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SINGING SAM AND DAVE TAYLOR HEADLINE 1963 DANCE - O - RAMA

Now that Mr. S. Claus has come and gone the next big, big event coming our way is the 1963 edition of the Federation's Dance-O-Rama.

This is the highlight of the season and is eagerly awaited by all the dancers especially, the newcomers in all the classes. Ten hours of continuous round and square dancing will be interrupted only by a buffet supper.

For some months now the committees have been busily engaged in making arrangements to put the "Big Show" on the road. Earl and Bonnie Stafford, general chairman, announced the other night that Sam Mitchell and Dave Taylor, national callers from Michigan, will definitely be on hand to augment the local and Buffalo staff.

"Singing" Sam recently called an excellent and lively dance for the Swingin' Eights and Dave Taylor will give a preview of "what's to come" at the Genesee Dancers on February 15th.

The Dance-O-Rama will again be held in Cutler Union, University Ave. and South Goodman St., on Saturday April 6th from 2 P.M. til midnight.

Committee chairmen are: Al and Jane Manning, co-chairmen; Don and Norma Weekes, treasurer; Al and Ruth Niblack, house; Ray and Dottie Handell, catering; Ambrose and Dorothy Baker, decoration; Chuck and Doris Rademaker, ticket; Frank and Stella Beahan, publicity; Jim and Mary Anne Higgins, printing; Doc and Eleanor Chandler, soft drinks; Ed and Marge Fox, callers.

HISTORY OF DANCE-O-RAMA

The growth of Western round and square dancing in the Rochester area is reflected in the history of the annual Dance-O-Rama.

On April 18, 1959, four Western square dance clubs banded together to sponsor the first co-operative endeavor known as Dance-O-Rama. Since then it has become an annual event with eight round and square dance clubs participating under the sponsorship of the Rochester Area Federation.

Each year between five and six hundred people have gathered together to shuffle and strut their stuff to a skilled stable of callers. The event offers an opportunity to mingle with old friends and make new acquaintances.

Cutler Union was the scene of the first Dance-O-Rama and it has been continually used down thru the years.

The program format has had little change since its origin. There has been two halls of simultaneous dancing; one to satisfy those who enjoy club level dancing and one for the "busters" who call out "let that hammer down."

The 1962 Dance-O-Rama added two national callers to the staff and this year's committee has done the same.

Do you remember the anticipation and excitement of YOUR first Dance-O-Rama??? Let's encourage all our new members to join this year's event.

See you all -----

...Earl and Bonnie Stafford

R C A ELECTS OFFICERS

On December 9th, the Rochester Callers Association chose their leaders for 1963. Elected to the office of Chairman were Myron and Peg Huss; Vice-Chairman, George and Marion Kerridge; Secretary & Treasurer, Ed and Helen Principe; Program Chairman, "Tink" & Lucille Tinkler.

Our sincere thanks to the retiring officers, the Bob Brunshidles and Mike Prados, for a job well done.

R C A now has ten member couples and looks forward to a continued growth during the ensuing year.

...Myron and Peg Huss

SNAP-O-GRAPH

THE TUCKERS, Charles and Isabelle...the Frank Hamiltons of Western New York...Charlie, a Utica lad, came to the big city, attended R.I.T. and married Perkie back in 1936.... is now on the engineering staff of Taylor Instrument Co.

While residing in Philadelphia, the Tuckers had a taste of Western Square dancing and recognized its potential. Returning to Rochester in 1955, they were instrumental in forming the Genesee Dancers, Rollaways and Fiddle A Rounds. Also instructed the Teen Twirlers for two years and a children's group at the Hillside Home...have conducted round dancing classes for several years and have been active in all Dance-O-Ramas.

