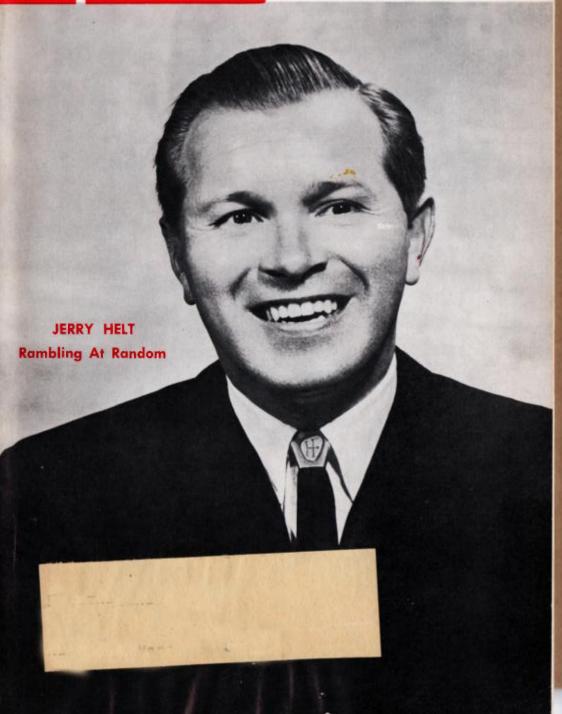


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## Between Jips

Because the very essence of our square dance activity lies in the actual dancing that we do, AMERICAN SQUARES is vitally interested in the presentation of dance material. Each month the Workshop strives to offer the latest ideas so you, as callers, teachers, and dancers, can experiment with them and make the final decisions as to their value or lack of it.

Our readers are conscious of the overwhelming flow of new ideas in square dance choreography, and they are concerned about it. A great percentage of our recent National Square Dance Surveys were returned to us with questions like, "Why so many new basics?" or "Can't we stem the flow of all these new figures?"

The publication of a new idea in AMERICAN SQUARES does not indicate that a recommendation for popular use accompanies the idea. New material is published as a service to you, so you will know what is being workshopped and danced in all parts of the country. The ultimate decision as to common usage of new material lies with each individual caller and his dancers.

It cannot be stressed strongly enough that it is up to each dancer and caller to screen material effectively. AMERICAN SQUARES will not and cannot possibly publish new basics and state flatly that this is what should be used.

Many callers and dancers are opposed to the fast pace square dancing is setting for itself. They feel, and justly so, that square dancing is in danger of losing many prospective participants because of the tide of advanced material.

On the other hand, many of our readers have commented, "Your Workshop is tops. Keep the new ideas coming." To these callers and dancers we have a strong obligation to publish workable, danceable material that can be enjoyed at a higher level.

Callers have an obligation to keep pace with new material—not because they must use all of it, but because they have the responsibility of knowing what is happening in the square dance field. In every other profession or activity, leaders are expected to keep up with new developments. The same principle applies to square dancing and its callers and teachers.

Doctors, lawyers, and tradesmen subscribe to trade publications and attend workshops to gain knowledge of progress in their fields. So should callers and teachers conscientiously strive to keep their knowledge of square dance choreography current.

Square dancing has grown to the point where professional leadership is a must. A true professional in any field knows what he is doing, and more important, why he is doing it. Callers should aim to achieve this degree of professionalism. They should know not only what to call, but why they are calling it.

Keep these ideas in mind as you scan the Workshop each month. Are you keeping pace with the progress of your square dance hobby?

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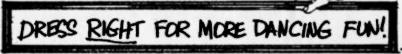
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## Rambling At Random

with

## Jerry Helt

O NCE in a great while the square dance activity draws into its realm a truly talented individualist. Such a man is Cincinnati, Ohio's Jerry Helt.

The boyish looking Jerry, who amazes people by admitting to 22 years in square dancing, is one of those rare professional callers who concentrates on working in his own home area. He and his wife Kathy travel only three months of every year, devoting the rest of the year to their 12 Cincinnati area clubs and teaching in several schools.

Jerry's first enthusiasm for square dancing was sparked while he was a 4-H'er in Portsmouth, Ohio. He recalls, "Of course when I started to square dance we did what we now call traditional dancing. When we would run out of figures, we'd start over again. There were no singing calls."

By 1949 the modern square dance movement was underway. Jerry worked his way through the University of Cincinnati by calling regularly. He even has square dancing to thank for taking him to a square dance vacation in California in 1953 where he met Kathy, who was eventually coaxed out to Ohio to become Mrs. Helt in 1959.

These past 22 years have given Jerry plenty of time to develop a sound philosophy of square dancing, one that tends to be particularly concerned with new dancers. He says, "If there is one factor that means the most, it is that square dancing is cooperative and not competitive. Cooperation should be taught to new dancers as they learn their first steps. Teaching the steps is almost secondary to the things that teachers should instill in their classes.

"Teach new dancers to work with other dancers and their caller. If the spirit of cooperation is practiced at all levels, dancer with dancer, caller with caller, and dancer with caller, then square dancing is successful. Where there is competition between clubs or callers, you will see a slow disintegration of the hobby."

Jerry points to several major factors in developing new dancers into those who will become veteran enthusiasts.

"In every class there are couples where one partner is not as interested as the other. Concentrate on selling the unsold. It may take five or six lessons before the man catches his wife's enthusiasm, or vice versa. Some people look as if they will never learn to dance, but years later they will be the folks supporting the hobby while others have fallen by the wayside.

"Respect your dancers and they will respect you. Good manners and respect are contagious. They promote happier square dancing.

"Make the class feel a part of the national aspect of square dancing. Talk about clothing and encourage its use. Introduce the class to recordings and tell them where they can obtain them. Make some publications available. Square dancing is a big movement. The sooner new dancers

feel a part of it, the more certain it is that they will stay with it.

