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October is the beginning of our next five years as editors of American Squaredance, Sixty issues have gone to press since the Burdick name appeared at the top of the masthead, and we are proud of our efforts and pleased that you like them, too. Some of the ups and downs are documented in "Bounce Back Bounty" 'so you can share our present feelings with us. Mostly we feel appreciative - of readers' support, writers' contributions. advertisers' business, and everyone's help and suggestions. A big public thank you, too, to our loyal and hard-working staff!



October is the time for a plunge into new dance classes and the new season of club activities, following the big recruitment drives of Square Dance Week in September.



October is the month of black cats and witches and spine-tingling stories. For an off-beat change of pace, read "Dancing With Spirit," a ghostly tale to be taken in season only.



October, 1973, sees our world in a of crisis when concentrated thought on current problems brings only the question, "Where will it all end?" We don't have the answers, but we do know that when the daily "rat-race" and the depressing news get us down, one way to stay sane is to don our fanciest duds, go out for an evening, and let the calls and music sweep clear our minds. We relax, enjoy our friends, go home, sleep well. Tomorrow things look at least a shade better because of the respite. Our prescription: tell your friends to try square dancing - it works!



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Could I please have a sample copy to study? Thank you and en-

closed is postage.

This area has become a hotbed of square dancing (I'm president emeritus of one club), and there isn't a day or night in the week when a square dance or pattern dance session or both isn't in progress.

Perhaps the leader in this attractive activity is caller Bob Dawson, of whom you probably know. He's getting the older people off their fannies to trip to teacup chain and spin chain thru, thus helping the oldsters stave off premature hardening of the arteries.

Over the years Bob's been calling here, I've traced nine happy marriages twixt widows and widowers which had their inception on the dance floor!

Hays L. Miller
Sarasota, Fl.

I am in the midst of a Summer Square Dance Class, with three squares of enthusiastic beginners. As usual, I am trying to lead them down the straight and narrow path, and I can think of no better way of doing this, than to get them "hooked" on the AMERICAN SQUARE DANCE magazine. May I have some complimentary issues to pass out to them? Once they browse through it, I know that they will agree with me that it is a most informative and pleasurable magazine, and a "must" for all Square Dancers. Ray Fregeau Pawtucket, R.I.

This is a get aquainted note—since we both know that delightful, crazy, and altogether lovable Bob Howell—and Dorothy Shaw. And Hugh Macey. And Bob Osgood. And probably a dozen others..... HOWDY! Happy to know YOU. Heard about you and your magazine long ago and just never did any thing about either.

Since Bob Howell made Elwyn and me a gift of a year's subscription we have been enchanted with both of you! It's just a great magazine and you are a great and talented guy. I use lots of your music 'n stuff and wish to

compliment you sincerely.

Another purpose of this note is to alert you to a temporary change of address.

We have joined the hill people whom we love so much and look forward to our new dance groups in the

autumn. Can hardly wait!

Meanwhile, we are off for a week in Colorado attending the Shaw Fellowship for the 24th consecutive year. Will see Bob and Phyllis and will cozyup and talk about you.

..... Already we love you and your magazine! And the people who contribute to it - especially those we know

May success continue to haunt you!

Dena M. Fresh
Bella Vista, Ark.

Congratulations on the fine coverage you gave the LEGACY conference in the August issue. We are confident that much good will come out of this conference, and are looking forward to attending the next one two years from now.

We are also sending along our check to cover two more years' subscription to American Square Dance. We enjoy reading the magazine each month, and want to see it continue to improve and grow as it has done over the past five years.

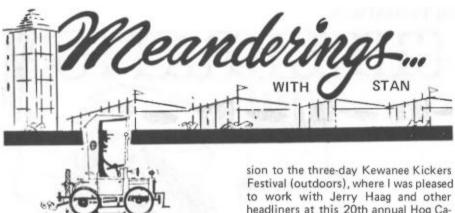
Floyd & Clare Lively Indianapolis, Indiana

Greetings and we do hope everything is going "squarely" for you all. Thanks for the nice reveiw you have Continued on Page 78

WE'RE HAVING A With this issue, this magazine has been published in Sandusky, Ohio five years by your present editors. Here's wishing us many HAPPY RETURNS subscription returns, that is. .

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Far be it from your roving reporter to assume a military mood, but these lines come to mind in connection with some of my simmering summer meanderings:

"... over hill, over dale,

we will hit the DUSTY trail . . ."

In this meager reflection of the galloping schedule just completed, we'll try to touch some of the bases, but we'll no doubt miss some too. Let's do it with the DATELINE method for corn-venience.

