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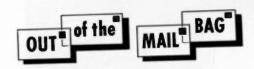
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Dear Arvid:

I would like to make a suggestion in regard to the round dance Workshop section of AMERICAN SQUAR-ES.

Why can't we have the sequence and ending printed along with these round dances, like the rest of the square and round dance magazines do?

It would be a great help to us round dancers.

John S. Werner, Des Moines, Iowa

Good suggestion. We'll do this in future issues of SQUARES.

Dear Arvid:

We enjoy each copy of AMERICAN SQUARES very much and as callers and teachers the Workshop, the New Basics and the Record Reviews are of great interest to us. Keep up the good work!

Fern and Ralph Creek, Conectionville, Iowa

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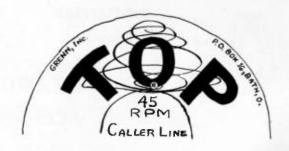
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BY PAT PENDING

Throughout this wonderous land of ours

It happens here and there
A group of happy people

Arrive without a care

They come in many ages
To neighbor and to meet
To do a little dancing
And on the side to eat.

Each lady brings a package Of cookies, pie or cake Sweet liquid by the gallon Our hostess, she did make

They wander in by couples Their off-spring also come In baskets, cot and cradles They're parked and then things hum.

A fiddler brung his fiddle
A plunker his banjo
A squeeze box and a geetar
Make feet just want to go

Now things begin to happen
Off the sleeve and unrehearsed
For folks are all good dancers
In their Terpsichore well versed.

Without a single walk thru They are picking up the beat Follow calls as callers call 'em With educated feet

Callers follow one another
And take figures from the air
With intelligence they prompt 'em
And with them stays the square.

The floor may be new black top A garage or new mowed lawn Which really gets well pounded By those who carry on

There are Hambos and Isralies Also Contras of tradition A variety of Polkas And singing makes its mission.

To an atmosphere congenial Without one frown or glare Some common bond unites them Every single person there

As they all Quadrille together Habit moves their arms and feet While they swap a little gossip Or an old acquaintance meet.

Their knowledge of the basics Like old fables of the past Here exchanged by words unprinted Insure this art will last

Though they do not realize it Behind fun it seems obscure But they carry on a "something" Big and vast and to endure.

For relaxing of the tension Helps us all to make new friends Smooth dancing, one foundation That leads us to these ends

Thus informal pleasant parties
Are one big reason why
Squaring smooth and not too rapid
Will never die.

SQUARE STYLING

Part II

"Style is the man," someone once said. Here is the second installment of Square Dance Styling Points for callers and dancers. The first installment appeared in last month's SQUARES. You won't want to miss these important tips on perfecting your dancing. Make your styling the best!

BOX THE GNAT

Or flea or any type of turning a girl under. Men use two fingers or loose grip with lady so that you can easily disengage if someone happens to turn the wrong way, saves shoulders. When meeting the same sex, instead of the strongest going over, try exchanging places with a pigeon-wing turnback, avoids making a decision as to who does what.

HALF SASHAY, RE-SASHAY, ALL THE WAY ROUND

Should be taught as three separate basic movements so that a caller can use any part that he wishes without dancers anticipating the entire deal every time they hear 1/2 sashay. Teach them to have the man slide-step behind the lady while she slide-steps in front of the man, both facing center of set when finished. Also, 1/2 sashay does not mean rollaway or whirlaway unless so called. Two couples facing each other have a traffic problem when the ladies rollaway.

Allemande A cannot be broken up. All three parts must be used to be a true break. However, no hands should be held (left) during the maneuver but rather touched, then dropped while doing the 1/2 sashay. Lines Sashaying a 1/4 should also slide-step into place. Shuffle the Deck rule now goes that the right end steps forward, slide-steps left, the left end steps back, slide-steps right in behind. This rule is especially important from an ocean wave formation.

ROLLAWAY 1/2 SASHAY

From Allemande Thar, Ocean Wave, Alamo Style, etc. whoever is backing up, continues to back up after the maneuver is accomplished, facing direction never changes. Couple wheels 1/2 around, spin individually toward each other a 1/2 turn to catch new hands or forearm grip.

SWING SASHAY

To be used when couple has to half sashay after a swing. When man is facing out during the swing, drop right but retain left hand hold with lady's right. Man turns back in place and lady automatically faces back into set on man's left side in 1/2 sashay position.

ALLEMANDE THAR

Inside people take wrist holds with the people in front (men or women) and back up slowly so that the outside people can move in time to the music, not run. If person ahead of you on the inside backing up insists

POINTS

By WILLARD ORLICH

Willard Orlich, Akron, Ohio choreographer has written material for Grenn and MacGregor records. His workshop notes are used all over the country. Articles on style by Orlich are of concern and interest to everyone in the Square Dance field.

upon rushing, a thumb on his wrist bone pushed hard will tend to slow him up. (A kick in the seat helps too).

GENERAL TRAFFIC PATTERN

No question about ladies chain across, to star across would be the same right-hand motion, men or women, without being told. This same traffic pattern would be true, without use of hands, if told to cross the set to the opposite. From a Line Divide, walk by two (or column), the rule is to pass right shoulders no matter if ladies or gents are in lead. In passing someone behind an inactive couple, the lady takes the inside track out of courtesy but when passing the same sex, the right shoulder rule again is true. However, if they're bigger than you, don't argue, give way to save being trampled upon.

SUZIE QUE

Forearm turns but watch the jabbing elbows. Some areas use a pigeon wing on the turns letting you stay in close.

ENDS TURN IN

Arching couple always dish-rags back to face center of set, no matter if lady is on right or left side. On call of centers arch, ends duck out, arching couple stays in place dropping hands only.