"Square dancing is a great couple activity, but encourage dancers to have other interests. Too many dancers only dance. Eventually they find that they can't keep up a pace of dancing four or five times a week. Then they give it up completely. Encourage the class to dance once a week, but remind them that variety is the spice of life."

The variety Jerry speaks of is a subject he specializes in promoting. He is equally at home calling and teaching every level of squares, rounds, mixers, and contras.

He adds, "Simple mixer rounds should be taught in the beginner classes. The more the class knows of what goes on at the club level, the easier they will make the transition from class members to club members."

Although he is so deeply involved in his square dance activities, Jerry manages to devote time to several unusual and fascinating hobbies. Since he and Kathy moved into their large Cincinnati home, they have almost completely remodeled it themselves. Jerry's artwork, including paintings, sketches, and even iron sculpture, abounds in every room.

Of his iron sculpture talent, he laughs, "Just as a joke I put together some pieces of old scrap iron, mounted it, gave it a name, and took it to an art gallery. It was appraised at \$250. I've been doing it ever since."

Jerry admits to enjoying the satisfaction of seeing something completed. He is an expert in furniture design and manufacturing, and also designs and makes silver jewelry. California's Bruce Johnson is the proud owner of a silver initialed tie slide that Jerry designed and made for him. Says Bruce, "I'm crazy about it, but Jerry thinks it could have been a much better job."

Jerry, the designer and manufacturer, is also Jerry, the collector. He likes the contrast of old and new, and will display one of his antique phonographs or his antique bicycle at even a hint of interest. History is another favorite topic at the Helt house. Jerry believes strongly that people can learn what the future holds by studying past history.

Because Jerry spends only a few months each year on the road, he is able to take on many special square dance projects. His calling clinics have been widely successful because of the logical thinking and ideas be-

hind them.

Jerry advises callers, "There are different cycles in a square dance life. The 'eager cycle' usually desires a workshop atmosphere. The senior dancer seeks a more sophisticated dance. Callers should make all kinds of dancing available but not try to mix philosophies on the same floor.

"If you want advice, seek it from a current leader with a long record of successes behind him, not from a traveling caller who is not conducting classes or calling for a regular club. Recognize new ideas, but do not feel you must accept them. Just as we have waste in our national economy, so do we waste some of our basics."

For the future of the square dance movement Jerry has some remarkable, but certainly not impossible, predictions that include wide use of microfilm to store and catalog square dance material, microfilmed publications available at the press of a button, national chains of round dance studios, magnetically s u s p e n d e d dance floors, and even dance shoes with adjustable soles.

These ideas belong to a gentleman who is striking in his individualism. And through his wide range of talents, Jerry Helt is adding a much needed depth and perspective to the square dance movement.

## SOUND In Square Dancing

by Jim Hilton

This artice is the second in a two part series. Part one of "Sound In Square Dancing" was published in the October 1965 AMERICAN SQUARES.

This portion is devoted to actually setting up the sound system in a hall and determining whether or not the amplifier selected has sufficient power to adequately cover the hall. It is absolutely imperative that the dancers understand every word that comes over the system, loudly and clearly enough so that speech and music override the incidental floor noise.

There are a number of factors which contribute to the successful use of sound equipment in the square dance and recreation fields. All of these factors are important, and many are interdependent. Some of the factors are strictly mechanical, while others are almost intangible and subject to the good judgment of the caller. One of these intangibles is the art of convincing the dancers by your own confidence that the sound situation is completely under control.

The caller who arrives late for a dance, scurries to hook up his equipment, and stands up on the stage shouting, "How's the sound in the back of the hall?" or "Can you hear me out in the middle?" is immediately creating doubt in the minds of his dancers. Remember, you will get just as many different answers to the

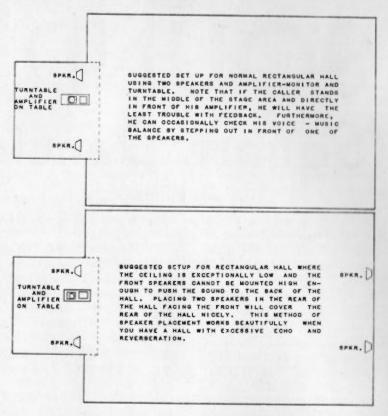
above two questions as you have dancers on the floor.

On the other hand, the caller who arrives at the dance before anyone else, sets up his equipment, and puts on a long-playing record of soft background music while he greets his dancers at the door is creating a spirit of reassurance for his dancers. The caller can increase his ability to convey this impression by the observance of the following suggestions.

Determine the accoustical properties of the hall. Stand in the middle of the hall and clap your hands once. Accurately count the number of seconds that it takes the sound to completely die away. The number of seconds that it takes the sound to die away is known as the reverberation time of the hall.



This trio from Hilton Audio Products, (l. to r.) Howard Scott, Jim Mork, and Jim Hilton, were responsible for the excellent sound facilities at the Dallas, Tex. National Convention.



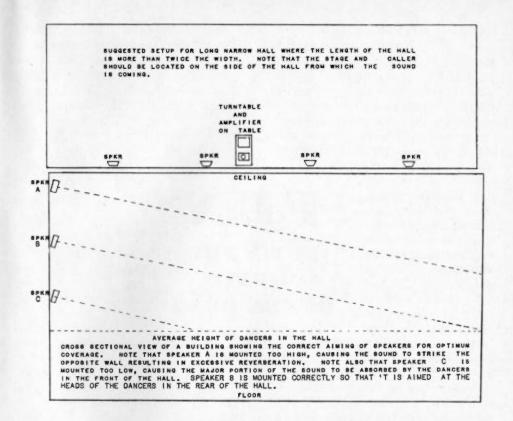
The best sound will be secured in a hall with a reverberation time of less than one second. A reverberation time of one to three seconds makes it very difficult to set up sound. If the reverberation time in the hall is more than three seconds, the hall must be draped with heavy velour drapes to reduce the reverberation time. Attempting to use a hall with a high reverberation time will result in complete confusion because the dancers will not understand the caller.