At first, Charlie never really enjoyed the Rounds until one day at West Point's Funstitute...a waltz started and Perkie pulled her reluctant spouse on the floor...they circled the hall and as usual the infighting was superb; finally Frank and Carolyn Hamilton charitably cut in...after the dance Carolyn remarked that Charlie waltzed beautifully. That was it...frustrations were cast to the winds and a round dance instructor was born. DID YOU KNOW THAT the old favorite, Tennessee Two-Step, is being revived as a square dancer's round?

PODGERS' PILGRIMAGE

2nd Installment

In New York we met about 20 more square dancers and together flew by jet to London. We arrived the next morning and later toured the city and lunched at our hotel where we met square dancers from California including Bob & Becky Osgood, Jay & Helen Orem and our caller, Bob & Roberta Antwerp. This made a total of ninety in all.

In the evening we danced at Victoria Hall with the English, American and Canadian GI's. Next night we attended a show at the Palladium. During the day we toured the beautiful countryside, saw Oxford University, Shakespeare country, Warwick Castle, Westminster Abbey etc.

After three days in London, we headed for Paris. As usual, toured and saw as much as three days would permit. We went by bus to a school and danced with our own and Canadian GI's as well as some government workers. One night we saw the Follies Bergere. Charlie said "Oui la la" while I nearly lost my breath.

On to Germany where we danced with more GI's in Heidelberg Castle. Three days in Wiesbaden and three in Munich and then to Lucerne, Switzerland.

Our hotel room overlooking Lake Lucerne was fabulous. The Swiss mountain scenery, with the quaint homes and cowbells tinkling, was very beautiful. We danced at our hotel with the Swiss people who put on a folk dance for us.

(Charlie and Betty will conclude their PILGRIMAGE in our next issue.)

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CLUB DANCES IN THE ROCHESTER AREA

JANUARY 1963

2	Wed	ES	Harris	Kodak Office Auditorium	8:00
3	Thu	Gen	RCA night	The Barn	8:00
5	Sat	Sw8	Tinkler	Iroquois School	8:15
7	Mon	**B&B	Harris	West Ridge School	8:00
7	Mon	**FA	Tucker	The Barn	8:00
9	Wed	ES	Reilly	Kodak Office Auditorium	8:00
10	Thu	Gen	Duffin	Cutler Union	8:00
11	Fri	*RR	Duffin	The Barn	8:30
12	Sat.	IrS	Kennedy	Pardee School	8:00
12	Sat	CT	Tinkler	Florence Brassler School	8:15
13	Sun	*RR	Ronnie Schneider	The Barn	8:00
14	Mon	**B&B	Tinkler	West Ridge School	8:00
16	Wed	ES	Harris	Kodak Office Auditorium	8:00
Guest night for Rochester Rollaways					
17	Thu	Gen	Harris	Cutler Union	8:00
18	Fri	**B&B	RCA Night	West Ridge School	8:00
19	Sat	Sw8	Tinkler	Iroquois School	8:15
21	Mon	**FA	Tucker	The Barn	8:00
21	Mon	**B&B	Harris	West Ridge School	8:00
23	Wed	ES	Reilly	Kodak Office Auditorium	8:00
24	Thu	Gen	Dave Taylor	Cutler Union	8:30
25	Fri	*RR	Duffin	The Barn	8:30
26	Sat	IrS	Kennedy	Pardee School	8:00
26	Sat	CT	Tinkler	Florence Brassler School	8:15
28	Mon	**B&B	Jack Livingston	West Ridge School	8:00
30	Wed	ES	Harris	Kodak Office Auditorium	8:00
31	Thu	Gen	Tinkler	Cutler Union	8:00

FEBRUARY 1963

2	Sat	Sw8	Earle Park	Hosea Rogers School	8:00
4	Mon	**B&B	Harris	West Ridge School	8:00
4	Mon	**FA	Tucker	The Barn	8:00
6	Wed	ES	Reilly	Kodak Office Auditorium	8:00
7	Thu	Gen	RCA Night	Cutler Union	8:00
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16	Sat	Sw8	Tinkler	Iroquois School	8:15

* Invitation dance, except that club level dancers from out of town are welcome.