WAGON WHEEL

Unless call breaks up the sequence by a "catch her by the left, etc.", the

entire movement should be as follows: -Man turns girl by right full around, then spins her another turn before she hooks left elbow within his right while footwork is in about three steps in LOD. All this while man is continuing forward with a left-hand star with other men. There should be no loss of momentum forward if executed properly. After hooking elbows, wheel continues to roll LOD until the next call, "Hub backs out, rim flys in - balance all and gone again." At this point, the lady's right hand should be held in the gents right hand in order to lead or guide the lady around a full turn, balance away from her in line of direction ready to go forward, box the gnat, etc. A full wagon wheel allemande break consists of two wagon wheels and then meet partner.

DOCEY-DO (Western)

From a circle of four, this amounts to a do-paso after the ladies whirl into it. On the call, men should have their backs to home position, pull corner across in a rollaway motion, catch parner's left, pull her by without turning. Reach for opposite with a right-hand turnback, back to partner with a left and courtesy turn to face that couple from starting position. In affect, the ladies made a figure 8 around the men who have moved just enough to let the ladies pass around them. Men should be able to look at each other's face during the motion.

(continued next month)

PERSONAL OF SQUARE

Feel run down? Bored with life? Having problems with your mate? Or maybe you need an outlet for tension. Well, believe it or not, square dancing seems to be an effective remedy for many of these problems.

An example of its effectiveness is the case of the shy retiring fellow who stuttered. Sam was a real introvert. At the suggestion of a friend he learned to square dance. He loved this new hobby, and lost himself in it so completely that he literally "forgot" his speech impediment.

Not only did Sam forget to stutter, but he also forgot his self consciousness. Before long he was making new friends and dating several of the single girls he met at the dances. A few months later Sam met the right "taw" and they were later married. And as the old saying goes, if you're a square dancer that is, "and they danced happily ever after."

Another man told me frankly that square dancing had helped him overcome excessive drinking. By replacing his bad habit with a new hobby, he overcame his affliction.

"Square dancing is almost like a second honeymoon for us," said a couple from Ohio. This couple found square dancing gave them more time



BENEFITS

DANCING

By STAN BURDICK

together, something more in common, and deepened their appreciation of each other.

Harold Ericson, General Chairman of the recent National Convention in Detroit, was the Wayne County, Michigan Friend of the Court, for many years. During his term in office Ericson was a square dance fan. He stated, "Of the tens of thousands of divorces handled by my office, only three involved square dancing couples."

Continued Ericson, "Square dancing has to be done by couples. A man can't leave his wife at home. When a

couple has fun together, they stay together."

These are only a few benefits square dancing has given its followers. We're sure there are more, and we'd like to hear about any you've had.

It would be silly to say that square dancing is a "cure-all" for all the ills of the world, but, dancing has helped a lot of folks experience new friendships, new fun, and richer lives.

Share your square dancing experiences with others. We'll publish them in future issues of AMERICAN SQUARES. There is much more to be said on this subject.



INTRODUCE

PART II

Last month AMERICAN SQUARES featured an article on how to "Introduce Round Dancing" to your square dance group. This month we will follow the basic Two-Step explanation with the presentation of the Waltz. However, it should be noted that only after the group has mastered the Two-Step in all its phases, generally ten sessions or more, should the Waltz be introduced.

The first step for a Waltz presentation is to go into circle formation and then assume open dance position. Now, through the use of music and demonstration, establish the recognition of Waltz rhythm from that of the Two-Step rhythm.

Next, teach the group to respond to the rhythm of the music with the one step per measure exercise: Step, Touch, Hold; Repeat. Step first to the L then to the R. In open position, move forward in LOD.

The third step is to teach the *basic* balance, both in the circle and in open position.

Fourth, try the walking exercise, three steps per measure, in open position. Remind the dancers that Waltz music can be marched to as easily as Two-Step music.

Point out that there are three steps per measure as compared to four for the Two-Step. Start the Waltz step by having the group count the steps — ONE, 2, 3; FOUR, 5, 6; then cue Left, right, left; Right, left, right; and emphasize counts one and four in their walk.

Next, begin to turn on the first step of each measure slightly back-to-back

on count one and face-to-face on four, moving the hands forward and back for lead. Explain that to "complete a waltz sequence" requires two measures, leading the first measure with the L foot and the second measure with the R foot. If you increase the turns on counts one and four the group will be doing waltz steps before they even realize it.

Using the same cue words helps the dancers to know and remember what they are to do. Here are the cues most often used in waltz exercises, which become self-explanatory to the dancers:

LEFT, REACH, CLOSE; RIGHT, REACH, CLOSE; or

FACE-OUT, R E A C H , CLOSE; FACE-IN, REACH, CLOSE; or

TURN, REACH, CLOSE; FACE, REACH, CLOSE;

You are now ready to proceed with the forward waltz in open position. With the walking exercise (paragraph 5) and the "turn" drill (paragraph 7) the dancers should have the "feel" and understanding of the Waltz step and now be able to forward waltz, closing on count three. Drill this to complete mastery before proceeding further!

After this has been mastered, teach the solo turn waltz, men turning left-face and ladies turning right-face, to full back-to-back position on measure one, and continuing to turn to end face-to-face on measure two. It may help if you cue this:

BACK-TO-BACK, REACH, CLOSE; ON AROUND, REACH, CLOSE;

Now that the dancers are familiar with these basics, let them dance them

ROUND DANCING

in drill and mixer form, using the forward balance; backward balance; back-to-back and face-to-face waltz; forward waltz; and solo turn waltz.

Now, from a closed position, teach the basic waltz balance, men's back to LOD, step back L, touch R, hold; step forward R, touch L, hold. Next, have the group turn about 1/8 turn with each balance, men stepping back and turn L on count one, "between and turn" on R on count four. Increase the amount of turn on each balance to a 1/4 turn. This is also a preparatory exercise to the right face turning waltz.