Determine the size of the hall. By actual measurement, determine the number of square feet in the floor area you are going to cover. Divide the total square footage of the hall by 100 to determine the number of squares which may be danced in the hall. Applying the general rule, "It takes one watt of power to cover one square of dancers," determine how much power will be needed.

Use a good quality microphone. The most popular microphone in the square dance field is the Electro-Voice 636. It is a dynamic microphone and has excellent reproductive qualities. A crystal microphone is generally not suitable as it is much more susceptible to feed back and may be damaged by excessive heat.

As the size of your crowd increases in the hall, it is necessary to feed more sound in. The dancers absorb the sound much the same as a sponge soaks up water. It often takes ten times the amount of sound when the hall is full as the amount required when it is only partially filled.

Make use of the tone controls on your amplifier. Adjust the microphone for minimum bass and maximum treble. Adjust the phonograph for minimum treble and maximum bass. Make sure that your voice stands out in contrast to the music.



Any caller who has trouble with feed back (howling) is just not working closely enough to the microphone. It is imperative that the caller work closely enough to the microphone. Speak directly into it, not over it, into the side of it, or with it buried in your chin. Many callers say, "I don't like to use it that way. I sound too hissy." It is the sharp, clean sound of the consonants and sibilants in your speech that makes it easy to understand for the dancers. When these sibilants are reduced, your voice sounds like a jumble on the dance floor.

Placement of speakers is one of the most important phases of getting good sound in a hall. If you can think of the sound as leaving the speakers much the same as a beam of light leaves a reflector, it should be apparent that you must mount the speakers a few feet above the dancers'

heads. Aim the speakers at the heads of the dancers in the rear of the hall.

It is generally best to set up the speakers so that the sound comes from the same end or side of the hall as the caller is situated. The only exception to this rule is where the hall is extremely long and narrow, requiring speakers down the sides and the stage at the side of the hall. Generally speaking, there is usually some confusion when the caller is at one end of the hall and the sound comes from the side.

Included here are diagrams for suggested set-ups in various shaped halls. If any of you have problems in which you work regularly, we will be happy to assist you in any way possible. Just advise us of the size of the hall, the material of the walls, ceiling, and floor, and if possible, the reverberation time.

We invite your inquires.

f UN is described as pleasure, excitement, or happiness produced by enjoyment or the expectation thereof. Dancing per se produces pleasure for most through rhythmic movement to music.

Theoretically, the fun of free lance couple dancing is greater when the man is able to lead so that the foot

movements fit not only the beat of the music but its mood, phrasing, and overtones as well. This requires considerable knowledge and a great deal of practice. Few dancers ever reach this point of proficiency, and so become watchers rather than participants.

Round dancing, while it requires knowledge of basic steps and skill of execution, removes the necessity to interpret and improvise by using choreographed dances. However, it imposes another quite different problem-that of memorizing pattern dances. Memorization imposes a burden, no matter how small, on all round dancers. Here can lie the beginning of the end of the fun if a course is not charted down the middle of the road.

JN OUR Washington, D.C. area, the stress of a fast pace of living leads people to seek a relaxing recreation. An overpowering number of routines thrown at people seeking recreation through round dancing hardly places it in the relaxed category. Instead, the memory work involved compounds everyday problems of living.

MANY times we have watched a floor full of round dancers

struggle with routines all night long, despite excellent cues given by competent leaders. Their confusion is not a reflection of the dancers' inabilities, the degrees of difficulty of the dances, or the abilities of the leaders. The problem is simply an excessive number of round dances which by their very number make it impossible for most of them to be other than here

today, gone tomor-

## OF THE ROAD

DOTTIE and BLACKIE HEATWOLE McLean, Virginia

WE BELIEVE that the mistaken belief that something new is always in demand has led many dancers to ease out of round dancing into bowling, card playing, and other hobbies. In support

of this contention, let's explore people's reactions to things that are familiar and comfortable-old slipper versus new so to speak. Those old, comfortable slippers have to be forcibly separated from the wearer before the new have a chance.

HE familiar old friend allows a person to be at ease and does not build up mental reservations or cause withdrawal. How often have you found yourself on unfamiliar ground when a familiar face appeared and you immediately felt confident and at ease? In the same way,

Dottie and Blackie Heatwole have authored several nationally popular rounds. They are featured at many festivals and are currently Coordinators for the Round Dance Teachers Council of Maryland, Virgin-ia, and Washington, D.C.



when you are in a strange neighborhood and a friendly landmark appears, you are bolstered and more confident.

AN ROUND dancing, familiar, well known routines have been presented as the primary vehicles which produce pleasure. While we believe this to be essentially true, and many round dancers who drop out of the activity because routines stray from the middle of the road support our opinion, there are other facets of enjoyment traceable to the use of both old and new routines.

NEW round dance should have good music, adequate choreography, and fill a need for the particular group to which it is taught. These are exacting requirements that are open to interpretation, but careful selection of material with the needs of the dancers in mind will help cut down the number of unsuitable dances taught.

Wew dances with bright music and sparkling routines can create an atmosphere of quiet enjoyment. By replacing an old favorite that is about to outlive its usefulness, a new routine can fill a programming void before one occurs. New dances are the life blood of the round dancing movement even though, as we have pointed out, they can sometimes be poison.

Checking the quality of new material chosen, keeping that material geared to the needs of the group being taught, and limiting the volume of new dances used, create a balance, a middle of the road balance, that is vital to the round dance picture.

Round dancers seem to divide themselves into three apparent groups. The first group is constantly pressuring teachers and leaders to push beyond the capacities of

their dancers in presenting difficult routines. These eager beavers dance whatever material they can pick up with little regard for the value of each dance or their own ability to execute it. Despite their desire for new dances, we have observed that they have the most fun while dancing old familiar routines!