DES MOINES, IOWA (and Grinnell): Outdoor barbecued steak like you wouldn't believe . . . subscription dance . . . grand bunch of dancers . . . caller Jack Ritter has come up fast . . . destined to be one of the BEST, we'll wager . . . already full time . . . already traveling extensively already captured the happy hearts and friendly hands and shuffling feet of all central lowans.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA: Warm night, nice Quonset style building for the dance Thanks, "Woody" there's a guy who started to call because a club couldn't get a caller and didn't want to quit.

KEWANEE, ILLINOIS: The rain held off long enough for an exciting conclu-

sion to the three-day Kewanee Kickers Festival (outdoors), where I was pleased to work with Jerry Haag and other headliners at this 20th annual Hog Capitol Celebration event Please, no low down jokes about me being a "hog" caller We wonder how many other square dance events are this old.

CONFUSION SAY — Organization leader who says "too much strife in this group — I'll look for greener pastures in other group" may find other group loaded with CRAB-grass, too.

VALDOSTA, GEORGIA (on the threshold of Florida) Bob Bennett, and Vivian, have hearts of gold No matter where you're going to or from Florida, you've got to go through Valdosta Bob is a fine caller and spearheads a Jekyll Isle event annually that packs 'em in We sure got a Gulf-cart of rain the night I was there!

SPRING GULCH, PENNSYLVANIA (Pennsylvania Dutch Country): That's what I call hospitality a new, wellequipped, modern cabin just for callers at the Kaisers' remarkable campground I love to drive through those towns and see little black wagons housing stoney-faced gentle gothic gents and mesmerized matronly maids pulled by clippety-clopping mares, who are not just devoted -they're downright DEVOUT, I reckon! It's a different world The dance was pure pleasure A gal with a dozen of my cartoons printed around her skirt showed it off.

HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS (and Harrisburg): The LONGEST DAY of my life was Monday, August 13, 1973 . . . I started to drive from home in northern Ohio to Arkansas at 5 a.m. that morning (couldn't get far the previous night since the car began to act strangely and I decided to wait until early morning) I experienced car trouble all day . . . stopped for a tune-up here and a checkup there (lost three hours) arrived in Harrisburg just in time to call the dance with Glenn Turpin (see p. 64) and probably called more crisscrossed routes than crosstrails that night (watch for more news on that nice Promenade Hall built by square dancers there) . . . finally, totally exhausted, I limped into my car at almost midnight to find it refused to go followed by both human and mechanical sputterings . . . followed by a tow to a local garage . . . followed by a final flop in a most welcome bed at 2 a.m. on Tuesday, provided by the Coles of Harrisburg. What a day! The next one was easier . . after a six hour repair delay I barreled

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off to Hot Springs to work with Cal Golden at one of his Callers' Colleges, and that was a real treat and a quarter more (see p. 59) . . . Cal runs a unique training program . . . really digging into the fundamentals . . . Don't let my car episode fool you . . . I had a ball with both Glenn and Cal — and credited one more state to my record — only SIX more to go!

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE: Motorcycle-hoppin'Lynn Mansell (no connection with last month's fictional filler) greeted me on behalf of the CASDA, and at the dance ,as president (as

well as a caller), he made a statement well worth repeating: "I see too many of the same kind of badges in the same sets, folks; let's mix 'em up!" A sidelight of the visit was that I was the very first person to check into a brand new motel unit there Someday I'll be riding through Chattanooga with my grandchildren, and say excitedly, "Look, kids, I was the first to stay in that very motel," to which they'll reply with a yawn, "Oh, did they have television in those days, gramp? When are we gonna stop to eat?"



UPPER NEW YORK REGION (The Adirondacks, Lake George, etc.,: This is like going "home" every August, where the mountains rise high enough to inspire the mind, and the lake is cool and clear enough to calm the troubled soul of any man We took part in Mary and Bill Jenkins' fun-tastic week of frolic again, including the annual boat-dance-cruise and a newly-organized clinic. The whole Maycroft Square Tappers group (see p. 13, March 1969 issue) from Michigan were there to perform. Beautiful.

NEW ENGLAND (Wilton, Kennebunkport, in Maine, and Agawam, Massachusetts): Every time I'm in this section of the country I'm struck by the observation of the smoothness of their dancing . . . that coupled with the scenery and the club-around-every-corner makes the area unbeatable. No need to add that I had a super-superior time.

CUMBERLAND GAP, TENNESSEE: This experience I won't soon forget . .