The right face turning waltz is done thusly: with three steps to the measure, turn on counts one and four as in the balance exercise. Have the dancers turn as before very little at first, and increase the amount of each turn until they are doing the complete waltz turn in two measures. Continue to stress the gents step "back and around" and "between and turn."

Various exercises can be used to assist them in accomplishing this turning waltz: with men's back to LOD, have the men step back in LOD on their L and turning R face with that step (the W steps forward and between and also turns R face as she takes the step). Don't go any further. Have the dancers recover and step and turn again. Repeat several times with new partners and then with their own partner. Remember, always demonstrate everything you have your dancers do!

After completing these two lessons in the Two-Step and the Waltz, your dancers should have a relatively easy time with round dancing. Once these basics are learned the dancers have only to build from there.

In closing we would like to review some rules of teaching which we feel will help any one trying to teach round dancing. They are:

- 1. Everybody dancing at all times.
- From the known to the unknown; from the simple to complex.
- 3. A teacher hasn't taught if the student hasn't learned.
- 4. You know what the student needs to know.
- Learn by the mistakes of others because you can't live long enough to make them all yourself.
- 6. Share what you know with others and they will share with you.
- Give the dancers the experience of mastering dance steps and techniques early and often.

These simple rules and your knowledge will teach the philosophy of good dancing to the dancers. Round dancing along with square dancing makes better and smoother square dancers. They get a better understanding of music and also their reflexes are faster and more alert. They train their memory to a higher degree. They have a greater feeling of responsibility toward the other dancers as they realize the importance of their knowing what they are doing.

TEACH THEM TO HAVE FUN WHILE THEY ARE LEARNING TO HAVE MORE FUN!

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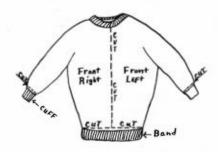
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- Draw a line straight down from edge of neck opening through mid point to bottom edge of shirt.
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- Cut off the cuffs on the sleeves and the band around bottom of shirt.
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Allemande left your corner, grand right and left you go

And when you meet your honey, you're gonna' promeno

Promenade but don't stop, here we go red hot

Turn the right hand lady right, and your partner by the left

Go all the way 'round to the corner girl, and turn her by the right Partner left, roll promenade, and now

you step it light

Take your little lady, right on home for me

Swing her to the "Ragtime Melody." Figure:

Head two couples circle four, three quarters 'round you go

California twirl, split the sides and make a line of four

Forward eight and back, pass thru, the ends turn in

Dive thru, pass thru, and then you star thru

Square thru three quarters 'round, face out, bend the line

Square thru three quarters 'round, and promenade your own

Take your little lady, right on home for me

Swing her to the "Ragtime Melody." (Sequence: Opener, Figure twice for heads, Break, Figure twice for sides, Closer.)

FOUR LADIES CHAIN LEFT

By Clorence Wotson, Blue Springs, Mo. The heads go forward, back with you Go forward again, half square thru Right and left thru the outside two Turn your girl but don't just stand CHAIN THE GIRLS TO THE LEFT (or Chain her left)

Left allemande . . .

TWIRLING STAR

By Clarence Ritchey, Grand Junction, Colo.

The heads lead right and circle up four

The head gents break and line up four

Forward up and back to the world Forward again and star twirl The center couples pass thru First couple left, the next couple right Star twirl with the first in sight The inside couples square thru Four hands 'round, have some fun Separate and you go around one, circle up four

The head gents break and line up four Cross-trail thru across the land Corner's there, left allemande . . .

PROMENADE BREAK

By Fred Applegate, La Mesa, Calif.
One and three, you wheel around
Half square thru the two you found
Those who can, you square thru
Three-quarters 'round, don't take all
day
Those who did, half sashay
Those who didn't, turn alone
Box the flea, change hands
Box the gnat, change girls

Cross-trail thru, allemande left . . . SNEAKER

By Red Donoghe. Houston, Tex.
One and two do a right and left thru
And turn that girl, that's what you do
The head ladies chain across the way
Then finish it off with a half sashay
New Couple No. One
Split that couple across the ring
Go 'round one to a line of four
Move into the middle and back once
more

Now two and four go right and left

And turn that girl, then cross-trail thru
There's old corner, left allemande . . .

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Opener and Break:

(Well now, the) Head couples swing and promenade half the ring Sides do a right and left thru (turn 'em twice)

The four ladies star right once around and then

Partners all, an allemande thar, the boys back in again

Now the boys back around, shoot the star full around

Slip the clutch, go two times around Pass this girl and with the next a left allemande

Come back one and take this girl 'round that ol' land

You promenade full around and then, you'll hear that old sound.

Figure:

(Four ladies chain) Cross you go, turn the gal that you know

Chain back and turn 'em again One and three go up and back and then star thru

Pass thru and with the sides, a right and left thru

You duck back in, do-sa-do once and

Pass thru and swing the corner Jane Allemande new corner, grand ol' right and left and then

Take this brand new sweetie, promenade 'round again

And then, you'll hear it again (Oh Yes!), you'll hear it again The "Ol' Piano Roll Blues."

(Sequence: Opener; Figure twice for head couples; Break; Figure twice for side couples.)

SHORTY

By Fred Bailey, North Las Vegas, Nev. Four ladies chain, a grand chain four Turn the girls as you've done before The head gents with your corner maid Go into the middle and back Half square thru across the track Star twirl with the one you meet Now star thru across from you Pass thru, guess who? Allemande left . . .

SHORT SNORT

By Roger Welch, Independence, Mo. One and three lead to the right Circle up four, you're doing fine The head gents break and form a line Forward eight and back to town Square thru three-quarters 'round Count three hands across the track You're facing out, now all turn back Star thru across the town, And everybody turn around Star thru on the side of the world Hang right on, Calif. twirl Cross-trail thru and look-out, man Here she comes, left allemande . . .

