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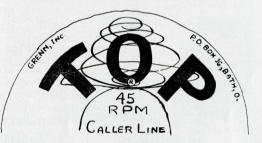
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WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ALL OUR SQUARE DANCERS?

By Johnny Schultz, Phoenix, Arizona

Only a year ago I wrote my original article on this subject for AMERICAN SQUARES. It is very difficult to say if it has made a big impression or not. From the number of letters that I have received, and by the number of reprints of the article that have been requested, I think that it has.

If enough of our true leaders can show our clubs where they are losing most of our new dancers and then do something about it, our square dancing picture will brighten up tremendously. The main thing is *do* something about it, *don't* just sit back and wait.

The traveling professional caller could do a real job to help local callers, teachers, and clubs.

Picture it this way:

Twenty local callers know "Big Name" is scheduled to be here. "Big Name" calls all the latest stuff, hits 'em with both barrels. So the local caller pushes all his new dancers hard to get them up to "Big Name's" level of calling. Maybe he started out with ten squares, but after pushing for eight or ten weeks he's got two squares of hot shots left. The night "Big Name" is scheduled to call, the remains of twenty local classes show up for the dance. Wow! Forty squares. All top dancers. "Big Name" calls his heart out to them, and gets a bigger name. He leaves the next morning feeling he's done a perfect job. But our local callers have only got their two or three squares back come club night. Then they start wondering why.

Here's the point to all this — if "Big Name" would call fun level instead of hot shot level, those same twenty local callers and teachers could have had a possible two hundred squares at his dance instead of forty squares. And come next club night, would have had his ten squares back instead of two squares of hot shots.

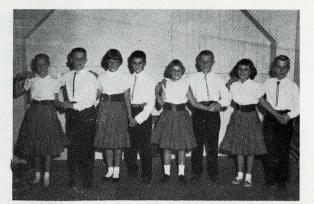
Now if you will only sit back and be honest with yourself and your own club, doesn't this ring a bell?

Some say, there's nothing hard about these new fundamentals and figures. Granted—they are not difficult in themselves, but as each one takes its place in the dance it just adds to the complication and confusion. As many folks have said, "Tain't dancing anymore, it's close order drill."

So come on you traveling callers, hobby callers, and semi-pro, we are the ones responsible for what is being danced. Maybe a good starting place is with us along the road to recovery. Why don't you shoot for the two hundred squares instead of the forty squares of hot shots? It would definitely help the whole square dance picture. I believe the same would apply to round dancers also.

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You're never too young to square dance. These 8-10 year-old Canadians dance regularly.





Square dance clothes add to the fun of square dancing. This group ranges in age from 10-14 years.

Square dancing is for teen-agers. These 13-15 year-olds like to dance. Do teen-agers in your city square dance?



COVER TALK: The youth of today are the square dancers of tomorrow. Members of Mrs. Sylvia Spidel's Hebbville (Nova Scotia, Canada) class who won the junior square dance championship at the Lunenburg County Exhibition in 1960 are featured on our cover this month. Their ages range from 10-12 and they have been dancing for the past three years.

CANADIAN YOUTH DANCE

Have you ever passed a toy store and seen a child with his nose pressed flat against the glass gazing into the wonderful and yet untouchable world inside? At times your heart goes out to him so much so that you want to take him by the hand and lead him inside.

How does all this fit into an article in a square dance magazine? It's very simple — don't many of us shut our children out of the wonderful world of square dancing? Square dancing is for all ages — both the young and the old. It is impossible to put an age limit on the very human desires of "having a good time," enjoyment, fun, "sharing an activity with your friends," and the many other things that make square dancing what it is.

Though many do shut the youth out of square dancing, others are opening the doors and welcoming them with open arms. In Nova Scotia, Canada, around Hebbville, the youth are important citizens in the square dance world. (See photos at left.)

Mrs. Sylvia Spidell, a teacher, had used square dancing as an important part of her Primary School Program. The children enjoyed it so much that they began having it as an "out-ofschool" activity four years ago with the 4-H Clubs. The first year, groups of boys and girls from 4-16 years of age became square dancers. This grew into the "Hebbville Boys and Girls," a group of about 48 dancers. Now, the total young square dancers in that area number in the hundreds. They took part in the Christmas program, 4-H Achievement Day programs, the Lunenburg County Exhibition and in county and provincial Dance Festivals.