ROUND dancing's second group is happy to travel at a slower pace. These dancers know the routines intimately and are content with an occasional new dance. Their enjoyment is readily apparent when a slow pace is followed. These dancers generally continue to be part of the round dance activity long after the eager beavers have burned themselves out.

Happily, the majority of our round dancers, those who compose the third group, are moderate in their demands. They are people who enjoy dancing good simple routines as well as the difficult, and most important, they enjoy dancing for the sake of dancing itself.

three types of dancers into a happy group places a heavy burden on teachers and leaders. It is virtually impossible to completely satisfy the two extremes over a short period of time. Careful attention to the points we have brought out, good judgment, and hard work can blend these three groups into one that eagerly anticipates the next dancing session.

EGARDLESS of all our good intentions as leaders, our judgment is not always sound. We are fallible and would be foolish to think otherwise. As teachers and leaders we cannot afford the luxury of thinking we are perfect in all we do. This idea keeps us in the middle of the road.

### Washington, D.C.'s

## Annual Spring Festival

NCE EVERY YEAR all the Senators and Congressmen in the nation's capital suddenly find themselves only a secondary attraction to the 4,500 square dancers who create the ballyhoo at the Washington Spring Festival. Now in its seventh successful year, the Spring Festival, scheduled this season for March 17-19, 1966, has become known as one of the liveliest, best staffed, and most professionally organized festivals in the eastern United States.

Festival headquarters in Washington is the spacious ballrooms of the Sheraton Park Hotel, the largest in the capital city. For the dancers' comfort, registrations are limited to 4,500, excluding the several thousand spectators who are always in attendance.

The Spring Festival's immense popularity is evident in the fact that reservations are completely sold out several months in advance. For instance, at this early date, five months before the Festival dates in 1966, registrations are half-filled.

The top professional staff, which this year includes Marshall Flippo, Singin' Sam Mitchell, Lee Helsel, Bob Page, Arnie Kronenberger, Johnny LeClair, Bob Van Antwerp, Earl Johnston, Les Gotcher, the Manning Smiths, the Wayne Wylies, and the Forrest Richards, is selected by the Board of the Washington Area Square Dancers' Cooperative Association, sponsor of the Festival.

Marie and Vince Sheehy, in charge of public relations for the Seventh Spring Festival, outline the procedures followed by WASCA in organizing its membership:

"Our Festivals are for the dancers' enjoyment and not profit making projects. Each member of WASCA selects a delegate and alternate to attend the meetings and here are expressed the views of the dancers for the purpose of promoting square dancing, improving relations, and promoting cooperation between square dance clubs and other groups. Officers are elected by the delegates each year.

"It would be difficult, in our opinion, to find a more dedicated group of people so willing to give of their time for the purpose of promoting the

enjoyment of others."

The time and talent the Sheehy's speak of is indeed well spent in the wide variety of activities that surround each Spring Festival. Display booths, a Callers' Show, where original skits are performed, an exceptional fashion show, after parties, and three days of dancing to an outstanding staff are all included in the \$10 per couple registration fee.

Comment Marie and Vince, "We could go on and on telling you about the congeniality of these Festivals, the many friends we've made, and the air of excitment that hits the city when dancers' squeals of delight fill the air. Even the Sheraton Park Hotel management enjoys these affairs and has had nothing but praise for the square dancers and their conduct."

The dancers of the greater Washington, D.C. area invite *you* to help them light up the nation's capital with all the fun and friendship that are part of the Annual Spring Festival.



A summary of popular round dances presented at the 1965 square dance vacations and institutes.

## ROUNDING THE



## BASES

#### BY EDNA AND GENE ARNFIELD

TTENTION round dance lead-A ers! **AMERICAN SQUARES** presents this comprehensive summary of rounds featured during the last six months at dance vacations and institutes as a helpful guide in planning your dance program this year.

Uncontested round dance champs of the spring, summer, and early fall square dance camps this year were Oh Boy! (Belco) and Alabama Waltz (Grenn), both named by every one of the 11 major dance vacations polled as the most popular with all the

dancers.

In the more difficult league, the two most well-received entries with the fans were Three A.M. (pop), the Moss version, and So What (pop), each racking up scores of 90% par-

ticipation.

The teams contacted for their dance rosters included those at Kirkwood Lodge, Osage Beach, Mo., the Lighted Lantern Camps, Golden, Colo., Boyne Highlands Squarama, Boyne Mountain, Mich., Dance-A-Cade, Uniontown, Pa., Asilomar, Carmel, Calif., the Purdue Seminar, Lafayette, Ind., Funstitute, West Point, N.Y., Fun Fest and Swap Shop, Fontana, N.C., Chula Vista Dance Fests, Wisconsin Dells, Wis., the Institute of the Delaware Round Dance Teachers, and the dance vacation at College Station, Tex.

A surprise rookie, Nothing's New (pop), though given only four opportunities at institutes this season, scored a respectable 86% participation. Other rounds that proved popular when and where presented were Sil Vous Plait (Grenn) and Swing-

ing Along (Windsor).

Additional most valuable players in the vacation team standings were Love For Two (Hi Hat), which came to bat at eight of the 11 camps, Jambalaya (Hi Hat), chosen for the roster at seven vacations, and Johnny-O-Polka (Hi Hat) and Diane (Windsor), each brought to the plate by

managers at six institutes.

A wide selection of rounds saw action at only one or two vacations this season. In the Latin League, entries included Amalia (Hi Hat), A Night In Rio (Blue Star), Maybe (Grenn), Rhumba Rehan (Windsor), and Black Orchids (Hi Hat). Pop label latin team members were El Rico Tango, Maria Elene Cha Cha, Gigolo, Tango Lament, and El Diego.