High on a lonely mountain there's a small park where the three states of Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia converge . . . and a real promoter of square dancing, Dr. Lee Walker, arranged a one-of-its-kind dance in that park, complete with especially installed lights that absolutely "couldn't be placed there — too high, too remote, etc." He made it happen, just as he makes many "impossible" things happen in those hills near Knoxville.



We all make quick assumptions and generalities from shallow facts sometimes. Narrow spectrum speculators abound in our field of interest as in any endeavor. We need to be careful about taking little prisms of fact and translating them into rainbow-size conclusions. On the other hand, our opinions, carefully formulated, can be as valid and significant as those of a Philadelphia filibuster.

A farmer in Arkansas had some rather negative opinions on a book he had read, and finally had occasion to meet the author in the city one day, and began to express those opinions to him.

"Who are you?" asked the author, "you're just a plain old farmer. You've never written a book. So how can you be a good judge?"

"Yes, that may be so," said the farmer, "but take a look at this egg. I can tell you everything you want to know about eggs, but I sure as heck can't lay one, even if YOU CAN!" And he slowly walked away, chewing on a straw.



SOMEWHERE, USA: True location withheld to protect the innocent I checked into a motel in a lonely wooded area, and the young girl at the desk, after signing me in, turned and shouted, "Come here, Wolfgang, you can eat now," at which time a huge dog came bounding in towards me, licking his chops and growling . . . but it was a relief to discover I wasn't the meal he had in mind. (The dog was glad, too. Co-ed.)

It's a big, wide, wonderful world around us, waiting for further exploration and a l'il ole traveling caller like yours truly never knows what he'il discover next, N'est-ce pas?

And now I'm out of gas for this month... (About time, too. Co-ed.)



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BOUNCE BACK BOUNTY

A FIFTH ANNIVERSARY EDITORIAL FEATURE

At a dance in eastern Pennsylvania, a couple of old friends, whom I had not seen for a dozen years or more, came up to the stage and greeted me. What surprised me more than merely seeing them after so many years was the fact that he and his wife looked so full of enthusiasm and zest for dancing, for living, and for their business, which happened to be the editing and publishing of a community weekly newspaper, acquired only recently.

I quickly recalled some trying years of frustration this particular couple had had. I knew there had been disappointment at the least and despondency at its worst over a former project of theirs, which involved square dancing and square dancers. I had heard that an agonizing turn of events had driven them completely out of the square

dance picture.

Not so. Despite headaches, heartaches, and a few fractured piggy banks too, they were able to call up some reserves of inner fortitude (that we all possess to some degree) and plunge forward into a new project that has since proved very rewarding for them!

The amazing part of the true story is that the aborted and unhappy project proved to be a vital stepping stone to the present undertaking! Without the former, more painful experience, the latter one of great satisfaction would never have been born.

My friends, whom we'll call the Smiths, smiled as one of them made this observation: "You know, for the first time, we really enjoy going to work in the morning." I knew that that remark, in a few happy words, climaxed a volume of turbulent experiences over a decade of time.

Probably everyone reading this account can recall moments in life, or within the square dance realm, that have surely caused a feeling of resignation to the point where it would seem best to "give up the ship," "throw in the towel," or go in the direction of a similar cliche.

The Smiths ably demonstrated the BOUNCE-BACK BOUNTY theory, which we've found means the possession of an inner reserve, or "bounty," that allows one to make a new start, despite hardship; often using the unfortunate experience as a useful stepping stone toward goals unlimited.

Perhaps someone is thinking "that all sounds a little idealistic or unrealistic." For that person especially we would like to take a few paragraphs to add credence to the theory with this personal revelation: Five years ago the magazine you are holding in your hands at this moment was at its lowest point in 28 years of publication. Instead of 80 pages it had only 32. Its circulation was only one third of what it is today. Advertisers were most unhappy and dropping their ads quicker than one can take a galley proof.

Believe it or not, 1969 and 1970 held many dismal moments for your present editors as they attempted to pick up the pieces. There were makeup problems. Printing problems. Circulation problems. Financial problems. We were tempted at times to throw up our hands in despair and throw the paste pot out the window. How long can any two people hold on, we thought, trying to do a noble project for the love of square dancing and the fervent hope of future financial return, when the cash register could do nothing but ring up the "paid out" flag?

Then, slowly, out of the agony came some ecstatic moments, when advertisers shuffled back on board the old listing liner and your editors stoked the bilge pump fires with new vigor. And once in a while a monthly "p and r" sheet appeared in the black, and black was beautiful!