Hebbville also has a "Closed Teen Club" consisting of two sets. When a member leaves, the remaining members collect applications and vote on a new member. This club travels with Mrs. Spidell to various jamborees, festivals, and the like in the province. They have learned to dance to square dance callers and have danced to most of the callers in Nova Scotia.

Children will learn to love square dancing, but only if it is presented right. Mrs. Spidell begins new groups with play-party games, and simple folk and square dances. Since being introduced to Contra Dancing by Ralph Page, at the Tatamagouche Festival of the Arts, they have been doing some Contras.

Mrs. Spidell usually calls her own dances, and only once in a while uses a record with calls. They have a small orchestra of a guitar and an accordian which provides live music.

Many civic-minded organizations can help their youth get interested in square dancing by sponsoring a club. The Home and School Association of Dayspring, Nova Scotia, and the Women's Organization of Hebb's Cross, Nova Scotia, are two such sponsors. Between them they have interested 80 youngsters in this wonderful recreational activity. Isn't there an organization in your community looking for a worthwhile project such as helping its youth grow into fine citizens?

Getting your youth interested in square dancing is a big step ahead for your favorite hobby. To see that square dancing will continue to grow and exist in the future, don't shut our youth out — invite them in if only to look. This may whet their appetites enough to insure the existence of square dancing for many, many years to come.

PLAN ONE-NIGHT

At a club dance the rules of procedure are known by all. The success and failure of such a dance is strictly a function of the caller's material and his personality. At a one night stand no one knows what to expect. The transition periods can bring confusion and chaos. The caller must think ahead and plan how he will move his program and the people from one activity to another.

To begin with the caller has to form the sets. With non-square dancers it's a cardinal sin to attempt this verbally. The grand march preferred by most professional callers is probably the best approach. An alternate device is to pair off two couples for four person sets. Then call a few figures such as "Bird in the Cage" and "Right Hand Star." After a few minutes pair off two couple sets to form a standard set. A good idea is to try this for inattentive groups when beginning the second tip.

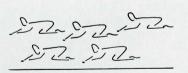
Designating head couples can sometimes be a painful process. Numbering can be facilitated by asking each set to make their baldest man the number one gent. Then have couple number one promenade around the outside of the set immediately. Designate the number of each proceeding couple and have them promenade in turn. This will firmly identify the dancers to themselves.

Smooth flow and close attention can be maintained by keeping the music going during the entire tip. Be sure to lower the volume during instruction. Three important points to keep in mind are the following:

(1) Keep the square simple, (2) Teach clearly, (3) Teach quickly. Show the figure once and start the dance. A few sets may falter momentarily, but if you have wisely chosen the material they will catch on by themselves. You will also spare the dancers the boredom that has sent more than one square dance enthusiast off to the bowling alleys.

Integrate the watchers. When their number is small make your second set a nine person square like "Ninepin Reel." Command gentleman number

GAMES TO USE AT YOUR NEXT PARTY



Individual games — The Peanut Push. The contestant who pushes a peanut with the point of a pencil across the room faster is the winner. At the end of a tip command all gentlemen number two to come to the stage. You have your participants right where you want them without any fuss.

STANDS

one to go to the sidelines and bring back one additional person to his set. When there are many non-participants lead your sets into a grand promenade. Command each couple to pick up one additional person from the sidelines and do a three person dance like "Troika" or "Ten Pretty Girls."

Games give a one night stand variety, change of pace, and afford the resourceful caller materials to use in an emergency. Once in a while you may run into a group that refuses to dance. Many a night has been saved when the caller warmed up an apathetic group with an easy game. Many types are available. There are contests for a few people, a few couples and for teams. Mass games in which everyone can participate are parti-cularly useful. Consult Dick Kraus's Recreation Leader's Handbook or other game books and start your own repertoire. Always maneuver the participants into physical position before announcing the activity and never say, "We're going to play a game."

Community singing is another tool

of the resourceful one night stand caller. Good singing needs pre-planning, too. At the end of the last tip promenade all the sets into a large circle. Join the circle. Lead the circle into a spiral figure. As you come out of the spiral pick up a chair and advise those nearest you to do the same. Place your chair where you want the group to form. They will follow your lead. You will have maneuvered the group into a compact form which is essential to quality singing. Distribute a songsheet with 3 or 4 old favorites on it and launch into an oldfashioned songfest. Callers who use community singing know its value for bringing a good program to a glowing climax.