**Semi-open dance, requested that you call ahead to make arrangements.

CLUBS IN REVIEW---SWINGIN' EIGHTS

It was at Summerville Presbyterian Church, in September of 1958, that a tall, slender red-head dressed in western clothes and sporting a badge which read "Tink" Tinkler, spoke to a group of people interested in doing some square dancing, Western Style. This meeting was the result of the combined efforts of Al and Jane Manning, who had a taste of the Western Style when Tink, called some dances for Summerville's Couples Club; Russ and Doris Jenkins from Lakeside Presbyterian Church and Bill and Inez Boyd just returned from California where they were exposed to this more refined type of square dancing.

By word of mouth and through Church announcements, news spread fast that there would be a square dance at Summerville Church. The first night twelve squares filled the hall and after three open dances, there were enough couples to form a club. We danced twice a month with Tink as our caller. Al and Jane Manning guided us through the beginning months. In March of 1959 the first election was held with the Mannings carrying on as President.

A move to Iroquois School came in the fall of 1960 when the Swingin' Eights went under the sponsorship of the Irondequoit Recreation Commission. The first beginners class was held at Seneca School with Tink as instructor ...now meets every Tuesday night at Hosea Rogers School due to the remodeling at Seneca.

The Club still meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month and has two or three National Callers a year. Round dancing has always been a part of the program and in September 1962, Mike and Mary Prado were added as instructors.

The past presidents have been: Al & Jane Manning, Bill & Inez Boyd, Jim & Pat Palmer and Bud & Fran Macomber. Our newly elected presidents for 1963 are Earl & Bonnie Stafford.

The Swingin' Eights conclude their season with a dinner party and trail end dance for members only. It is the highlight of the year with dancing to the calls of our own "Dearie".

...Pat Palmer

ROSTER OF CLUB OFFICERS

Belles 'n Beaus

President Ed & Sharlyn Taylor
Vice-Pres. Chuck & Catherine Kunz
Secretary Verne & Margaret Merle
Treasurer John & Ruth Gosling
Directors) Ed & Doris Haddleton
) Ralph & Marilyn Thorpe

Country Twirlers

President Howie & Dot DeGraves
Vice-Pres. Bill & Eileen Stackman
Secretary Marv & Kay Falls
Treasurer George & Del Condrat

EKC-O Squares

President Howard & Edna Ducker
Vice-Pres. Carl & Gwen Presgrave
Secretary Harry & Gloria Hipp
Board Rep. Earl & Verna Pike

Fiddle A Rounds

President Ray & Irene Callahan
Sec-Treas. Jim & Kay Doris

Genesee Dancers

President John & Mary Nadig
Vice-Pres. Don & Dorothy Clark
Secretary Gary & Joanne Kilborn
Treasurer Larry & Doris McConnell
Program-
Director Bob & Lucille Vincent

Irondequoit Squares

President Al & Phyllis Pembroke
Vice-Pres. Joe & Audree Brodner
Sec-Treas. Phil & Peggy King
Board) Ed & Lou Ellis
) Lloyd & Doris Andrus
) Dick & Ruth Morrill

Rochester Rollaways

Chairman John & Jean Muench
Sec-Treas. Don & Norma Weekes
Board) Gordon & Connie Nitsch
) Dick & Doris Wilton
) Gene & Jean Boyd

Swingin' 8's

President Earl & Bonnie Stafford
Vice-Pres. Russ & Doris Jenkins
Secretary Rod & Betty Kerr
Treasurer Thorpe & Anna Roberts
Membership
Chairman Will & Arlene Shepler

DID YOU KNOW THAT the Irondequoit Squares claim their new secretary, Peggy King, is the loudest, jolliest laughter on an square dance floor in these parts? They will take on all challengers and the heavy money is on Peggy.