BUMPER NO. 1

By Del Coolman, Flint, Mich. The head two ladies chain to the right And the new head ladies chain across Two and four a right and left thru Heads to the right and circle up four The head gents break and line up four Go forward eight and back that way The girls roll left, a half sashay Forward eight and back with you Then star thru, now substitute (the outside couples back in)

Allemande left, .

CRACKER CRUMBS

By Paul Noble, Lakeland, Fla. The two head ladies chain to the

And the new head ladies chain across The heads go forward and back with

Go forward again and square thru Four hands 'round inside the world With the outside two, star twirl Wheel and deal, that's what you do The inside four left square thru Three-quarters 'round inside the

With the outside two, star twirl Wheel and deal, that's what you do The inside four gonna square thru Three-quarters 'round inside the floor Now split the outside, line up four Then box the gnat across from you Come on back a right and left thru Then pass thru and bend the line Go forward and back, you're doing

Cross-trail thru and look-out, man Skip your partner, left allemande . . .

SINGLE WHEEL

By Clarence Ritchey, Grand Junction, Colo.

The two head ladies chain across Turn 'em, boys, and don't get lost The same two couples half sashay Go up to the middle and back that way

Now pass thru, then single wheel Gents in the lead, do a dixie chain He goes left, she goes right 'Round one, don't take all night Into the middle, right hand star Once around from where you are Corners all, left allemande . . .

EASY GOING

By Clarence Watson, Blue Springs, Mo.

The head two ladies chain across Turn 'em twice, don't take all night The same two ladies chain to the right

The head two couples right and left

Turn that girl, two by two Now star thru and pass thru Then star thru and pass thru Go on to the next And star thru then pass thru Allemande left . . .

UNBALANCED LINES

By John Ward, Alton, Kan.

Couples One and Two just swing and swing

While Three and Four the ladies chain

No. One Lady go 'cross the square Circle up three with that couple there The gent will break and make the line

Go forward and back, you're doing

The side two couples cross-trail thru
Go 'round one, make lines you do
(a line of three and a line of five)
Go forward eight and back with you
Just the ends go up and star thru
Circle up eight around the track
Now all four men go forward and
back

Cross-trail thru, go 'round just one Circle up eight and have a little fun Circle to the left around the world Now all four couples Calif. twirl Same girl, left allemande...

MAKIN' WHOOPEE

By Fred Christopher

Record: Top No. 25019 — Instrumental/calls by Fred Christopher.

Figure:

Four ladies chain, across the set Then whirl away, you circle left Left allemande now, grand right and left now

You're "Makin' Whoopee" — (meet this girl & catch all eight)

With the right hand half, now back by the left hand round

The gents star right, go full around Turn partner left now, your corner right now

Your partner left, roll promenade, take a walk with this maid

The head two couples wheel around, go right & left thru

Star thru, then eight chain thru
Picture a little old love nest, down
where the roses bloom

You swing the girl you meet, beneath the moon

Then promenade, like bride and groom

It is the season, you've got the reason For "Makin' Whoopee"...

(Sequence: Figure twice for heads, Figure twice for sides.)

A QUICKIE

By Singin' Som Mitchell, Tucson, Ariz. The heads star thru across the track Now all four couples turn back to back

Step forward out and bend the line Go forward and back, you're doing fine

The inside two, you square thru
Three-quarters 'round and when
you're thru
Allemande left . . .

A QUICKIE

By Les Gotcher, La Puente, Calif.
Just promenade, go 'round the town
One and three will wheel around
Square thru, go 'round the world
With the lady on the right, Calif.
twirl

Then square thru three-quarters,

There's the corner, left allemande . . .

DEBATED TRAP (De Baited Trap)
By John Ward, Alton, Kan.

Four ladies chain three-quarters round

Just turn 'em, boys, and settle down Sides right and left thru across the way

way
Couple No. One only half sashay
Heads cross-trail, around one you go
Line up four, get set to go
Now just the ends star thru
Then half square thru, face the sides
*Pass thru, allemande left . . .

*or Square thru, it's five hands, man Count to five, left allemande . . .

A CIRCLE AND A WHEEL By Gordon Blaum, Miami, Fla.

The heads to the middle and back you run

Then circle left three-quarters 'round Calif. twirl and split the sides Go 'round one, stand four in line Forward eight and back you reel Pass thru, wheel and deal and a quarter more

You're facing out in lines of four Arch in the middle, the ends turn in Circle up four in the middle again —

three-quarters 'round Calif. twirl, separate, around one Stand four in line, we're on the

Stand four in line, we're on the run Forward eight and back you reel Pass thru, wheel and deal and a quar-

ter more

You're facing out in lines of four You turn alone, go forward and back The outside four square thru threequarters the outside track

The other four do a left square thru
All the way 'round and when you're
thru

Find your corner, left allemande . . .

FOND AFFECTION

By Joe Lewis

Record: J-Bar-L 4132 — Instrumental; J-Bar-L 4125 — calls by Joe Lewis.

Opener, Break and Closer:

Corner do-sa-do, the gents star left and

Home she'll box the gnat with you Pull her by, left allemande, swing at home. Bet you lose the blues
Ladies promenade around the inside
Box the gnat and promenade by twos
I'd like a little fond affection
From just a little girl like you.
Figure:

Chain the girls across, turn 'em left and

They roll away and swing a man that's new

Heads to the right circle four to a line

Forward there for you . . . (fall back)

Right and left thru and when you turn them

Pass thru and promenade by twos (I'd) like a little fond affection From just a little girl like you.

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

TURNIP DELIGHT

By John Ward, Alton, Kan.