Knowledge of material, good personality, authority, and clarity of communication are the essential characteristics of the professional "One Night Stand" man. With these traits and the knack of planning ahead, a caller can create the rhythm and flow that lifts the "One Night Stand" to the realm of a work of art.



Group game — Orange Relay for Eight. The first team to move an orange from one end of their team to the other, chin to chin, wins. Point to as many sets as you want to participate in the relay and command them to form a straight line. Tell the rest of the dancers to clear the floor. Give the rules of the game and proceed.



Mass game — Simon Says. Do not call for volunteers. Start the game with everyone sitting right where they are. At first command only passive things. Then, Simon says "Everyone stand up and come to the middle of the floor." The inertia of the situation will carry everyone along and only the lame and the halt will hang back.

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LOOK ALIVE

By Clarence Watson, Blue Springs, Mo.

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Promenade now with a brand new man

Now one and three gonna wheel around

Square thru with the couple you found

The insides count four, the outside five

Go all the way around and look alive The inside couples half square thru You all turn back and box the gnat The inside couples will box it back Now forward eight and back with you

Go forward again and square thru Outsides count four, the inside five Go all the way around and look alive The inside couples U turn back Left square thru on the inside track The outside couples California twirl There she is, left allemande, etc . . .

STAR-LITE

By Norm Koch, LaPorte, Ind.

Just promenade, don't slow down Keep on walkin' those girls around Ladies roll back, skip one man

Promenade the next, don't slow down One and three gonna wheel around

Right and left thru, don't take all night

The same four will star by the right

The head two gents with the gal behind

Star left in the middle, you're doing fine

Right and left thru the same old two Turn your girl, do a half square thru You're facing out, let's bend the line Right and left thru, don't take all night

The same four will star by the right

The head two gents with the gal behind

Star left in the middle, you're doing fine

Right and left thru the same old two Turn your girl, do a half square thru Then bend the line, cross-trail, man There's the corner, left allemande,

etc . . .

SWING YOUR BABY NOW

By Buford Evans, Prairie Villiage, Kan.

Record: Blue Star Record No. 1563 — Instrumental/calls by Marshall Flippo.

Opener, Break and Closer:

Four ladies chain across the way Finish it off with a half sashay

Swing that right hand lady 'round and 'round

Allemande left, allemande thar

Go right and left, the four gents star Gents back up, make a right hand star Now slip the clutch, left allemande Partner right, go right and left grand

Hand over hand around the ring you want to go

Promenade that little Kitty

She's the gal from your home city

Yes Sir! Swing that baby now.

Figure:

Heads go forward and come on back Star thru across the track

Pass thru, right and left thru you do

Dive thru, then Star Thru, now pass thru and separate

Around one, in the middle you go (square thru)

Three-quarters 'round

Swing that corner 'round and around Promenade this lady 'round the town Stroll along with Leaping Lena

She's the gal from Pasadena

Yes Sir! Swing that baby now.

(Sequence: Opener, Figure twice for heads, Break, Figure twice for sides, Closer.)

WESTERN MOON

By Gaylard Tannatt, Phoenix, Ariz.

Record: Dash Record No. 2523 -Instrumental/calls by Gaylard Tannatt.

Turn your own girl with a right

Opener, Break: Walk around your corner lady

And let the men star left, one time Box the gnat right there at home And let the ladies star left Swing with your own there at home Let's do a left allemande And you weave that 'ole ring Then you promenade the land Out under a western moon. **Figure:** And now, the heads (sides) to the middle Face your corner —eight chain thru Turn 'em on the ends and chain across the set you do right on across With the sides (heads) do a right and left thru Then you dive on thru And do a California twirl Swing with your corner girl Then you promenade the square Just like you're walking on air Out under a western moon. Ending: Come on, let's all join up hands And circle to the right Go half way round to home Now the men star left The girls backtrack It's twice around you go Turn 'em with a right hand around You do a left allemande A grand 'ole right and left Till you're own little 'ole doll you see Then you promenade the land You go walking hand in hand Out under a western moon. Ending.) By Bill Castner, Pleasant Hill, Calif.