"CLIQUE"

"Rumor has it that our club is run by a CLIQUE. Careful investigation shows that this is true. Furthermore you will find that the Clique is composed of faithful members who are present at almost every dance, who do all the work, who give willingly of their time, energies, and efforts and who sincerely believe that the more one puts into his affiliation with the organization, the more he will get out of it.

There is no question that the enthusiasm, responsibility and efforts of those members are of inestimable value to the membership and the organization. And it is suggested, therefore, that you join this clique. It is very easy. Begin by attending dances regularly; take a lively interest in its activities, accept responsibilities in its floor work and on its committees. Show a continual interest in all affairs pertaining to your club's activities. Before you realize it you will become a member of a clique, and you would be surprised to know how anxious they are to have you."

"DON'T CRITICIZE THE CLIQUE - - - -
JOIN IT!"

The above food for thought was found in the dusty files of your editor's scrap book. The author is unknown to us. We respect his wisdom and his ability to turn a neat phrase. We thank him for "permitting" its use.

DID YOU KNOW THAT Audree Brodner of the Irondequoit Squares fashioned a "different" pair of pantaloons from grain sacks courtesy of the Grange League Federation? On a fast, lively twirl, all qualified pantalon inspectors are treated to a flash of GLF on the south side of Audree as she heads north.

NOTICE to all club presidents and club correspondents submitting news items to PROMENADER. deadline for news to be mailed to either of the editors for the February issue will be January 19th. Be sure to include a confirmation of the schedule of your club dances for the calendar. And, don't overlook some newsy bit about that corner of yours, the one with the smile.

MAPLE LEAF RAG

POSITION: Intro--Open pos, Dance--Semi-Closed pos.

FOOTWORK: Opposite, Directions for M. Meas.

INTRODUCTION

1-4 Wait; Wait; Walk Fwd, 2; 3,4 (to Semi-Closed);

DANCE

1-4 Point Fwd, Point Bwd; Fwd Two-Step; Point Fwd, Point Bwd; Fwd Two-Step;

5-8 Apart, Draw; Together, (to Butterfly) Touch; Roll, 2;3,4,(to Sem-Closed):

9-12 Fwd Two-Step; Fwd Two-Step; Turn Away, 2; Together,2(to Semi-Closed);

13-16 Repeat action of Meas. 9-12

17-20 Step Fwd, Point Fwd; Step Bwd,Point Bwd; Fwd-Two Step; Fwd Two-Step;

21-24 Repeat action of Meas. 17-20.

25-28 Step, Kick; (Turn In) Step, Kick; (Face) Swd Two-Step; Swd Two-Step;

29-32 Bend, Chug; Bend, Chug; Walk, 2; 3, 4 (to Semi-Closed);

Perform entire dance a total of three times.

Ending; Point Fwd, Point Bwd; Fwd Two-Step;
Point Fwd, Point Bwd; Face, Chug;

BETWEEN TIPS
with smoothie Singin' Sam Mitchell

Mitchell is an artist. His canvass was the floor of the gym in Hosea Rogers School and with deft strokes of the master's voice a pattern of good, rhythmic dancing was made.

PROMENADER was proud to have Sam comment that the dancers in our area are showing a smoothness on the floor that is a pleasure for travelling callers. He has been in our area before and he says that the improvement is evident from one visit to the next. He feels that a travelling caller should give the dancers some thing to "give them their money's worth, a new figure here and there to shake them up a bit."

And, come Dance-O-Rama time in April, Singin' Sam will be there and he tells us he's looking forward to it with all vocal chords in top shape!

CLUB NEWS

BELLES 'N BEAUS

I've noticed some new faces at the Monday night dances. The club has probably acquired some new members. NOBODY EVER TELLS ME ANYTHING! I read some of their badges, and extend a welcome to Bill and Ruth, Ray and Dot, Lew and Ruth, Ralph and Catherine, George and Marion. Last names? I'm lucky I remembered their first names. If anybody really would like to know their last names, ask Bill and Ruth, Ray and Dot, Lew and Ruth, Ralph and Catherine, George and Marion.