Two advanced waltzes, Fascination (pop) and Dancing With You (Hi Hat), took dancers gracefully around the bases. Waltzes showed their continuing popularity with the fans through others such as Spinning A Web (Grenn), Dear Heart (pop), Melody Waltz (pop), Ramona (Grenn), Are You Lonesome (Hi Hat), Many Times (Grenn), Tammy (Sets In Order), and Golden Dreams Waltz (pop).

Two-step try-outs for 1965 were Velvet Glove (pop), Moonlight Cocktails (Windsor), Linda Two Step (Hi Hat), Everybody Loves A Lover (Grenn), and Hawaiian Tattoo (pop). The swing team was represented in the standings Night Train (Belco), and fans of novelty routines got a chance to watch Lefty Louie (pop) in action.

That's the round dance wrap up! Use this score card to program a winning season! Batter up!

## THIS MONTH'S WINNING ENTRY

#### JIMMY LINDSAY, Edmonton, Alta., Canada

This dance story does not start with dancing, but rather with a disaster in 1963 that struck the small town of Hay River in the Northwest Territories of Canada, just below the Arctic Circle. An early thaw caused the Great Slave Lake to overflow, sending huge blocks of ice down on Hay River, demolishing many buildings and tearing scores of others from their foundations. Places of recreation were destroyed. Entertainment and recreation were vital to existence in this far northern country, so something had to be done immediately to fill the void.

I was contacted by the Recreation Director for the Northwest Territories who believed square dancing could be introduced to advantage. I left soon after for Hay River by bus, a 24-hour journey that included an icv accident and several delays. I arrived there late on a Saturday night.

On Sunday I had my first chance to look around the town and chose two schools to work in.

Monday morning I began with classes at one of the schools. Teachers brought their students, ranging in age from six years old upward, into the auditorium, and we began working with simple mixers. When shool was dismissed, imagine my surprise when the children returned to the auditorium and asked to dance some more.

Monday night we had our first dance for the general public. My dancers were Eskimos, Indians, school children, local residents, and even two nuns from the Catholic school. I

had to use songs and tell stories to overcome their obvious shyness to get them up into a big circle. Once I got them to smile I just concentrated on

keeping them smiling.

Tuesday I had classes for the children at the other school and our class included many parents who joined their children in the squares. Once again the children came back after school for more dancing, and our dance that night ran smoother and with more smiles.

Classes and our evening dances continued during the week, and we were even asked to give a demonstration late one night for the Canadian

Legion.

Friday night our last dance was held in the Indian Village in a big hut with a pot bellied stove in one corner to supply whatever heat it could. I started the dance as usual, but bundled in my heavy winter coat, hat, scarf, and gloves, calling for happy people, again all ages and mixed races.

About half way through the dance, one of the teachers called me to the door to look outside. It was lovely and clear, the snow was very deep, and there stretched out, still harnessed to their sleighs, were the husky dogs, waiting to take their masters and families home from the square dance.

Next morning, it was goodbye, and back on the bus for the long ride back to Edmonton. Tired, but very happy, I had the feeling I had done a job. made many new friends, and left a lot of happy people in the far north.



Edited by Willard Orlich

#### CHOREOGRAPHY

In following up the curve thru idea by Harlan Moody, Elmwood, Ill. (October 1965 AMERICAN SQUARES Callers' Questions), we are suggesting the new idea of slide thru this month along with simple teaching figures for your exploration.

By the time you as readers are aware of this suggested idea, we will be in our third month of its exploration. The movement to date has been very well accepted because of its similarity to the star thru body movement. It also is a no hand movement, thus helping to eliminate some of the complaints about using "the same hand twice in a row" as in star thru to a left allemande, or California twirl, then left allemande.

In further exploration, the command to slide thru from various peoplepositioned set-ups was found to radically change the shape of the square into interesting, different types of choreography. We hope you will give it a try as it is so simple, but very useful and versatile. A nicer suggestion hasn't come to your editor's attention for a long time.

From Myrtis Litman, wife of Lloyd Litman, Parma, Ohio, comes another thought provoking idea. In answer to our discussion regarding California twirl, California whirl, and frontier whirl, and the differences among the three commands, Myrtis writes:

"California twirl cauld be called partner twirl and California whirl could be called corner twirl. This terminology would tell the gents

whether to take the adjacent hand of the girl either on the right or left of him and turn her under (to face reverse direction from starting position).

"Why continue to use non-directional type calls when the tendency today is to tell who to do what? If anything should be called frontier whirl, it should be star thru because of the cue word 'front.' Star thru itself has nothing to do with a star and is misleading."

There it is, and it's as good of a suggestion to help directional type calling as has ever been offered regarding the controversial movements of California twirl (frontier whirl) and California whirl. Your comments are

welcome.

From Bob Barnes, Phoenix, Ariz., comes the idea to slide to a line from a double pass thru formation. The lead couple slides (sashays) one step to the right while the trailing couple steps up beside them to form a line.

This idea is a take off on shuffle the deck, a variation of it which was used during its exploration period. At the time, Jerry Helt, Cincinnati, Ohio, suggested a double shuffle the deck, that is, lines of four pass thru, shuffle the deck once (right couple in front of left couple) and continue another shuffle the deck (lead couple continuing to slide to the left while the trailing couple moves up to join in another line formation).

In fact, your editor wrote a figure called Will-O-Wisp on a workshop record in which the call goes to "double pass thru, shuffle the deck two by two, bend the line, wheel and deal out," and so on. The shuffle the deck idea was never generally accepted. It is a jerky movement at best and should be forgotten in preference to so many other more flowing maneuvers.

#### **CALLERS' QUESTIONS**

FRED CHRISTOPHER, St. Petersburg, Fla.: "Why hasn't there been set up a central clearing station for all new material to eliminate duplicating of movements under different calls?"

