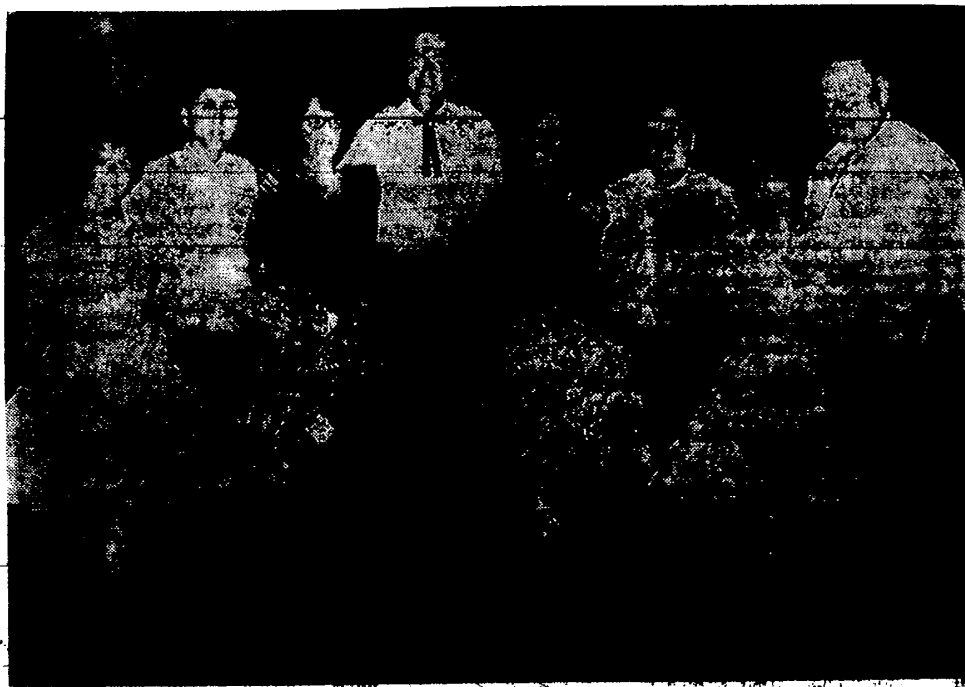




"PAST PRESIDENTS" HONORED BY "GRAND SQUARES" AT THE ANNUAL BALL AT "THE HEATER" IN JUNE. Members that were honored in the above 2 pictures are included in the story at the right of the pictures.

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FOUR ANDOVER COUPLES THAT ARE MEMBERS OF THE "GRAND SQUARES" AT THE "PAST PRESIDENTS BALL". L-R: Váhecia and Merle Brown, Betty and John Bridge, Class and Doug York and Jeanne and "Red" Allen.

"Grand Squares" Pay Tribute To Past Presidents

The Wellsville Grand Squares, Local Western Type Square Dance Club, paid tribute to all Past Presidents of the Wellsville Grand Squares, when an estimated 200 members and guests attended the Annual Past Presidents Ball held at The Heater on Route 17, East of Wellsville on Saturday, June 7, 1975.

Past Presidents honored in the order they served were: Mrs. Harry Jacobs (Mr. Jacobs is deceased); Bob and Luella Lewis; Warren and Wilma Wightman; Harold and Mae Thompson; Bob and Jenny Marsh; Bill and Sherry Johnston; Charles and Jane Lewis; Bob and Elsie Duke; Bob and Evelyn Voorhees; Bill and Margaret Norton; and Max and Glory Shay. (Jim and Wanda Williams were absent).

First Vice-President Frank and Sally Evangelista, and Second Vice-President Jack and Eloise Allen, presented all of the Past Presidents' wives with carnation corsages. Mrs. Frank Plummer of Wellsville, Guest of Honor, was presented a rose corsage by Frank Evangelista.

History of The Grand Squares

The late Frank Plummer and Mrs. Plummer were the originators of the Wellsville Grand Squares in 1961. Mr. Plummer was the original caller and instructor of this first Round and Western Square Dance Club in this area.

The group would meet weekly at the Plummer home and, as the months went by, outgrew these recreation quarters and eventually moved to the Scio Community Hall.

Two years later, Mr. Plummer was unable to continue his favorite Western Style Square Dance calling and introduced Gordy and Helen Cooper from Duke Center Pa., as the new caller and instructors for the Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordy Cooper (Gordy and Helen as all Club members know them by) have served for the past 14 years, and still are, the instructors and caller for the Wellsville Grand Squares' Round and Western Square Dance Club.

Since Mr. Plummer organized the Club in 1961, the "Grand Squares" have continued to gain in popularity and now have a membership of over 90 couples.

