First Acadian Square Dance Date Is Set 7-7-65

About 400 persons from various parts of Louisiana and Texas will come to Lafayette this weekend for the first Acadian Square Dance Festival, sponsored by the Pa’s and Taw’s Club of Lafayette.

The activity will be held at the Lafayette Municipal Auditorium Friday night, and Saturday afternoon and night, according to Dr. Paul Shurtleff, president of the club.

Jimmy Huff will be the caller.

Shurtleff said there are several square dance clubs within a 200-mile radius of Lafayette. The Lafayette club has attended some of the functions of the other clubs and the others will in turn show up in Lafayette for the festival here.

In connection with the festival, Mayor J. Rayburn Bertrand has proclaimed July 5-10 as “Square Dance Week” in the city.

In the proclamation, the mayor said “This is wonderful entertainment for all able-bodied people who love to have good clean fun and associate with other people who feel the same way.”

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