Head ladies chain to the right you do Two and four go right and left thru New No. One Lady go across the square

Circle up three with that couple there The gent will break and make a line Go forward and back, you're doing fine

Sides square thru three-quarters 'round for fun

Then separate and go around one Join your hands, circle eight awhile Now reverse back, go single file The gents turn back, go dixie grand Right, left, right, left allemande . . .

A QUICK QUICKIE (corrected) By Les Linn, Miami, Fla.

(This break, as printed in the Sept. issue, was incorrect.)
The head two ladies chain the town Courtesy turn and settle down
The four little ladies chain across
Turn 'em, men, and you won't get lost
New side ladies chain to the right
Turn this girl, don't take all night
Face your new partner and star thru
Cross-trail and skip one girl
Allemande left the corner of the world . . .

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By Red Donaghe, Houston, Tex.

The heads go forward, back with you Go forward again and square thru Count four hands, that's what you do Right and left thru the outside two Duck to the middle, ADD TO THE LINE

Go forward and back, you're doing fine

Just the ends star thru, then crosstrail

There's the corner, left allemande ...

The heads lead right and circle four Head gents break to a line of four Go forward and back, you're doing fine

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Then quarter in and box the gnat
Right and left thru the other way
back

Cross-trail thru across the land There's your corner, left allemande...

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Double pass thru, then ADD TO THE LINE

Now fold the line, then star thru Bend the line and cross-trail thru There's old corner, left allemande...

Side ladies chain across the floor Four ladies chain, a grand chain four The head two couples square thru Count four hands, that's what you do Right and left thru the outside two Duck to the middle, ADD TO THE LINE

Forward eight and back with you Then pass thru and SUBTRACT THE LINE

First couple left, the next one right Cross-trail thru the first in sight Here comes the corner, left allemande

Promenade, go 'round the town Keep on going and don't slow down One and three, you wheel around And pass thru, SUBTRACT THE LINE

The outside couples U turn back And star thru, then bend the line Cross-trail thru, look-out, man Here comes the corner, left allemande

The heads go forward, back with you Go forward again and square thru Count four hands and when you do Right and left thru the outside two Now dive thru, then substitute ADD TO THE LINE, then star thru Double pass thru across the world All four couples Calif. twirl The center four pass thru Allemande left . . .

The heads go forward, back with you Go forward again and star thru ADD TO THE LINE, then pass thru Divide the line, then dixie grand Right, left, right, look-out, man There's the corner, left allemande...

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GOOD-NIGHT SWEET LOVE

By Irene and Doc Heimbach

Record: Grenn No. 14028. Position: Semi-closed.

Footwork: Opposite thru-out, directions given for M.

Meas:

Introduction:

- 1-2 Wait 2 Meas;
- 3-4 Apart, Close, Apart, Touch; Together, Close, Together, Face/Touch; From semi-closed pos drop lead hand hold & take inside hand hold (M's R & W's L) & perform a slow two-step apart (M twd COH & W twd wall) followed by a touch; then a slow two-step together followed by a slight turn to face each other & a touch, ending in semi-closed pos facing LOD.

Dance:

PART A

- 1-2 Step, Close, Step, Brush; Step, Close, Step, Brush;
 Starting with M's L do 2 slow twosteps in LOD, each followed by a
 brush giving 1 beat to each movement & ending face to face with
 M's back to COH.
- 3-4 Side, Back, Back, (Dip/Point;) Walk, Two, Three, Turn/Touch; Starting with M's' L take 1 step to the side down LOD turn to face RLOD, & step bwd on R down LOD, step bwd on L down LOD, dip on L & point R in RLOD; starting with R walk 3 steps down RLOD & on 4th ct turn to face LOD & touch L to R ending in semi-closed Pos facing LOD;
- 5-6 Step, Close, Step, Brush; Step, Close, Step, Brush; Repeat Meas 1 & 2.
- 7-8 Side, Back, Back, Dip/Point; Walk, Two, Three, Turn/Touch;

Repeat Meas 3 & 4 ending in closed pos M's back to COH.

- 9-10 Step. Close, Step, Turn; Step, Close, Step, Turn; Starting with M's L do 2 slow turning two-steps, at end of each hesitate 1 ct; during this procedure progress down LOD making 1 full revolution to end in CP with M's back to COH.
- 11-12 Around, Two, Three, Touch; Back, Close, Back, Touch; Starting with M's L do spot solo turn away from each other in 3 steps (L,R,L) & touch R to L ending in semi-closed pos facing LOD; step back on R in RLOD, close L to R, step back on R in RLOD, touch L to R; ending in CP, M's back to COH.
- 13-14 Step, Close, Step, Turn; Step, Close, Step. Turn; Reneat Meas 9 & 10.
- 15-16 Around, Two, Three, Touch; Back, Close, Back, Touch; Reneat Meas 11 & 12 ending in semi-closed pos, facing LOD, M's back to COH.

PART B

- 17-18 Step, Close, Step, Brush; Step, Close, Step, Brush; Repeat Meas 1 & 2 or PART A but remain semi-closed pos with M's back to COH.
- 19-20 Forward. Close, Back, Hold;
 Back, Close, Forward, Hold;
 Starting with M's L, step fwd in
 LOD, close R to L, step bwd on L in
 RLOD & hold 1 ct; in Meas 20 as
 M steps bwd on R in RLOD, close
 L to R, steps fwd on R in LOD &
 holds 1 ct, W walks fwd in LOD on
 L under joined lead hands (M's L &
 W's R) & makes a R face 180 degree turn to face RLOD with 2
 steps (R, L) & touch R to L; end-

ing in closed pos with M facing LOD & W facing RLOD.

21-22 Walk, Hold, Walk, Hold; Walk, Hold, Walk, Hold;

Starting with M's' L do 4 slow walking steps in LOD each step followed by a hold of 1 ct; ending in semi-closed pos facing COH.