Western Square Dancing is a lot of fun and is good healthy exercise without being too strenuous. Furthermore, you meet some of the most interesting and nicest people — both young and old — at these Square Dance Parties who are really dedicated and are willing to help beginners "learn the ropes".

As the saying goes: "You are never too old to learn this new type of Western Square Dance". The Club still has a few of its Charter Members who are still active and one member in particular, Mr. Mort Halladay, bears out this saying since "Mort" (as Club Members know him by) is in his late 70's and is still as brisk and lively as can be. We are sure that "Mort" won't mind us singling him out as he contributes a lot to the Club and is certainly a "Mile-Stone" to the Wellsville Grand Squares as he still "swings in the squares" and "sways in the rounds".

This Wellsville Club is affiliated with the Allegany Valley Square Dance Federation which incorporates 41 membership Clubs in Western New York and Western Pennsylvania containing over 3,000 Square Dancing Members and 38 Callers.

The Wellsville "Grand Squares" are also members of the New York State Square and Round Federation which incorporates 82 membership Clubs with an individual Square Dancing Membership of 4,836.

Every year the "Grand Squares" Club holds an open house in September at the Brooklyn School in Wellsville for couples that wish to join and attend the weekly work shops. These "workshop" meetings are held every Wednesday evening from 8 until 10:30 p.m. where the basics of modern square dancing is taught.

If a couple attends these "workshops" regularly all winter they then "graduate" from the Class

in the spring and advance to the "Club-Level" dancing with the "Wellsville Grand Squares" at their regular dances every second and fourth Saturday night of each month at the Brooklyn School. Members also get a lot of enjoyment out of going around to the dances of the other Clubs all over Western New York. The Club has a regular election of Officers every year as well as a set of rules for members to adhere to with the most important one being — no drinking before or during the dancing — since a great deal of concentration is called for in following the "calls" of the caller.

After the first regular dance of every month, Club Members have an "after-party" at the Wellsville "Duke House Co." where the members can relax, have fun, and "let their hair down".

The Club is currently setting up a new class for this coming September so if any local couple is interested in becoming a member and learning the New Western Square Dancing, details can be obtained by contacting any of the following Club Officers: Tracy and Tony Barozzini; President; Frank and Sally Evangelista; 1st Vice-President; Jack and Eloise Allen; 2nd Vice-President; Ed. and Lena Bouch; Secretary; John and Mary Boyd; Treasurer; or call any member of the Grand Squares that you happen to know personally.

The Workshop Class Membership is limited every fall to the number of couples that can dance in the floor space available in the dance hall so, if you are interested, call early before the class is filled.

From Our Files

Mrs. Ida Sims of Greenwood was called to Hornell, Thursday by the critical illness of her sister, Mrs. Sheridan Austin. Mrs. Austin died Sunday morning, July 21 at the St. James Mercy Hospital following an operation for gallstones. She was born in 1882 at Rexville, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Moon. Her husband, a brother and a sister survive. Burial was in White Corners Cemetery.

Walter Redmond was home from Cornell University for the week end.

Mrs. Jerome Dean and Mrs. Archie Baker of Wellsville were calling on Mrs. James Baker, Friday, p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ducey and son of Bolivar were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Alvord last week.

Red Raspberries and Huckleberries are now ripe and plentiful. Fay Boyd is driving a new Master Six Chevrolet Coupe.

The members of the Anna W. McArthur Chapter, OES, enjoyed a picnic at the Mulconery Cottage Thursday night.

Miss Emma Felsing was brought to her home on Greenwood Street Sunday evening from Olean where she underwent an appendectomy operation.

Mrs. Bessie Mulconery and her Sunday school Class will hold a picnic at the Mulconery Cottage this Friday afternoon. All members are to be at the gas station at 2 o'clock, where a way will be provided for them to go.

Jimmy Driscoll entertained 12 little friends on Thursday in honor of his tenth birthday.

R. V. Atkin is improving his barn by painting and making it into a two-car garage.

The WRC Birthday Party will be held this Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Pearl Mesler.

Miss Helen Folsing of the Cannon Department Store, is enjoying a vacation from her duties this week.

Miss Mary O'Boyle of Andover, instructor in the Andover School, is again play director at the Cuba Lake Health Camp, where 50 undernourished children have been entertained since July 7 and will be replaced July 27 by another contingent of 50. Miss O'Boyle has acted in this capacity for several seasons.

Mrs. Bertha Pingrey who, recently sold her home on First Street to Cecil Clark, left Tuesday for Henrico, N. Y., where she will make her home with her mother, Mrs. Emma Bray. Karl Pingrey is now employed in business at Niagara Falls.

Mrs. Howard Dean and Mrs. Tope Dougherty of South Hill, attended a presentation ceremony for their towns, Mrs. Mary McQuirk in Wellsville, and Mrs. ...

Mr. and Mrs. ... and daughter, ... of ...

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