more information, phone 384-5394.

JANUARY SCHEDULE FOR BERWYN CAFE

- Jan. 1 - Closed for New Year's festivities
- 8 - Bruce Hutton-traditional American folk music sung and played on guitar,banjo, mandolin, mouth bow and autoharp for starters. A versatile muscian.
- 15 - Rick and Lorraine Lee. Traditional and original folk music on piano, banjo, and dulcimer. Uncommon entertainment.
- 22 - Critten Hollow String Band. Traditional fiddle and banjo tunes and songs. Thanks to Susie Robbins for finding them!
- 29 - Elenor Ellis. One of the neatest female vocalists around--country, traditional, and contemporary folk music sung and played (on guitar and autoharp) with a rare charm.

RED FOX HOOTS

In January the Red Fox will feature two performers from opposite ends of the country. Margaret MacArthur will appear on the 10th. She sings ballads while accompanying herself on the dulcimer and antique lap harp.

Jim Griffith from Tucson, Arizona will be featured on the 24th. Jim plays old-timey banjo and mouth-harp and much of his material comes from the repertoire of Uncle Dave Macon. The cover on the 10th and 24th is \$1. There is no charge for the regular "open stage" nights that fill the other Mondays (3, 17 and 31.) For more information call Bruce at 270-2217.

SPECIAL PROGRAM ON WETA

A special program on Folkweekend-WETA-FM 90.9 Sunday January 23rd from 6 to 9 PM will feature local Washington area performers for the entire three hours. Some are FSGW members, some aren't. Some are professional, some aren't. But at any rate, tune in and Mary will show you how much talent has been living right in your own backyard.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Next month's deadline will be exceptionally early so that we can get another issue out before the mini-festival. Any articles submitted after the 16th probably won't make the February issue.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY REC.DEPT. CLASSES

The Montgomery County Department of Recreation sponsors evening classes on how to play a wide variety of folk instruments including guitar (contemporary and folk), dulcimer, banjo (bluegrass and old-timey), autoharp, harmonica, mandolin, recorder, Ukulele, and voice—the greatest folk instrument. These classes are run at many different ability levels and locations and are taught by people like FSGW member Mike Holmes. Classes start on January 13th. For more information call 468-4050.

TRAPEZOID TO PLAY IN BALTIMORE

The Trapezoid hammered dulcimer string band will provide the entertainment for the regular monthly concert of the Baltimore Folk Music Society on Friday, January 21 at 8:30 PM. The concert will be held at the Lovely Lane Methodist Church, 2200 St. Paul St. As usual, admission is \$1 for BFMS members and \$2 for others.

FOLKLIFE CENTER PLANS CONFERENCE

The newly created American Folklife Center and the Music Division of the Library of Congress will sponsor a conference on "Ethnic Recordings in America!"

The program will consist of the conference itself, an exhibit, and evening entertainment. The conference will be held in Whittall Pavilion, Jan 24-26 at 10 AM each day. The exhibit will be in the foyer of the Coolidge Auditorium. The evening entertainment, including both film and live music will be held in Coolidge Auditorium on Jan 24 or 25.

For more information call 426-6590.

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- 5 WED BOARD MEETING
- 7 FRI OPEN SING
- 8 SAT DANCE AT SIVLER SPRING YMCA
- 14 FRI PROGRAM-RICK AND LORRAINE
- 15 SAT DULCIMER MASTER CLASS
- 16 SUN BREAD BAKING WORKSHOP
- 20 THU WHAT CAN I SAY?
- 21 FRI TRAPEZOID IN BALTO.
- 22 SAT DANCE AT SILVER SPRING YMCA
- 23 SUN SACRED HARP SING
- 24-26 CONFERENCE AT L OF C
- 29 SAT MINI-FESTIVAL

MONDAYS - RED FOX INN

SATURDAYS - BERWYN CAFE

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SEASONS GREETINGS AND

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO ALL

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_____ \$9 - One year, Family _____ \$27 - Three year, Family

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