- Turn 'em on the ends chain 'em

(Sequence: Opener, Figure twice for heads, Break, Figure twice for sides,

WHIRL THE STAR, SHUFFLE AND DEAL

Heads to the right and circle four Head gents break to a line of four

1. Star thru, right and left thru Turn on around and star thru

- 2. Pass thru across the world Join hands for a dixie twirl
- 3. Pass thru, wheel and deal Double pass thru, first couple left, next one right
- 4. Pass thru, shuffle the deck First couple left, next one right

NOTE: Each of the above are zero movements, i.e., no change of partner or position develops. They can be used singly or consecutively in any order and can be ended with an allemande left or continue into another figure.

THE WIZARD

By Harold Bausch, Leigh, Nebr. Record: Keeno Record No. 2170 -

Instrumental/calls by Harold Bausch.

Opener, Break and Closer: Walk around your corner See saw your own and smile Left allemande your corner Let's do it Alamo style Balance in and balance out Swing with the right go half about Balance out and balance in (Gonna) Swing with the left again Balance in and out You travel the full route First this girl and then this maid Meet your own and promenade That's all you have to do And your wishes will all come true-00-00 Swing you do. Figure: Head couples right and left thru Turn your girl and then Cross trail go round one Gonna meet your own again Box the gnat and pull her by The corner you will swing Swing and then left allemande Let's weave around that ring Remember what the Wizard said Remember what the Wizard said Meet this girl with a do-sa-do Just squeeze her hand and promeno That's all you have to do And your wishes will all come true-00-00 Swing you two. (Sequence: Opener, Figure twice for heads, Break, Figure twice for sides,

Closer.)

BACKWATER SQUARE

By Martin Winter, Cresskill, N.J.

- The heads go forward and back with you
- Forward again and pass thru
- Go round one to a line of four
- Move up to the middle and back once more
- Just the ends box the gnat, face the middle
- Square thru three-quarters round
- Then separate when you come down

Go round one to a line of four

- Move up to the middle and back once more
- Just the ends box the gnat, face the middle
- Right and left thru, two by two
- Turn 'em now and half square thru
- Right and left thru the outside two
- Turn 'em now and dive thru, square thru
- Square thru and count the hands When you get to five, don't just stand Allemande left, etc. . . .

COUNTRY COUSIN DOG LEGS (No. 2)

By Bill Gaynor, Valparaiso, Ind.

The head two ladies chain to the right Turn 'em around, don't take all night The new side ladies chain across Turn 'em twice and don't get lost Couple one, you bow and swing Lead on out to the right of the ring Circle up four, head gent break, line up four

The line go forward up and back Bend the line, square thru

Count four hands, yes you do

Those who can square thru

Count off four, that's what you do

Those who can square thru

Count to four on the side of the world

Everybody now Calif. twirl Those who can square thru

Those who can square thru

Count four hands, you're still not thru Those who can square thru

Keep on going, we're almost thru

Those who can square thru

Count four hands, look-out, man

Face your partner, left allemande,

etc . . .

BACKTRACK DEAL

By Willard Orlich, Akron, O.

The sides to the right and circle four The side gents break to a line of four Go forward eight and back you reel Pass thru and wheel and deal

Backtrack, separate walk past two, line up four (with the two you walk past)

Go forward eight and back you reel Pass thru and wheel and deal

Backtrack, separate walk past two, line up four

Go forward eight and back you reel Pass thru and wheel and deal

Backtrack, separate walk past two,

line up four allemande left, etc . . .

ANGRY

By Vern Smith, Dearborn, Mich.

Record: Top Record No. 25004 — Instrumental/calls by Vern Smith

Opener, Break and Closer:

Bow to your partner, corners all

Circle to the left go round the hall

You can circle to the left around the ring

Reverse back in single file

Gents backtrack about a mile

Meet your partner right hand round Go all the way round

Allemande left your corner girl

Right hand round your own

Like a wagon wheel, spin that girl

Promenade her home

You promenade her and serenade her She's the girl that's been a-swingin you.

Figure:

Head two couples half-square thru Do-sa-do the outside two

Go all the way round to an ocean wave and balance out and in

Square thru the same two, four hands and when you're thru

You're facing out don't take all night California twirl the lady on the right Then dixie chain across the set

The girls turn back and swing

You swing this lady round

And promenade go round the ring

Dearie, please don't be angry

He was only teasin you.

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New basics add variety to dancing. The good ones live and the others die. AMERICAN SQUARES presents these new calls to keep you up to date with developments in the movement. We do not endorse their acceptance. It is up to you — callers and dancers to decide whether or not they will become a permanent part of our activity.

