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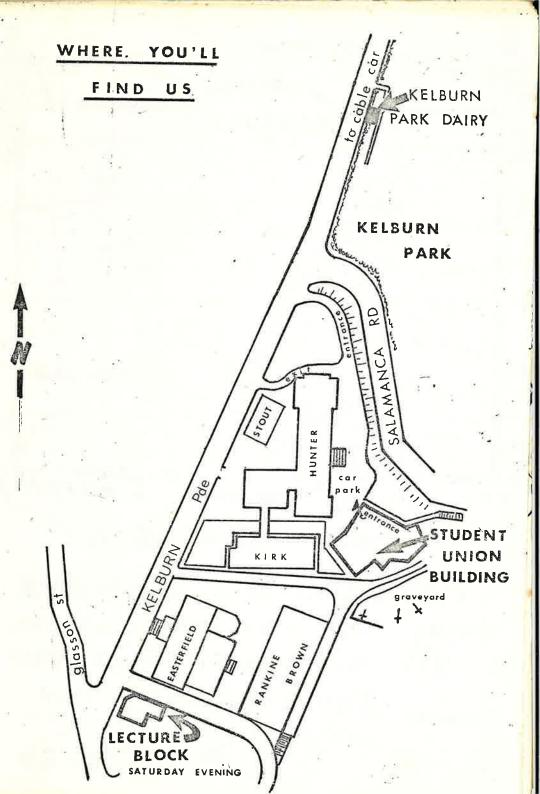
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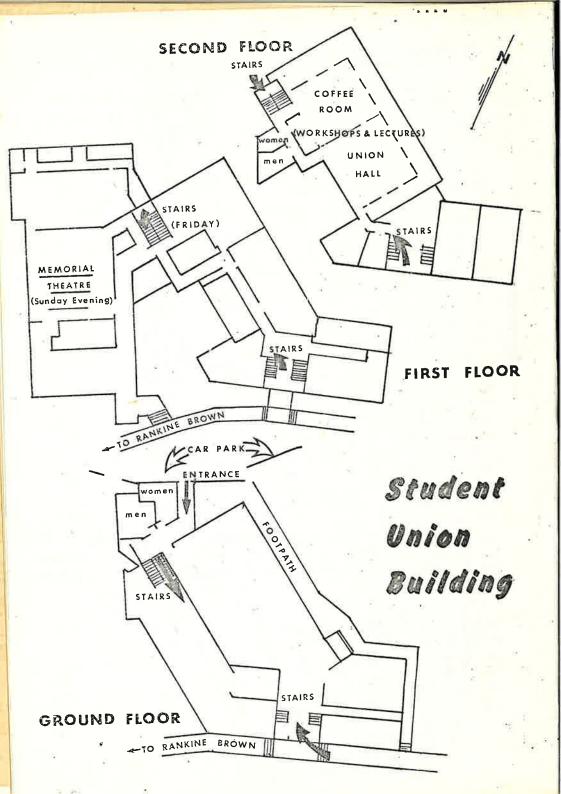
INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Port Nicholson Folk Festival. This is the tenth folk festival to be held in Wellington at Queen's Birthday weekend, but it is the first to use this name. Folk music is largely a traditional form and folk festivals have also tended to be traditional in their organisation and format. This has rather led to a complacency in the running of the National Folk Festivals resulting in a deterioration of standard in our opinion. A number of us therefore got together to see if a fresh approach could produce a folk festival of higher standard than those of recent years. We hope we have succeeded!

There is nothing drastically different this year in the basic content. We have tried to cover all forms of folk music and are introducing folk dancing in a small way. To try and accommodate as much and as many different things as possible, we have introduced the overlapping workshop system by which each lecture or workshop can run for up to two hours and starts one hour before the next but in a different room. Thus it would be possible to hear the first hour of each and every lecture. To enable this system to work properly it is essential for all events to start promptly the advertised time and this we intend to do whether an audience is present or not. The same applies to all the concerts. This doesn't mean that the Festival is, not going to be informal, on the contrary, our aim is organised informality and we sincerely hope that there will be many informal sessions and activities going on throughout the weekend.