We can take a modest portion of credit for the BOUNCE-BACK BOUN-TY that transformed a sick magazine into a well-respected member of the media for square dancers, all within the past five year period. But the real lift came, not from us, but from YOU. Friendly advertisers had faith in what we were attempting to do, or at least decided to take a chance on the restorative potential: subscribers decided to "hang on" awhile to see if a new American Squaredance would emerge. Fortunately, they liked what they saw and began to spread the word to others. Many wrote letters of encouragement. For this kind of faith and neighborliness (that typifies square

dancers everywhere) we are truly grateful. Probably in any endeavor the bounce-back syndrome would be quickly annihilated if no "hand-on-theshoulder" support were present.

The insecurity of that rebirth, five years ago, is well in the past. New hurdles and challenges in the magazine business face us every day, because we're conscientious about serving YOU better, but the gnawing doubt about our life span has vanished from the scene altogether.

Best of all, friends, we like to the morning! work in Just as the Smiths do. We'll testify that a successful square dance business (working for the greatest folks on the face of the earth) can generate that kind of resolve.

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You have nothing to gain from reading this story, except the chilling enjoyment of a Halloween tale . .

"There it is," my partner exclaimed. "Listen, the music has just begun." I looked doubtfully at the old building at the end of the driveway. "But according to the map . . .," I began. "The music," she said, "Come on, we'll miss the first dance."

As we entered, the three couples stood looking at us expectantly, as if they had been waiting for us. I cannot recall if they wore badges, but I will call them the Smiths, the Browns and the Robinsons.

After dancing that first set with them, my partner said, "There is something strange about this place." "What do you mean?" I asked. "Well, take those couples we just danced with. They didn't say a word to us. I had a funny feeling that they didn't know I was there." "What on earth are you talking about?" I stared at her. "Anyway, don't forget we are strangers here." "That's another thing," she said. "There isn't one couple we know in this whole crowd."

As the first round dance ended, the couple ahead of us turned, and with a smile I recognized the Browns; the next couple to appear at my left were the Smiths. I raised my hand for a fourth couple, and with the caller's help, a pair made their way through

the crowd. It hardly seemed possible, but it was the Robinsons!

During that tip I began to share my partner's feelings about these people. They seemed to perform the movements of the dance mechanically. As if they had done the same thing many times before.

"Did you notice their hair-dos?" my partner asked uneasily, when the tip was over, "and their clothes?" I admitted that they were kind of old-fashioned. "Everybody is old-fashioned here," she said, glancing around. "Forget it," I said lightly, "we'll dance with someone else next time."

I was quite relieved when we were safely squared up with some younger people for the next dance. However, just as the music started, the young woman opposite me discovered something wrong with the lace of her ballettype shoe. It soon became apparent that it couldn't be fixed in time, so her partner waved to a couple to come and take their place - it was the Robinsons. I didn't dare to look at my partner, but I could tell her reaction by the tightening of her grip on my hand. Then the caller was saving something about getting friendly and that he wanted couples two and four to go to another square.

I was suddenly aware of frantic signals from my partner's hand, and the hairs on the back of my head stood up as I saw the Smiths coming from one side and the Browns from the other.

There was something very strange—almost sinister going on here. My partner was looking at me with wide open eyes. I tried to smile at her with confidence which I was far from feeling.

When I think back on it, the thing that struck a chill into me was that the other couples in the square didn't seem at all surprised by the remarkable coincidence — what could be it but a coincidence? They regarded us pleasantly, as if seeing us for the first time that evening, but said nothing. Come to think of it — had any of them spoken at all?

When the set was over, my partner stood very close to me, glancing nervously around her. "Let's get out of here," she whispered. "I don't like this place."

I steered her out of a side door onto a patio. "Look, let's get hold of ourselves," I said. "Just because we danced with the same people three times, it isn't any reason to panic." "Did you notice how cold those people are," she shuddered . . "I mean their hands — cold." "Now hold on," I replied, "We'll sit this one out, and when we go back in you'll see it's just an ordinary dance with ordinary people." Out there in the cold air it seemed believable. I almost believed it myself, but not quite.

Suddenly we were aware of rhythmic hand-clapping from the dancers denoting the need for one more couple. "We'll have to go in," I shrugged. "Come on."

She was just ahead of me. I felt her stiffen. I'm not sure if she screamed, because every nerve in my body was shrieking for me to get out of there as I saw those three couples standing waiting for us. The hall seemed to disappear in a haze except for six pairs of eyes staring at me.