SUBSTITUTE BASIC:

Originated by Clarence Watson, Blue Springs, Missouri. Normally done by two couples following a right and left thru — dive thru sequence. After the dancers complete the commands, "Right and left thru turn your girl and dive thru," the substitute basic is executed in the following manner: The inside couple makes an arch and backs out while the outside couple (after completing the automatic California twirl) dives thru arch. This completes the substitute.

SUBSTITUTE FIGURES

By Clarence Watson, Blue Springs, Mo.

Heads go forward, back with you, Forward again, half square thru, Right and left thru the outside two, Then dive thru, now star thru, Right and left thru, turn your Sue, Then star thru — now pass thru, Right and left thru and turn 'em too, Duck to the middle and Substitute. The inside four California twirl, Right and left thru, turn your girl, Lady in front, left allemande . . .

Two and four a right and left thru, Four ladies chain is what you do, Heads pass thru across the land,

BASICS

Around behind the sides you stand, Go forward eight and back with you, Then *Substitute*, now pass thru, Split the outside, line up four, Forward eight and back once more, Then pass thru across the land, Arch in the middle, ends turn in, Half square thru inside the land, Separate, behind the sides you stand, It's forward eight and back with you, *Substitute*, pass thru, right and left thru,

Duck back to the middle and Substitute,

Pass thru to a left allemande . . .

One and three a right and left thru, Turn on around and half square thru, Split those sides and line up four, Forward eight and back once more, Then pass thru across the land, Arch in the middle, ends turn in, And Substitute, and circle four, Make a full turn and then no more, Pass thru, now split those two, Around just one and line up four, Go forward eight and back once more,

Then pass on thru across the land, Arch in the middle, ends turn in, And *Substitute*, now circle up four, One full turn around, then no more, Pass on thru to a left allemande . . .

WHIRLWIND (Using Substitute and Star Thru) By Clarence Watson, Blue Springs, Mo.

One and three a right and left thru, Turn on around, half square thru, Right and left thru the outside two, Duck to the middle and *Substitute*, Now square thru inside you two, The sides divide and star thru, Right and left thru the outside two, Duck to the middle and *Substitute*, And square thru inside you two,

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SHAKE THE DICE BASIC:

Originated by Del Coolman, Flint, Michigan. Normally done from lines of four who may be facing in or out. At the command "Shake the Dice," the two persons in the center of the line take a step forward, then U turn back and the two who were the ends of the line slide together to face that two. When the basic is completed, each individual will be facing the person who was his partner in the line prior to doing the basic.

SHAKE THE DICE FIGURES

By Del Coolman, Flint, Mich.

One and three you bow and swing, Lead out to the right of the ring, Circle up four, you're doing fine, Head gents break and form the line, Go forward eight and back with you, Then pass thru and *Shake the Dice*, Square thru three quarters 'round, There's the corner, left allemande...

Just promenade, go around the town, Keep on going and don't slow down, Gents roll in a left face whirl, Promenade with a brand new girl, One and three will wheel around, Right and left thru the couple you found,

Turn on around and circle up four, Head gents break to a line of four, Go forward and back and keep it

nice, Then pass thru and Shake the Dice,

The lady in front a left allemande ...

Head two ladies chain to the right, The new head ladies chain on across, Two and four do a right and left thru, Turn on around like you always do, One and three will bow and swing, Lead out to the right of the ring, And circle four, you're doing fine, Head gents break and form the line, Forward and back and keep it nice, Now pass thru and *Shake the Dice*, Lady in front, a left allemande...

One and three gonna bow and swing, Lead out to the right of the ring, Circle up four, you're doing fine, Head gents break and form a line, Go forward eight and back with you, *Shake the Dice*, right and left thru, Then square thru three quarters man, Here comes the corner, left allemande

. . .

BRAIN BUSTER

By Fred Bailey, N. Las Vegas, Nev.

One and three lead to the right Circle up four, but not all night, The head gents break to form a line, Go forward and back you're doing fine,

Shake the Dice, star thru, Pass thru, retreat the line, California twirl, Shake the Dice, Star thru, pass thru, retreat the line, California twirl, Shake the Dice, Star thru, pass thru, retreat the line, California twirl, cross-trail thru, Allemande left, etc...

THE BLYTHE-ER

By Fred Bailey, N. Las Vegas, Nev.