As you probably have read on the first page of last month's PROMENADER, December is usually the month for election of new officers. I've never seen such enthusiastic electioneering. All the candidates, trying so hard not to get elected, singing praises for their opponents. By the time you read this the election will be over, so I congratulate the losers and offer my condolences to the winners. It's too late now, but see me next year, and for a small sum I will vote for your opponent.

Speaking of sums, I hate to be a squealer but I want you to know that there is a traitor in your midst. I was offered a whole dollar, which is far above the standard fee for staying out of sets. I won't tell you the name of this person, who "done broke the code", Bud I'll give you a hint, he is very Young. Have a Happy!

...Hal Abberger

GENESEE DANCERS

The Genesee Dancers extend to all Area clubs best wishes for a Happy New Year.

On December 6th, we enjoyed a very fine dance called by Max Forsyth. We had a capacity crowd. Our annual Christmas dance was held December 20th and we had as our guests the members of our beginner class.

Election of officers took place December 13th with John and Mary Nadig taking over as president. We wish all the officers to know that they have the full support of all our members and we look forward to a banner year under their guidance.

A sincere vote of thanks and appreciation to the retiring officers for a job well done.

...Bea Meyers

SWINGIN' EIGHTS

Bud and Claire Young have been appointed delegates to the Rochester Federation.

"Singing" Sam Mitchell, from Michigan, was in fine voice when he called for us on December 16th and the crowd of 16 sets enjoyed him immensely.

Another National caller, Earle Park, will call for us on Saturday, February 2nd from 8 to 11 P.M. at the Hosea Rogers School on Northfield Road in Irondequoit. Tickets will be \$2.50 per couple.

Earle is from Yorkton, Saskatchewan and will be the first Canadian to call in this area. He has been on the staff of the Saskatchewan Provincial Callers course for 6 years and also with the Pairs and Squares for 4 years.

Earle has called clear across Canada from Ottawa in the east to Victoria in the west and also in many of our own northern states as well. He has to his credit recordings of "Lies" and the "High Road".

...Norm Metzinger

DID YOU KNOW THAT RCA president, Myron Huss, is starting a beginner's class at Bethany Presbyterian Church hall, 3000 Dewey Ave. with open dances on January 8th and 15th. For additional information call NO 3-7284. DID YOU KNOW THAT Brownie Johnston, son of Ernie and Helen Johnston, a sophomore at Rider College, Trenton, New Jersey was guest caller for Tumbleweeds, an Irondequoit western square dance club for teens, at their Thanksgiving dance.

If you were to list the ten best square dancers, who would be the other nine?

COUNTRY TWIRLERS

With mistletoe the main attraction, the Country Twirlers enjoyed their Christmas party with "Tink" Tinkler.

We had as our guests our beginner's class of six sets and "Tink" had to agree with us that they are doing some fine dancing with only ten lessons. Instructor Bob Brunschidle has done an excellent job.

Punch, two beautifully decorated cakes and coffee were served the hungry mob. We also relived some of the Twirlers past events with those famous silent movies and slides.

The officers wish to publicly express their thanks for the cooperation of all the members during the year 1962.

Retiring president, Jim and Mary Anne Higgins, would like to personally thank the DeGraves, the Fieges and the Holderlys for their loyalty and untiring efforts in making this the most successful year in our history.

We hope there is a change in the weather for Marv and Kay Falls as they spend the holidays in Florida.

Another enjoyable and lively time was had by the members at our pre-New Year's party on December 29th.

...Al and Esther Fiege

FIDDLE A ROUNDS

Our Christmas party on December 17th, out at the Barn, was a huge success. Members of the Tuckers class were our guests; refreshments were served; Maple Leaf Rag was taught and several awards were bestowed on deserving recipients.