23-24 In, Two, Three, Turn/Touch; Out, Two, Three, Touch;

Starting with M's L take 3 steps toward COH & on 4th ct turn to face wall & touch R to L; then as W does a reverse twirl (L face) toward wall in 3 steps under joined lead hands (M's L & W's R) & touches R to L, M follows her with 3 small steps R, L, R & touches L to R ending in semi-closed pos with M's back to COH.

25-26 Step, Close, Step, Brush; Step, Close, Step, Brush; Repeat Meas 17 & 18.

27-28 Forward, Close, Back, Hold; Back, Close, Forward, Hold; Repeat Meas 19-20 except this time end in sidecar pos (L hips opposed) with M facing diag twd wall;

29-30 Step, Close, Step, Turn/Flair; Step, Close, Step, Touch;

In sidecar pos starting with M's' L do 1 two-step diag twd wall & on 4th ct turn to banjo pos (R hips opposed) & flair R; in banjo pos, starting with M's R do 1 two-step diag twd COH & on 4th ct as M touched L to R W makes a 1/4 R face turn & touches R to L; ending in semi-closed pos both facing COH;

31-32 In, Two, Three, Turn/Touch; Out, Two, Three, Touch; Repeat Meas 23 & 24.

TAG.

1-2 Step, Close, Step, Turn; Step, Close, Step, Turn; Repeat Meas 9 & 10 of PART A

3-4 Around, Two, Three, Touch; Back, Close, Back, Touch; Repeat Meas 11 & 12 of PART A.

I'LL SEE YOU IN MY DREAMS By Doris and Scotty Garret

Record: MacGregor No. 8865.

Position: Intro M's R & W's L hands joined, pts facing, M's back to COH. Dance — M's L & W's R hands joined, both facing RLOD in open pos.

Footwork: Opposite thru-out Direc-

tions given for M.

Meas:

Introduction:

1-2 Wait 2 Meas

3-4 Step Apart, Point, -; Together, Touch, -;

Step back into COH on L, point R toe twd pt; step fwd R, turning 1/4 R-face (W turn L-face) to face RLOD dropping M's R & W's L hands & join M's L & W's R hands to end in open pos, touch L beside R;

Dance:

PART A

1-4 Step, Flare, -; Through, Side, Behind; Cross-Over, 2, 3; Forward Waltz;

Step fwd in RLOD on L, swing R fwd & flare in, using 2 cts & turning 1/4 L-face (W turn R-face) to face partner & assume butterfly pos; step thru in front of L on R in LOD (W also steps in front), step to side on L in LOD, step behind on R in LOD; drop M's R & W's L hands, progressing slightly in LOD, with 3 steps, L,R,L, moving diag fwd & twd wall, M crosses behind W while W crosses under joined M's L & W's R hands diag fwd twd COH to end both facing LOD, keep M's L & W's R hands joined; one waltz fwd in LOD, R,-L,R;

5-8 Lady to Sidecar; Forward Waltz; Face, 2, 3; Backward Waltz;

Progressing LOD, M waltzes fwd, L,R,L, as W turns 1/2 R-face into sidecar pos, R,L,R; 1 waltz fwd in LOD, R,L,R; M steps fwd in LOD on L (W steps back on R) both turning L-face to face pt, continue L-face turn & step in LOD on R-close L, to end in CP, M's back to LOD; progressing LOD, dance 1 waltz bwd, R,L,R;

9-12 Waltz; Waltz; Waltz; Twirl to Open;

Progressing LOD, dance 3 R-face turning waltzes; W twirls R-face under M's L & W's R hands as M waltzes fwd & on last ct releases M's L & W's R & join M's R & W's L hands to end facing LOD in open pos;

13-16 Back-to-Back; Face - to - Face; Back-to-Back; Turn On Around;

Progressing LOD · waltz fwd bringing joined hands fwd & turning Lface slightly back-to-back; waltz fwd turning R-face to face pt & step fwd in LOD on R, step side into COH on L, close R to L; step back in RLOD on L, step side twd pt on R, close L to R; dance I waltz fwd progressing LOD, R,L,R;

21-24 Repeat action of Meas 17-19; As W waltzes slightly fwd, M waltzmaneuvers to end in CP with M's back to LOD;

25-28 Waltz; Waltz; Waltz-Balance Left; Waltz-Balance Right;

Waltz R-face turning 1/2; continue turning R-face, waltz 1/2 to end M facing RLOD; waltz-balance twd wall, stepping side on L, step behind L on R, step in place on L; re-

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In western garb of embroidered shirt, high heeled boots and Thunderbird bolos, Jules calls for square dance festivals and TV shows from Colorado to Florida. Recently Jules called at the 4th Annual Festival of the New Orleans Square Dance Association.

bring joined hands back releasing them on last ct of Meas. 14 to join free hands (M's L & W's R); continue waltzing in LOD & turning R-face back-to-back, bring newly joined hands thru twd RLOD; release joined hands & continue turning solo R-face (W turns L-face) to end both facing LOD in open pos, join M's R & W's L hands;

17-20 Step, Lift, -; Forward, Side, Close; Back, Side, Close; Forward Waltz;

Step L fwd in LOD, swing R fwd in a lift on cts 2 & 3; dance an open pos box waltz on Meas 18 & 19 —

peat waltz-balance stepping twd COH & starting with R;

29-32 Waltz; Waltz; Twirl, 2, 3; Step Forward, Touch, -;

Turning R-face, waltz 2 meas, turning 1/2 on each to end M facing RLOD; W twirls out twd wall R-face under M's L & W's R hands as M waltzes in place & adjusts to end in open pos facing RLOD, keeping M's L & W's R hands joined; step fwd in RLOD on R, touch L beside R;

Dance through 3 times. Last time through, on Meas. 32, Bow & Curtsy.