The head two ladies chain to the right Turn 'em right around and hug 'em up tight

Walk all around new corner maid Come back one and promenade, Promenade but don't slow down, Two and four wheel around Right and left thru two by two Two ladies chain when you get thru Cross-trail thru, and U turn back Star thru across the track Eight chain thru go 'cross the land

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The Round Dance picture continues to change. As in all activities changes in most cases indicate growth and in no other portion of our activity has there been such vigorous growth. Most of the stimulation has resulted from the unselfish desires and work of leaders throughout our country. Their basic desire has been to encompass more dancers into the Round Dance circle to enjoy the full balanced fun of Rounds along with their Squares. Their sincere efforts have been most rewarding.

We are now at the point where

dancers and leaders are wishing for maturity for our activity. Just recently the arbitrary boundries of Round Dancing have been expanded to include judicous use of Latin and Folk movements. This is growth and a part of the maturing process.

Along with the inclusion of these unusual rhythms, some leaders wish for a more sophisticated system of notation for Round Dance patterns. The desirability of this has been discussed among leaders and dancers for years. And the proponents of this have many pertinent arguments that



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indicate their ideas could be advantageous. Undoubtedly there are as many who feel that any decided change from the generally accepted form of Round Dance notation would have undesirable effects on our hobby.

It is well accepted today that teachers cover the reading of Round Dance cue sheets in their basic classes, and that the dancer uses cue sheets to "fix" pattern and movement phrases in his memory. The dancers, with these considered notation changes, would have to reorganize their thinking to fit the new description form.

Basically the questions remain, what contribution to the activity as a whole could a general notation change offer? Can any confussion, however slight, for the dancer, be offset by any benefits from this proposal?

Round Dancing is for dancers for fun. Growth most certainly takes place through understanding. Yes, Round Dancing is growing. See you 'round.

CALLER'S WIFE

The caller can't be everywhere Inside and out of the hall All He can do is stand up there And do his best to call.

So who hears all the griping And knows if there's any strife It's nobody else, I'm sure you all know But the caller's poor little wife.

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Meas

Introduction:

- 1-2 Wait
- 3-4 Bow; Recover;

Step L away from ptr with a bow; step R twd ptr, touch, hold;

Part A

1-4 Waltz Out; Waltz In; Step, Point, -; Face, Touch, -;

In open pos waltz fwd and slightly away diagonally from ptr (L, R, close L); waltz diagonally fwd and twd ptr (R, L, close R) changing hands on 3rd ct and turning in twd ptr to face RLOD; step bwd on M's L in LOD turning back to back with ptr (M face COH), point R swd in LOD, hold; M steps R in place turning 1/4 to face RLOD as W steps L fwd RLOD turning R to face M, touch L, hold; assume CP.

5-8 Waltz Turn; Waltz Turn; Waltz Turn; Twirl;

Normal 3 meas. R face turning waltz; on meas 8 M waltzes slightly fwd 3 steps as W twirls R face in 3 steps to end in open pos facing LOD;

9-16 Repeat Meas 1-8

Part B

17-20 Waltz FWD; Wrap; Step FWD, Touch, -; Step BWD, Touch, -;

In open pos, waltz fwd LOD (L, R, close L); M waltzes slightly fwd again as W turns L face into wrapped pos by holding joined hands low and keeping her R arm above

her L as she rolls in - join M's L and W's R in front - M's R and W's L are joined at her R hip; take one step fwd L in LOD, touch R to L, hold; take one step back R, touch L, hold:

21-24 Lady Crosses; Rewrap; Step FWD, Touch, -; Step BWD, Touch, -;

Keeping both hands joined, raising both arms, and moving slightly fwd LOD W crosses twd COH in front of ptr with 3 steps turning $\frac{1}{4}$ R face as M with 3 steps turns $\frac{1}{4}$ L face — ptrs and momentarily facing with both hands joined and M's back to wall; raising M's R arm and W's L (both hands still joined) W still turning R face walks 3 steps twd outside passing in RLOD of ptr as M still turning L face walks 3 steps twd COH around ptr to end facing RLOD (both) with W in wrapped pos W again on outside; step fwd L RLOD, touch R, hold; step bwd R in LOD, touch L, hold;

25-28 Waltz FWD; Unwrap; Star R; Solo Turn:

Still wrapped waltz fwd L, R, close L in RLOD; M waltzes slightly fwd 3 steps as W unrolls holding M's L and W's R hands in a L face spot turn; immediately join R hands and walk fwd 3 steps moving CW in a R hand star; M continues CW turn as W does a solo L face spot turn with 3 more steps to end in CP with M facing RLOD;

29-32 Waltz Turn; Waltz Turn; Waltz Turn; Twirl;

Normal 3 meas R face turning waltz; on meas 32 W twirls R face in 3 steps as M moves fwd LOD 3 steps to end in open pos.