There is such a movement now in progress in which a central "clearing committee" is being proposed in order to sift through all new square dance ideas and then make suggestions for their usage or non-usage. While the idea is sound and necessary in its purpose, I can foresee several normal human reactions to such a committee's

report.

Someone who is avidly interested in this committee formation naturally wonders who, beside himself, should be picked for it. If not chosen (or if not interested in being chosen), the next attitude would be, "Who do they think they are telling me what I can or cannot use?" And then there will be the maverick who specializes (and attracts a certain type of dancer) in presenting all the ideas which are justly condemned by the committee. Such an attitude would develop friction of thinking among dancers, the very ones such a national committee would be most interested in keeping active in the movement.

GEN AND BOB BOYD, Granite City, Ill.: "Amen! to your answer in the August 1965 AMERICAN SQUARES regarding chain thru and many of the bad habits practiced by adults. We teach youth in square dancing (Checkerboard Squares)—a thorough basic course—and keep up with all the new basics in AMERICAN SQUARES.

"However, there is one thing that really bugs us, and that is for young-sters to go with their parents to adult clubs and bring back bad habits. We refer to the patty-cake see-saw type thing. We can only try to explain that it is a lazy way of doing things, instead of the way we were taught 14 years ago."

If we are going to short-cut, why dance at all? After all, we end up at the same position after every trip, every dance, so why start to begin with? I'm glad to know that I have been able to raise a voice of protest for you and your group—and to their own parents at that.

JULIUS KING, Lexington, Mass.: "I think the list of basics in the September 1965 AMERICAN SQUARES and their categorization into accepted, workshop, gimmick, and 'to be dropped' are excellent and necessary first steps. Your batting average is extremely high. I would still retain in the gimmick category such things as dixie cup chain, flying chain, and ocean chain, and I'd also like to see square chain thru retained as a workshop figure. It's like gold to a caller who needs something that will make almost any dancer reach a bit."

Thanks for the response to the published list, Julius. I feel sure that every caller has some gimmick type movement in his repertoire to use at some appropriate time. There is certainly no harm in this, and in fact, it can become sort of a trademark of individuality, such as Frank Lane's snaperoo. Used judiciously, a tip of some gimmick movement is usually welcomed by the dancers as a change of pace. To use this method constantly throughout an evening becomes frustrating and unwelcome to the majority of the nation's square dancers. Thus the reason for printing such a list of movements as reported to AMERICAN SQUARES.



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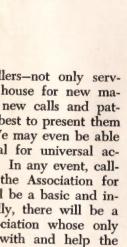
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#### SUBLIME

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One and three lead right, circle to a line
Pass thru, wheel and deal
Double pass thru, centers in, cast off three-quarters
Pass thru, wheel and deal
Girls pass thru, star thru
Substitute, then promenade
One and three wheel around, right and left thru
Cross trail thru to a left allemande . . . or
(from Substitute)

SUBMERGE

Girls fold, box the gnat

Pull by, left allemande . . .

by Bob Tripp, Los Gatos, Calif.
Side ladies chain across
Number one, here's what you do
Face your corner, star thru
New one and three cross trail, around
one
Line up four, pass thru, wheel and

Line up four, pass thru, wheel and deal

Inside four pass thru, star thru, substitute

On to the next, right and left thru, full turn

On to the next, right and left thru Cross trail thru to a left allemande . . .

#### SEAVIEW

by Bob Tripp, Los Gatos, Calif. Side ladies chain across
Two and three right and left thru
Number one, here's what you do
Face your corner, star thru
New one and three cross trail
Around two and line up four
Pass thru, wheel and deal
Inside four pass thru, star thru, substitute
On to the part star thru

On to the next, star thru
Same ladies chain, other four half
sashay

Everybody left allemande . . .

#### ARKY ALAMO

by Dan Dedo, North Tonawanda, N.Y.
Two and four half sashay
Heads star thru, square thru threequarters
Arky allemande, go forward two
Right and left, turn back one
Then curlique (head gents and side
ladies face in and balance)
Swing thru with a right and left,
balance
Swing thru with a right and left
Then box the gnat, pull by to a left
allemande...

#### ON YOUR TOES

by Dan Dedo, North Tonawanda, N.Y.
One and four, the ladies chain
One and two go right and left thru
New one and three half sashay
New couple one cross the floor
Split couple three, make a line of
four
Forward four, then back away
Bend the line, go forward and back
Everybody star thru, then swap
around
Left allemande . . .

#### SWAP AND CIRCULATE

by Dan Dedo, North Tonawanda, N.Y. Heads lead right, circle to a line Right and left thru, turn 'em around Two ladies swap around, all eight circulate Right and left thru, turn 'em around Two ladies swap around, all eight circulate Right and left thru, turn 'em around Two ladies swap around, centers circulate, centers run Wheel and deal, double pass thru Centers in, cast off three-quarters Pass thru, wheel and spread Cross trail thru to a left allemande...

#### QUICKIE

by Dan Dedo, North Tonawanda, N.Y. All promenade around the town Four ladies swap around to a star thru California twirl, U turn back Left allemande . . .



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#### CHALLENGE

by Dan Dedo, North Tonawanda, N.Y. Head ladies chain to the right New side ladies chain across Heads star thru, swap around Swap around with the outside two Centers left square thru four hands Others cross trail Star thru to a left allemande . . .

#### PAIR OFF FIGURES

by Lee Kopmon, Wontogh, L.I., N.Y.
Heads star thru, then pair off and cloverleaf
Pair off all eight of you, star thru
Centers in, cast off three-quarters
Star thru, centers right and left thru
Centers half sashay, then U turn back
Left allemande . . .

Heads lead right, circle to a line
Pass thru, wheel and deal
Pair off all eight of you

\*Wheel and cross clover (to a double
pass thru position)
Pair off all eight of you
Wheel and cross clover
Center two star thru, swing star thru
Left allemande . . .

"You can direct this as follows: Lead two wheel to the left or promenade to the next position and face in while the others cross clover.

