

Welcome to the Daily Decade The Rock and Roll Fifties!

Our world

- Top names for the decade: **James** and **Mary**
- Top rated TV show was ***I Love Lucy***
- Album of the decade: Miles Davis ***Kind of Blue***
- July temps in Stockton: High – 109°, Low - 68°

And what was happening at Stockton Folk Dance Camp?

Times have changed

- Camp was a college class at a Methodist University, where participants earned a grade. Definitely no drinking. Serious stuff, but still lots of fun.
- Dinner was \$1.75.
- People frequently sent and received (actual) letters.
- The Hole-in-the-Wall was a dance.
- Printed programs were provided for all parties.
- There was an assembly on how to use a microphone.
- Dinner was followed by a lawn party and 2 evening classes.
- Once Over Lightly was 1 hour with NO teaching.
- There were often 7 classes to choose from in a single time period.
- Campers could sleep-in on Sundays, but were encouraged not to make a habit of it.
- Swimming, anyone? The calendar included weekly drip & dive splash parties some years, and midnight swims other years.
- Campers were encouraged to introduce older people to folk dancing.
- Costume advice to the wives:
 - *If a man is not well-built, it would be wiser to keep away from tight-fitting trousers. In general, it's hard to get a man into a costume, and if he is reluctant, let him dance in whatever he chooses (within reason, of course).*
- And then there was this:
 - *Folk dancing is a vigorous activity; care should be taken to avoid the odor of perspiration.*

But some things true then are still true now:

- The meal ticket had to be shown to the cashier or cash had to be paid.
- You couldn't take everything during the week. There simply wasn't enough time.
- Cafeteria food: *"To the unknown who threw the tray on the floor at lunch, the cooks got the idea, but we're recommending a more peaceful method of commenting on the food."*

Types of dances from the past – do you know that in the 50's...

- Out of 60 dances, more than 10% were waltzes.
- Example of classes that were not waltzes: beginners kolos, kolos for teachers, and just regular kolos.
- Hungry, anyone? Dances with food titles: Caraway & cheese; Hot pretzels; Oats, Peas, and Beans; Stack of Barley. And then there was the Black Nag.

Two Facts and a Fib

Answer tonight during announcements

1. Campers were not allowed into certain parties without costumes.
2. The Kentucky Running Set was taught.
3. Roll was taken in each class.

Daily Schedule from 1955:

7:15 – 8:00	BREAKFAST
8:05	CLASSES
9:10	CLASSES
10:15	CLASSES
11:20	CLASSES
12:00 – 1:00	LUNCH
1:30 – 3:00	WORKSHOPS (QUIET), CRAFTS, MUSIC, COMMITTEES, ETC.
3:00 – 4:00	ASSEMBLY (FOR ENTIRE CAMP) IN COLLEGE AUDITORIUM
4:00 – 5:00	WORKSHOPS – DANCE, CRAFTS, ETC.
5:00 – 5:30	SWIM
5:15 – 6:00	DINNER
7:00 – 7:55	LAWN PARTY
8:05 – 9:00	CLASSES
9:05 – 9:55	CLASSES (EXCEPT MONDAYS, SATUR- DAYS, AND FRIDAY, AUGUST 5TH)
10:00	"ONCE OVER LIGHTLY" IN GYM
11:00 – ?	JAM SESSIONS IN PAVILION AND MUSIC D.