We do not intend at this stage to apologise for any failings or omissions but hope that you will accept the Festival for what it is, an attempt to present an opportunity for all lovers of folk music to meet and play and listen to various forms of folk music in the company of some of the better exponents of the music.







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For this evening we adjourn to the LECTURE BLOCK where we have two concerts running at the same time, one in each of the lecture halls. Both of these concerts start at 8 o'clock sharp.

In the first of these halls, we start with some contemporary folk music and follow this up with a country and blues concert.

The second one commences with a concert of New Zealands and Australian music followed by British traditional, which will be interspersed with a ceilidh led by Joan Prior and friends.

For more details of these concerts please watch the notice board. You should also look on the board to see if there is a party afterwards which you'd like to attend. It is hoped that anybody who is prepared to put on a party will tell one of the officials so that all parties will be listed, indicating roughly what kind of folk music will be catered for at each. Most will be B.Y.O.G.

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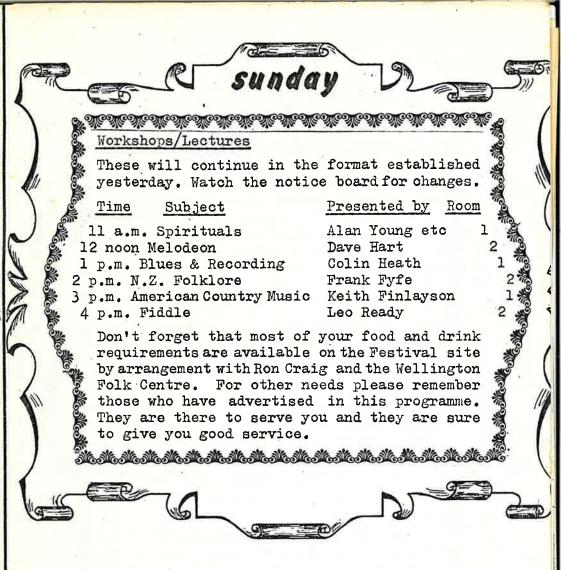
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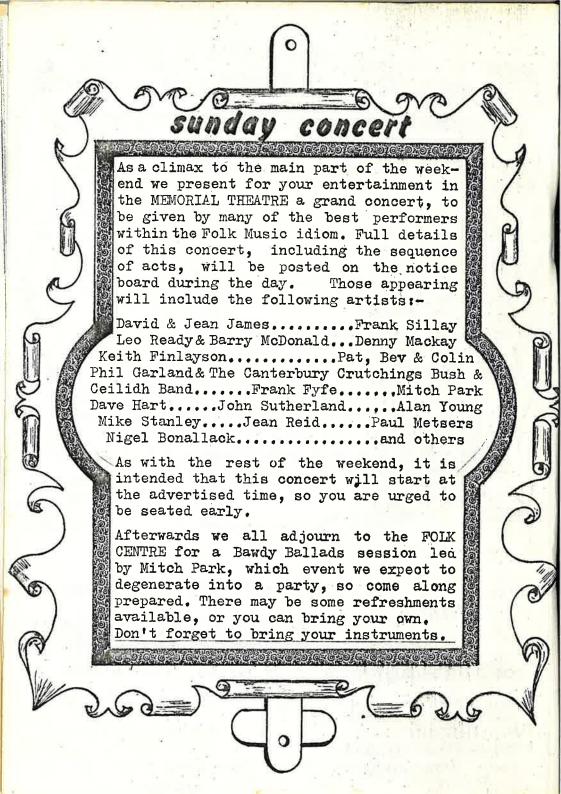
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A number of you will undoubtedly be making your way home this morning, particularly those who have a long drive ahead of you. For this reason we won't know how many will be attending the Monday morning activities and therefore we are keeping the whole thing strictly informal. We meet at the Wellington Folk Centre from 10 o'clock and the session will be of a largely social and musical nature. You are invited to submit any suggestions you may have for improving the Festival, assuming such an event is to be held again next year. This is not intended to be a post mortem but your Committee will be meeting to review the weekend and decide whether it has been sufficiently encouraging to start planning for Queen's Birthday weekend 1975.

We wish all of you a safe journey home and hope to see you all again next year at the only Folk Festival held regularly in Wellington and the only Folk Festival to be held during the Queen's Birthday weekend.

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