Heads star thru, square thru four hands
Sides divide and star thru
Pair off, then wheel across
Star thru, pair off, wheel and deal
Pair off all eight of you
Wheel and cross clover, substitute
U turn back (those substituting)
Star thru, cross trail thru to a left allemande . . .

Heads swing star thru, pair off
Centers trade, then cast off threequarters
Those facing out cloverleaf
Others star thru, pair off all eight of
you
Wheel and cross clover, substitute
California twirl, left allemande...

Side ladies chain, heads square chain thru
Circle to a line of four, pass thru
Sides California twirl
Wheel and deal, then pair off
Wheel and deal, then pair off
Wheel and cloverleaf, substitute
Left square thru three-quarters
Box the gnat, right and left grand . . .

WAVIN' EIGHT
by Mick Sheahan, San Diego, Calif.
Head couples right and left thru
Same two ladies chain you do
Same couples star thru, dixie daisy
two by two
Centers in, now you behave
Right from there, wheel to a wave
Rock it up and back you do
Pass thru, square thru
Three-quarters round, centers in
Wheel to a wave, gone again
Swing thru there with your date

Now all eight circulate
Rock that wave, and listen, Mac
Just the girls, U turn back
Wheel to a wave there with your date
Now all eight circulate
Rock that wave, that's what you do
Pass thru, square thru
Three-quarters round and the outside

two
California twirl, all pass thru
Left allemande . . .

MIXED HASH FIGURES
by Lee Kopman, Wantagh, L.I., N.Y.
Heads lead right, circle to a line
Pass thru, sides only California twirl
Acey ducey (centers trade, ends circulate)
Wheel and deal, dive thru, pass thru

Heads square chain thru
Circle four with the outside two
Break to a line, pass thru
Sides California twirl
Acey ducey, heads California twirl
Wheel and deal, then substitute
Pass thru to a left allemande...

Left allemande . . .



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Sides do a U turn back
Acey ducey, then wheel and deal
Pass thru, do a U turn back to a left allemande...

Heads lead right, circle to a line
Centers box the gnat, right and left
thru
Lines of four pass thru
Center two California twirl, cast off
three-quarters
Centers cloverleaf, the others star
thru, pass thru
Centers do a left square thru threequarters
Others do a U turn back
Grand right and left . . .

by Lee Kopman, Wantagh, L.I., N.Y.
Head gents face corner, box the gnat
Girls square thru four hands, eight
chain thru
Men go three, girls go four
Men trade, star thru
California twirl, wheel and deal
Star thru, pass thru, wheel and deal
Centers pass thru, left allemande...

Head gents and corners go forward and back
Box the gnat, right and left thru
Girls square thru two hands, eight chain three
Girls trade, men turn back
Star thru, California twirl
Acey ducey, then wheel and deal
Dive thru, right and left thru
Swing star thru, the others divide and star thru
Right and left thru, dive thru
Pass thru to a left allemande . . .

WHEELING ACROSS

by Rod Blaylock, Albany, Ga.
Heads lead right, circle to a line
Rock up to the middle and back you
reel
Pass thru with a wheel and deal
Double pass thru
Outsides cross cast back, centers turn
alone
Up to the middle and back you reel
Pass thru, wheel and deal
Double pass thru
Outsides cross cast back, centers turn
alone
Left allemande . . .

QUICK LIKE
by Rod Blaylock, Albany, Ga.
Head ladies chain to the right
Turn 'em with a left, everybody promenade
Heads wheel around, make a line,
back away
Wheel and deal right there, then cross
and turn
Cross trail back to a left allemande...

WITH WHO?
by Rod Blaylock, Albany, Ga.
Four ladies chain across I say
One and three half sashay
Same two star thru, circle four
Heads break to lines of four
Up to the middle and back you reel
Pass thru, wheel and deal
Double pass thru, watch 'em churn
Everybody cross and turn
Star thru to a left allemande . . .

HERE SHE GOES
by Rod Blaylock, Albany, Ga.
Side ladies chain to the right
Turn 'em with a left, don't take all
night
Heads lead right, circle to a line
Forward eight and back, right and
left thru
Pass thru, wheel and deal
Double pass thru, cross and turn
Square thru four hands round
When you do, give a right to the next,
pull by
Skip one girl, left allemande . . .

#### FIND HER

by Rod Blaylock, Albany, Ga.
Side ladies chain across I say
One and three half sashay
Heads star thru, right and left thru
the outside two
Star thru, square thru three-quarters
round

Wheel and deal as you come down Double pass thru, watch 'em churn Everybody cross and turn to a left allemande . . .

#### MIX THE SWAPS

by "Scotty" Foggo, Seal Beach, Calif. One and three swap around, separate, go round one

Into the middle and swap around
Then swap around with the outside

Those who can swap around Centers in, wheel and deal Center four (ladies) swap around Swap around with the outside two Those who can swap around Centers in, wheel and deal Center four swap around
Centers in, you all turn back
Pass thru, wheel and deal
Center four (men), swap around
Swap around with the outside two
Those who can swap around
Face your partner, pass thru, turn
back
Left allemande . . .

TWIRLING DIXIE

by Al Holmes, El Monte, Calif.
Side two ladies chain across
One and three star thru, California
twirl

Right and left thru the outside two
Inside two California twirl
Double pass thru across the world
All eight California twirl
Center two star thru, circle four
Half way round and a quarter more
Right and left thru in the middle of
the land

Walk right into a dixie grand Go right, left, right, left allemande . . .

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SWAP DIXIE

by Larry Brockett, Los Alamitos, Calif. Promenade around the town Side couples wheel around Star thru, dive thru, swap around Dive thru, dixie daisy First couple left, next one right Do-sa-do, all the way round, men in the middle Spin the top, men circulate Right and left thru, dive thru, swap around Left allemande...