GOODNIGHT TWO-STEP

By Gordon Moss, N. Hollywood, Calif. Record: Sunny Hills Record No. 3161. Position: Closed, M facing LOD. Footwork: Opposite throughout.

Meas 1-4 and 5-8

- FWD, --, 2, --; 1/2 Turn 2/Step; BWD, --, 1/4 Manuv, --; 1/2 Turn 2/ Step;
- SWD, --, X, --; CHG SDS 2/STEP; SWD, --X, --; MANUV/CP 2/STEP;
- (1) -- L, R, --- LOD: In CP, M fwd two slow steps.
- (2) -- LRL, --- LOD: Half turn 2/ step to M face RLOD.
- (3) -- R, L, --- LOD: M bwd two slow steps, manuv on 2nd, face COH.
- (4) -- RLD, --- LOD: Half turn 2/step. M ends facing WALL.
- (5) -- L, R, -- LOD: M swd, then Xbehind. W, swd then X-front.
- (6) -- LRL. --- LOD: Change sides 2/ step; end M facing COH.
- (7) -- R, L: --- LOD: M swd, then Xbehind. W, swd then X-front.
- (8) -- RLR: --- LOD: 2/step, W manuv in front to CP for repeat.

Meas. 9-16 Repeat Above (End Semi-CP) Meas 17-20 and 21-24

- (17) -- L,R. -- LOD: In Semi-CP, 2 slow steps fwd.
- (18) -- LRL. -- L & R: M, FWD, Clos, Bk. W, Swd, Clos, X to Banjo face RLOD.
- (19) -- RLR, -- R & L: M, Bwd, Clos, Fd, W, Swd, Clos, X to Semi-CP.
- (20) -- L,R. -- LOD: 2 slow steps, Cpl Pivot, end in Semi-CP.
- (21-22-23-24) Repeat Above.

Meas 25-28 and 29-32

Description by "step-phrases" instead of "measures." Rhythm is "built in" to the music.

- 1-wait; 1, 2, 3, wait; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, wait; 1, 2, 3, wait.
- 1 --- In Semi-CP a single slow step LOD

- 2 --- 3 Steps (RLR) W rolls XIF (LRL) to inside L-Half-Open Pos.
- 3 --- 5 Steps. On 1, 2, W rolls XIF twd Wall to face M X-LOD. On 3, 4, 5, both do Side, Clos, X, MX-front, W X-behind, to S/Car. (M, L, R, on 1, 2. L,R,L, on 3, 4, 5 side, Clos, X.)
- 4 --- 3 Steps (RLR), Side, Clos, X from S/Car to Banjo, M face LOD. On "waiting beat" W turns to Semi-CP.
- Meas 29-32 repeat above, Start Part 1 in Banjo, slide over to CP on 2nd step.

DO ROUTINE TOTAL OF THREE TIMES.

Above is an example of one of the proposed new types of notation for Rounds. It is reproduced here-in with no editorial changes. Four measures of the same routine are printed below in the currently accepted form. We do not recommend either presentation. Both are submitted for your consideration.

25-26 Step, Roll/2; 3/-, Roll Back/2; Step fwd L in LOD one slow step, roll W XIF in three steps, (L,R,L) to L half open pos as M takes three steps progressing slightly (R, L, R), roll W back twd wall in two steps turning to face W and wall (W face M and COH).

27-28 Side/Close, Cross; Side/Close, Cross;

Starting L in LOD do side/close, cross coming into sidecar pos M facing RLOD (M XLIF, W XRIB); repeat side/close, cross to banjo pos M facing LOD (W turns on last beat back to semi-closed pos).



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What Does It Take?

Some leaders deplore the fact that there is no Standardization of dances throughout the various states. Others say that there can be no Standardization. Which view is correct?

There should probably be some sort of standardization. We are trying to learn too many Rounds. We are trying to learn too many Squares.

