

**NEW WALDEN FOLK
SINGERS HERE JAN. 18**

The evening of Saturday, January 18th, should be circled for some excellent entertainment to be held at the Hardwick Academy Gymnasium. Sponsored by the Hardwick Kiwanis Club, three well-known entertainers will give their "all" in the singing of old and new folks songs. These performers are Bud Boydston, Tom Azarian and Rick Norcross.

Richard, the son of Dean Norcross, now a resident of Washington, D. C., where he is a restaurant and night club manager, has just returned on vacation from Florida Southern College where he majored in music. A graduate of Hardwick Academy in the class of 1963, Ricky, along with Bud and Tom, have completed a tour in the south where they entertained with folk singing. The tour included the Cypress Gardens, Florida Southern College, Lakeland High School with between 3,000 to 4,000 students and the Lakeland Concert where there were 1800 spectators. Before Richard left for college, he became well-known in this area for his own compositions and vocals and has had experience where he has performed at The Loft in Burlington, at various auctions and has sung for three seasons at the Stowe Trapp Family Lodge. He accompanies himself on either banjo guitar or autoharp. During his last year at the Academy, he played bass drum in the Hardwick Academy Band and was also a member of the Glee Club.

Tom Azarian comes from atop a mountain at Cabot. He lives on his farm home with his wife, who is a graduate of Smith College, and their small child. The 28-year-old spends all his spare time picking on the banjo, harp, fiddle, autoharp and mandolin. He plays every stringed instrument in existence. He came here from Massachusetts, determined to live life in a simple manner, is a non-conformist and is self-educated. In the south on tour, he became extremely popular in his outfit of jeans and boots and gave some of the learned professors a real hard time with his arguments on segregation. Tom rebels against some ways of the American life, preferring to stay by himself and minding his own business, and although he is friendly, he is considered shy by his friends and acquaintances. Every so often, Tom comes down the mountain on his sled to pick up supplies in Cabot village.

Bud Boydston is considered to be the best folk singer in New England. A native of Colorado, he came here with his family from California to purchase a dairy farm in Walden. He is married and has five children. In California, Bud performed for the Knotts Berry Farms, which is similar to Disneyland, for many years. He came here because he believed it to be a responsibility to his family to bring the children up close to the good earth. Both he and Tom are not followers and firmly believe in their own convictions.

The trio have a new name - "The New Walden Folk Singers" and will again go on a tour in the South during the month of March and will perform for several colleges and universities. Ricky has employment with the Board of Evangelism, a Methodist Church in Nashville, Tenn. where he will entertain and study before going on to Southern Florida Southern College.

For the time being - the three will be around to perform for all who care to listen to them and like it has been said - better circle the calendar.

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