Record - Reviews

By Frank L. Kaltman

BLUE STAR

No. 1585 Big Thicket//Midnight (132)

Hoedowns played by Earl & His Hoedowners

This pair of hoedowns is marked by a supression of the melodic line. The fiddle is just too weak to have any value. In addition to a rhythm and beat, a hoedown should have an identifiable melody.

No. 1586 Pass the Buck//Blue Eyed Myrtle (132)

Hoedowns played by Earl & His Hoedowners

The same review applies to this as the previous record. With a little more fiddle, and a little less "Boom-chuck," this could have been a pair of superb hoedowns.

BOGAN

No. 1134 Biting My Fingernails//Instrumental

Square dances called by Joe Robertson

Singing square dance with not much to distinguish it. Medium level club dance. Too much echo chamber was used to classify this as a snappy record.

No. 1135 Hello Mary Lou//Instrumental

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No. 25019 Makin' Whoopee//Instrumental

Square Dance called by Fred Christopher

Clever, well done job that should be a hit. Medium level club dance.

No. 25020 Silver Sands//Instrumental

Square Dance called by Lou Hildebrand

In addition to frequent clinkers, the call is boring in its delivery, and not up to what we expect to hear on this label. The instrumentation is excellent.

LORE

No. 1012 Star Flicker//Instrumental

Square Dance called by Max Engle

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Cueing in itself may be quite controversial. Many highly experienced dancers resent cueing — but usually not at class sessions, while the more novice rounder finds it most necessary. Needless to say this technique should not be overdone, but wise use can be most helpful to all dancing levels.

Most information available on cueing stresses the "prompt." This cue preceeds the action by several counts —largely depending on the context of the particular "prompt." It is not at all necessary to give rhythm count in a "prompt cue." In fact, a jumbled effect may be expected if too much information is given at any one time.

Each should strive for "phrase prompting." That is, in most cases, a cue indicating action of approximately four measures, also including the subsequent position.

For example let us use Sunny Waltz (published in the August AMERI-CAN SQUARES, page 23). Measures 1-4 of the routine are repeated to form measures 5-8. The introduction of the dance is composed of four measures. The phrase prompt should commence

on the second measure of the introduction with the cue: "Balance apart to open."

This tells the dancer the action of measures 3 and 4 of the introduction and the starting position of the first phrase of the routine. As the dancers assume open position during measure 4 of the introduction, the cue: "Waltz away; spin manuever," is given all within the three counts of measure 4.

Now the dancers know the starting position and the action of measures 1 and 2 of the dance. Since "spin manuever" is understood as an ordinary R face 1/4 turn for the man, a full L face turn for the lady ,and the assuming of closed dance position, it is unnecessary to prompt the starting position for measure 3.

During measure 2 the cue: "R face waltz to open," is given. Likewise during measure 4 you may prompt: "repeat, do it again," or reiterate the two measure cues as suggested.

It is better if at all possible to do this in 4 measure phrases. This may be accomplished after a walk thru, and dancing it thru several times. The four measures prompt would be something like this: "away — spin maneuver — waltz R — to open." The dashes indicate a lowering of the voice. The action cues in this example each take three musical counts.

This type of directional cue in round dancing is imperative for the leader. Also we might add each dancer will find that recalling a routine is much easier, if while the dance is being taught he used this same technique mentally.

Give prompt cueing of round dances a try and have fun! See you round.

MEWS

- HOOSIER FESTIVAL—Evansville, Indiana will be the scene of a weekend of fun during the 5th Annual Hoosier S/D Festival, Oct. 27-29. Fri. and Sun. the dancing will take place at the Rural Youth Center. Saturday the Municipal Stadium will host the dancers. Bob Johnson and Jack Jackson will do the calling for the Festival. For further information write: B. Tom Abell, 3018 Mulberry Street, Evansville, Indiana.
- INDIANA ASSOCIATION A joint meeting of club officers and callers from almost every point of the state of Indiana in Indianapolis on July 6th, resulted in resolutions being passed and caller-support being given to the formation of a Dancer-Caller Association in Indiana.



- TEACHER'S FESTIVAL The Cleveland Round Dance Teacher's Festival will be Oct. 29, in Cleveland. John and Betty Shaw and Irene and Bill Hart will be in charge of rounds. General Chairmen are Damian and Mary Ghoney. —T. J. and B. Huffman
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- PROCLAIMS S/D WEEK In recognition of the square dance as a pleasant and beneficial form of recreation for persons of all ages, the week of Sept. 8-16 was set aside in Connecticut as "Learn to Square Dance Week." The Country Dance Festival held in Milford, Conn. marked the start of this observance.
- DAYS OF FUN The Happy Twirlers of La Crosse, Wisc. are sponsoring a square dance featuring caller Paul Tinsley of Ottumwa, Iowa on Oct. 15 as part of a 3 day Oktoberfest celebration in La Crosse. Admission is possible only with an Oktoberfest pin. For information write Red and Ev Gerstle, 766 No. 22nd St., La Crosse, Wisc.
- PROMENADERS HAVE TRO-PHY — The Promenaders of Lock Haven, Pa. are now in possession of the Travelling Square Dance Trophy, donated by the Wheeling Stars of Twin Falls, Idaho. The trophy is won by the couple traveling the farthest to visit with the club having the trophy, within a minimum of 100 miles. Fred and Becky Waldron, representing the Promenaders, took possession of the trophy when they attended the 6th Ward Poky Pacer dance in Pocatello, Idaho, while on vacation last month.

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This is the first graduate thesis ever written exclusively about square dancing. It was compiled under the direction of Professor Charles K. Brightbill, Head of the Recreation Department at the University.