The teacher-caller-leader is blamed if he uses too many new dances or if he does not use enough of them. He is supposed to use his better judgment to decide what the club wants in the way of dances.

What does it take? It takes individual styling where the teacher-caller-leader is concerned. He should have a penchant for certain types of dances —the ones he can master and do the best. Anybody who can Round Dance should be able to Square Dance! Look at it this way, "Square Dancing is Couple Dancing being done with three other couples in a limited space rather than as one couple in a limitless space," or vice-versa.

Dancing, be it either Square or Round, is a joy to be shared. It is a mingling of our personality with that of others. It is a form of relaxation rather than an endurance contest. It is motion, mood, meditation and momentum. We are born with the instinct to dance and it remains with us as long as we live sane and sensible lives.

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. . . We up here feel that the fun is being taken out of square dancing and hard work inserted. If you miss one or two club nights you are entirely lost as several new figures are taught each night. Then, in rounds there are far too many.

The only solution I can think of is a committee from all states and maybe one from Canada to pick out say two figures (new, that is) per year. This way, many dances could be written with all the older figures and two new ones. This way you can relax and have a good time, instead of tense and say when you get home "never again."

The same committee could pick two or three of the best rounds and *all* clubs stand behind this committee and teach them.

> G. H. West Brampton, Ontario, Canada

Dear Arvid:

. . . Keep up the Record Reviews, they are a life saver for those of us who must buy our records by mail.

> J. V. Palmer, Eldorado, Arkansas

Dear Arvid:

... Bring back the days when Mom and Pop taught their children to dance in their own respective sets. I believe if all square dance callers strive to suspend with the frills that have been added to the dance that was originated in America, once again we will see 18 sets instead of 3 sets troop onto the floor to hear that good old sound, "all join hands and circle all."

> Ronald E. Milner, Japan

WHAT IS SQUARE DANCING?

Many club or western-type callers feel that the type of dancing done at one-night stands is not square dancing. The Traditional New England type of square dancing done by onenight stand callers is square dancing and enjoys a large following.

This argument as to which is really square dancing and which isn't is silly and useless. It's like two boys standing on the sidewalk and saying, "My cherry sucker tastes better than yours 'cause mine's square and yours is round!"

There is room in our modern dancing society for both types. There is still a place for the simple type of square dancing, just as many clubs prefer the faster western type.

One of the basic principles of recreation and leisure time activities is to minimize the element of serious competition. Most men are in competitive jobs. At home there is the old case of "keeping up and if possible passing the Jones'." Vance Packard has illustrated this well in *The Status Seekers*.

The one-night stand caller can help club callers by sending new dancers to the clubs. These dancers had their appetites whetted at the one-night stand. Cooperation between the club caller and the one-night stand caller could only lead to the promotion and growth of square dancing in both aspects.

Both sides of this debate must realize that people are not puppets or robots. Each person is an individual, and each individual has his own likes and dislikes. You can't say "this is better or right because I say it is." The people will continue to do what they like to do. They will continue to attend the square dances where they will gain the most enjoyment.

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On the first beat of music, ONES and TWOS circle left, then right, and break back to place. Each group of four people is known as a minor section of the Contra formation.

Same two couples (every minor section up and down the line) right and left over and back.

Same couples star right and then back with the left (in the same minor fours).

ONES step to the center of the line and face away from the caller (down the line). With the lady on the man's left, they pick up the TWOS by the hands and take eight steps below (away from the caller). The TWOS take slightly longer steps than the

This article is the second in a series about Contras by Ed Moody, Nashua, N.H. ONES so that at the end of the eighth step the TWOS have pivoted around the ONES and are facing them.

The ONES arch their inside hands and the TWOS pass thru this arch. TWOS are now facing a new couple of ONES so they drop hands with the old couple of ONES and take hold of hands with the new couple.

These new groups of four now go back to place, the ONES walking backward, the TWOS forward. After eight steps everyone is back home. Four people have their hands joined and they are ready to do what comes next — circle left and repeat.

The TWOS who passed thru the arch and the ONES down at the other end of the line are now inactive. Relax — tell your partner how nice she looks. As the music starts on the next cycle — change your identity the stranded ONES become TWOS and the stranded TWOS become ONES. Then you're dancing again.

Tell your prompter to tip you off a couple of beats ahead as to what comes next. The cue call would go something like this:

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