Howie DeGraves won the Valor award of the month for carrying a full punch bowl across the hall without spilling a drop and the Magicians award went to Mary Prado because she was able to make two tablecloths from one.

The party was almost over before someone thoughtfully remembered that the new officers should be installed. A short and very brief ceremony got rid of this piece of business.

...Irene Callahan and Kay Doris

ROLLAWAYS

The Rollaways will have a taped workshop for its members on Friday, Jan. 4th at the Penfield American Legion Post. Ralph Guenther will conduct the session. Variations of Tea Cup Chain and live calls, such as Lines Pair In and Out, will be stressed.

Our Christmas party was held December 28th and Gene and Jean Boyd headed the committee for the affair.

Charlie Tucker finally is home after an extended business trip; we missed him at the Barn during the last couple of dances.

Ronnie Schneider will call for us on January 13th. Last year's dance was an exceptionally good one with Arky calls, Split Square Thrus, Who Cans, etc.

The Rochester Rollaways wish all dancers and callers a very Happy New Year.

...Don Weekes

IRONDEQUOIT SQUARES

Irondequoit Squares have Tape Works namely, Brodner (V.P.) and Snook (lessons). Joe tapes our dances and plays them frequently. In fact so often that his daughter danced Alley Cat without a walk thru and his son sings square dance phrases instead of twist slang. The Tape Worms stayed up until the wee hours retaping so they could have a basement dance the other night.

What new fame has come to Don Kennedy?

George Kerridge advises us that the learners group is up to work shop level so, we are sending out an appeal to all Rochester couples, who haven't been active this year, to join our lesson group for that little extra practice they need to be back in shape for club level dancing.

Ernie Johnston who helped the Squares get started will be our caller for Saturday, February 23rd, at Abraham Lincoln School. We're looking forward to a good night of fun with our neighbor, Ernie.

...Bob and Jan Boorum

EKC-0 SQUARES

The month of December got started on the "left foot" at EKC-0 Squares. On Sunday, December 2nd, "Joe" Reilly, one of our regular callers, was hospitalized with an emergency appendectomy. Betty Reilly and Gene Knisley took over the following Monday night beginners' class using pre-recorded tapes. "Dan" and "Lou" Dedo helped us over the hurdles by filling in one week for both the class and regular club dance. We expect "Joe" will be back real soon.

Dorothy MacDonald was hospitalized briefly. At this writing, however, she and "Stan" are back on the regular dancers list.

Norma and "Dick" Irish, Doris and "Ed" Haddleton, Lois and "Chuck" Metherell, who for one thing or another have been on our "Not So Regular Dancers List," were all on hand December 5th. Nice to see all you folks again. "Art" and Vera Harris have been teaching us a new round dance, "Dancing Shadows". Yours truly had the honor of dancing this number with "Art". I use the term "dancing" loosely with reference to my own stumbling. But that "Art" he just lilts.

December 19th we had our Christmas Dance. Santa Claus, aptly portrayed by Carl Presgrave, gave out the grab bag gifts. Kay Welch loaned us the Santa suit. Refreshments were served during and after the dance by the very able committee of Dorothy and Bruce Watson and Verna and Earl Pike. The beginners class held their Christmas Dance December 17th. "Walt" and Helen Doescher and "Tom" and "Dona" McGrain were in charge of refreshments.

How about the article, "Old Buster Strikes Back" which appeared in the December issue of "PROMENADER!" We at EKC-0 Squares are proud to boast a member of such talent as "Chuck" Prister.

For those of you who have zoological interests be sure to see the next issue of this column.

Merry Christmas--Happy New Year to All.
From all of us at EKC-0 Squares.

...Gloria Hipp
FOR THE NEW YEAR--HAVE A HAPPY AND KEEP
DANCING.

...YE OLDE EDITORS

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