Mr. Olson used original records of various square dance organizations, scrap books, and personal letters from interested persons, as part of his source material for the thesis. A bound copy of the thesis is on file at the University of Illinois Library in Champaign.

- YOUTH FESTIVAL There's lots of fun in store for the young, as the New Orlean's Recreation Dept. presents its Second Annual Nord Youth Festival Oct. 1 in New Orleans. Admission will be free! Chuck Goodman and his Bar None Ranch Band will provide the calls and music for the day. So, all you young folk looking for fun and dancing, make sure you're in attendance Sunday, Oct. 1.
- AUTUMN WHIRL The Wee Bee Squares of Lutherville, Md. will venture into an Autumn Whirl Nov. 25 at 2:00 p.m. in the Townsontown Jr. High School, Townson, Md. In addition to square and round dancing, a square dancer's supper will be featured. Max Forsyth of Indianapolis will head the square dancing staff and will conduct a caller's workshop in between squarin' the sets.

Assisting Max will be Jack Carver, Lou Hildebrand, Bob Wedge, Tom Heron and Lon and Mae Libertine. On the rounds will be Ginny and Jack Carver and Ginny and Al Forrester. For information write Craig Fulcher, 421 Elmwood Road, Baltimore, Md. • TEXAS TIDBITS — The San Antonio Round Dance Council re-elected Aubrey Tuttlebeem, president; Carlotta Heggemann, vice-president; W. T. Mefford, treasurer; Helen Gipson, historian; and Ellis Gates, secretary for another year.

Dick and Dorothy Britt, former square dancers from Houston, have opened a new Guest Ranch, "The Potof-Gold" in the beautiful hill country of Comfort, Texas.

Manning Smith's 11th Round and Square Dance Institute will be held at College Station, Texas, Sept. 16 and 17.

—Helen Gipson

• NAMES THE SAME—ANYONE? The Whirlaway Square Dance club of Christchurch, New Zealand is looking for an American club with the same name. Eric Bastion, club president, has a record trading idea in mind, if he finds a name-alike club. Write to Mr. Bastion at 77 Ash Grove Ter., Spreydon, Christchurch, New Zealand.

COVER TALK

The square dance season is now upon us and we hope it will continue as successfully into the winter and spring months as ceaselessly as the continuous line of script Stan Burdick has used to create this month's cover. Have a successful season of fun and recreation!

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- TENNESSEE BENEFIT The square dance clubs of Oak Ridge, Tenn. will sponsor a benefit dance Saturday, Oct. 28 in the Oak Ridge High School Cafeteria. Proceeds of this annual event will go toward the purchase of new therapy and educational equipment for the Daniel Arthur Cerebral Palsy Center. Western style dancing and live music plus the presence of some of the best callers in the East should prove a good time for all! Charles Daly



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England, Scotland, France, Germany, Switzerland, Holland, Belgium and Spain provided the Armstrongs with memories not to be forgotten. Their impressions of Europe are typical of many Americans when it comes to comprehension of currency, breaking the language barrier, and adjusting to the plumbing and bathroom facilities. But, when it comes to European dancers, their view is an experienced and unique one.

Their first stop in Europe was London. Don and Marie were thrilled at the ease with which the Britishers followed Don's calls. Says Marie, "We found this group quite contemporary in the figures and calls, and able to follow any directive routine."

Surprisingly, the English square dancers are in the 18 to 25 year age group. Marie attributed this to the fact that the middle age group must

incur the expense of baby sitters, transportation, etc.

Another factor is that many other dancing opportunities are available to this age group, such as English Old Tyme dancing (a parallel to our round dancing), country dancing, ballroom and competition ballroom dancing.

Calling square dancing for Bruce McClure on "Jig Time", a Scottish country dancing and folk singing program, was an experience for Don. While in Scotland, Don and Marie had worked with Bruce at Ogleby Institute and Square Dance Camp.

The next stop for the Armstrongs was Germany, where Jane and Jurgen Heinrich hosted them in Spekedorf for an evening of dancing with a group of young folk dancers who spoke no English. With a little interpreting from Jane and much motion of hands and feet, the Armstrongs found it was an easy trick to teach these youngsters our dances.

After Holland came Paris, and then onto Spain. Here Lynn and Millie Mixer guided Don and Marie through Madrid. They arranged to have Spanish troubadors, dressed in Medieval

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Switzerland was the next stop for the Armstrongs. The courteous people, busy and dignified towns, and the picturesque chalets impressed the whole family. In Berne, the Armstrongs met a delightful group of young folk dancers who danced our dances and in turn had Don and Marie dance theirs.

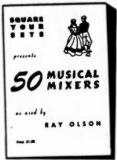
On the return trip home the Armstrongs stopped again in France. They attended a dance at the service club in Marville for the Canadian and U.S. troops based there. "Their enthusiasm and good fellowship made it fun for everyone," said Marie.

On the last lap home through Belgium, a miniature Mardi Gras for "plain folks," found the Armstrongs in attendance, and enjoying themselves as much as the natives.

Landing in New York in the midst of a snow storm didn't dampen the Armstrong's pleasure to be back home. Would they make the trip again? "You bet!" says Marie, "and if you'll hurry up and land on the moon, we'll make that our next square dance tour."

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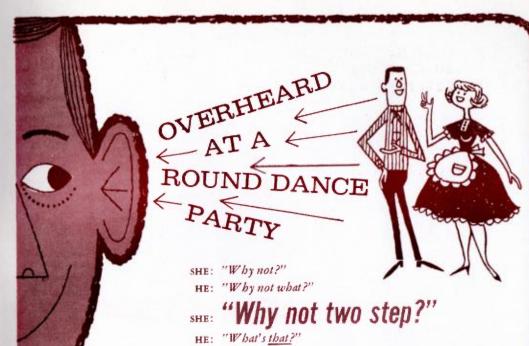
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