TRY THIS

by Larry Brockett, Los Alamitos, Calif. Promenade, don't slow down Heads wheel around, star thru Dive thru, outsides squeeze in Pass thru, wheel and deal Dixie daisy, right pull by, left turn half, right pull by Cloverleaf, double pass thru Centers in, cast off one-quarter Wheel and deal, double pass thru First couple left, next one right

Square thru four hands
Men square thru three-quarters more,
girls turn back
Do-sa-do, star thru, substitute
Bend the line, bend it again, swap
around
Bend the line, right and left thru
Bend it again, left allemande . . .

by Larry Brockett, Los Alamitos, Calif.
Promenade, don't slow down
Head couples wheel around
Star thru, dive thru, dixie daisy
All turn back, substitute
Two ladies chain, swap around

Star thru, cross trail thru Left allemande . . .

SODBUSTER

by Larry Brockett, Los Alamitos, Calif. Promenade, don't slow down Heads wheel around, star thru, swap around Pass thru, centers out, cast in threequarters

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Spin the top, ends turn back Centers trade, wheel and deal Substitute, girls square thru threequarters

Star thru, substitute, bend the line Square thru four hands round Right to the next, pull by, skip one girl

Left allemande . . .

THIS IS TRICKY D.J.

by Doug Johnston, Resedo, Colif.
Two and four right and left thru
One and three lead right, circle to a
line
Pass thru, wheel and deal
Substitute, centers star thru
Go up and back, lead to the right

Two and four right and left thru, same ladies chain

One and three swing star thru
Circle four with the outside two
Heads break to lines of four
Pass thru, wheel and deal
Substitute, back over two
Four girls diagonally dixie chain
Four boys diagonally dixie chain
All turn back, centers right and left
thru

Square thru three-quarters round Left allemande . . .

STAR AND TWIRL

by Doug Johnston, Resedo, Colif.
One and three star thru, pass thru,
star thru
Pass thru, California twirl
Whirl away, half sashay
Star thru, California twirl
Dive thru, researthry, star thru.

Dive thru, pass thru, star thru Ladies in the lead dixie chain U turn back (all), gents in the lead dixie chain

Gents turn back, girls pass thru
U turn back (all) to a left allemande . . .

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Left allemande . . .



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PRETTY AND UGLY by Doug Johnston, Resedo, Calif. Promenade, don't slow down One and three wheel around Right and left thru, pass thru Go on to the next, star thru\* Inside ladies with pretty faces U turn back, change places, left allemande . . . or (from\*) Go right and left thru Inside gents with the ugly faces U turn back, change places, left alle-

mande . . .

ARKY BREAK by Willard Orlich, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio Head gents and the corner girls Star right go once around Pass your partner, arky allemande, go forward three Right, left, right, a wrong way thar Head gents, side ladies left hand star Shoot the star, go left and right, box the gnat

Girls turn back and dixie chain On to the next and dixie chain She goes left, he goes right Left allemande . . .

AN OLDIE by Willard Orlich, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio Head couples cross trail thru Separate, go around one Into the middle, square thru threequarters round Same sex, arky allemande, partner right, pull by Arky allemande the same sex, partner right, pull by Arky allemande, partners all, arky grand . . .

LONESOME TWO by Ron Black, Los Angeles, Calif. One and three right and left thru Number two promenade half, stand behind number four One and three square thru four hands Right and left thru, pass thru

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With the lonesome two, triple centers

Lonesome two walk out around three, go behind the line

Lonesome two centers in

All turn back, bend the line, circle eight

Those who can right and left thru Those who can't swing in the center Now face the outside two, left allemande . . .

#### **NEW IDEA**

SLIDE THRU (Originally Curve Thru) by Harlan Moody, Elmwood, Ill.

From two couples facing, pass thru, men turn one quarter to their right and the ladies turn one quarter to their left. Men and ladies always hold their sex identity. From normal couple position, slide thru is the same as a star thru without using hands.

#### **EXAMPLES**

by Harlan Moody, Elmwood, Ill. Head couples promenade half way round

Into the middle, slide thru, pass thru Split the outside two, around one Into the middle, slide thru Square thru three-quarters round to the corner

Left allemande . . .

Head couples promenade half way round Into the middle slide thru Right and left thru, turn 'em too Same four slide thru Cross trail thru to a left allemande . . .

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Head couples half sashay, into the middle and back

Slide thru, right and left thru the outside two

Inside arch, dive thru, pass thru Slide thru, square thru three-quarters round

Left allemande . . .

Head couples slide thru, pass thru Slide thru, pass thru, bend the line (in sequence with right hand lady) Slide thru, centers split the outsides, around one

Into the middle, cross trail thru to a left allemande . . .

All four couples half sashay
Heads to the middle and back away
Heads slide thru, separate, go round
one to a line of four
Forward eight and back, star thru
Centers slide thru, star thru
Square thru three-quarters round to
a left allemande . . .

Head couples slide thru, make a wave and balance

Swing thru, box the gnat
Pass thru, slide thru, box the gnat
Slide thru, centers pass thru
Cloverleaf all eight of you
Double pass thru two by two
U turn back, slide thru all eight of
you

First couple left, next one right Right and left thru with those in sight

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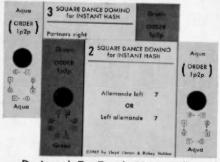
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Calls by Bob Yerington

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I WALK THE LINE-Top 25110

Calls by Dick Leger Not quite another Swanee River, but this still has a friendly, hug 'em tight star promenade pattern that keeps 'em moving with nary a swing at home or simple promenade. And what d'ya know, not even an allemande! Pretty good legerdemain, Leger!

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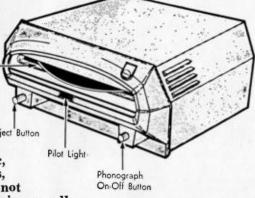
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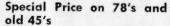
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