"Quick, the car." I managed to gasp, dragging my partner through the door. In what seemed like seconds, we were in the car and had reached the end of the driveway. The gate had been closed. "Look," my partner whispered, "Look, they have turned out all the lights." As I leaped out of the car to open the gate I noticed with a chill of horror that the hall was indeed completely unlit and as silent as a grave.

Two or three miles down the road, I stopped at a gas station. The attendant, seeing our outfits, eyes us seriously. "There ain't been no square dancing round here," he volunteered. "Ain't been since the hall burned down nearly twenty years back." He went on. "Nasty business — six people were lost in that fire — nasty."

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A TIMBLESS TRIBUTE

The Hugh Dimmery Memorial Center, in West Columbia, South Carolina, stands as a lasting tribute to a square dancer with a vision.

This building was the dream of Hugh Dimmery - square dancer, caller, teacher and leader in the Columbia area for a short two years. Hugh, a captain in the U.S. Air Force, and his wife, Irene, learned to square dance in Sumter, South Carolina, in 1958. Hugh became so fascinated with this recreation - the fun of dancing and the challenge of calling and teaching - that it became a most important part of his and his family's life. He retired from the Air Force in August, 1968, and returned home to Columbia with much time to devote to his favorite recreation. Here, be became the caller for two clubs, the Kalico Kapers and the Capitol Swingers, and organized and

taught four groups (some 100 persons) the art of western square dancing. He held workshops, special dances, and created a rebirth of interest and enthusiasm in square dancing in this area. All of those associated with him were soon caught up in his enthusiasm, his great love of square dancing, his belief in it as a recreation second to none. To coordinate square dancing across the state, he established and edited the Carolina Caller. This magazine, published monthly, has been continued since his death by two of his students, Carroll and Virginia Frick.

Hugh soon became aware of the real need and the potential for a western square dance center, a home for all organizations and their activities. With the increasing difficulty in finding places to hold classes and other activities, and the continued growth and interest in western square dancing here,

his dream began to take form. One night after sharing this idea with a group of dancers, he received a pledge of \$1000 in stock for the formation of a corporation to erect a building. Thus began a campaign by Hugh for the necessary amount of stock to form the corporation. In the months that followed, the American Square Dance Education and Recreation Association, Inc. (ASDERA) was formed.

Shortly before Hugh left for a week of training in calling at Promenade Hall in Gary, Indiana, a charter was obtained for the corporation and a date set for the first stockholders meeting. In Indiana, he was so impressed with the structure of Promenade Hall, that he asked many questions, making notes for "our" building. always foremost on his mind. His third night in Indiana, August 12, 1970, Hugh stepped out of the square in which he was dancing, sat down on the sideline smiling broadly, and quietly passed away. Square dancers in Columbia had but one thought in mind, to make his dream of a western square dance center a reality. His dream has come true, and the building was named for him when it was dedicated to him on September 29. 1972.

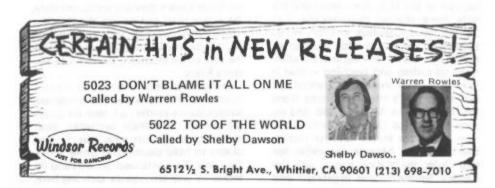
Western square dancers in Columbia now have a home. Club dances, meetings, classes for those who would like to learn to dance, special dances, and statewide events, are held at the Hugh Dimmery Memorial Center.

The Center is a brick building of 6000 square feet. It consists of a fully equipped kitchen, rest rooms, a stage and a large dance hall with room for 35 squares (280 people) to dance. Inside the building is Bill and Anne's Western Wear, a shop with a complete line of western wear for dancers. The building can also be used to accomodate from 300 to 400 people for banquets.

The Board of Directors meet once a month to discuss and formulate plans concerning the building, the dances, and the clubs. Their major concern is to present arrangements that will be helpful and acceptable to all who are involved. As with any new facility there are many arrangements to work out. Stock is still available for purchase at \$1.00 a share, with a \$25 minimum. This is an investment. Membership fees are paid by those dancing in the hall. These represent payment for a privilege.

Members have already realized a first project of having a wooden dance floor installed, after the initial completion of the building.

Columbia area square dancers are enjoying the benefits of their hard work and contributions in the realization of one man's dream for his fellow dancers.



swingin' 8's



by Byron Martin

"Allemande left with your left hand, honor your partner, right and left grand" are all familiar terms to the American square dancer. But what happens when he goes to England?

He forms a square dance club and teaches the English to square dance.

This is what the "Swingin' Eights" did at Royal Air Force Station Bentwaters, England, nearly ten years ago.

Royal Air Force Station Bentwaters and her sister base, RAF Woodbridge, form the home of the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing. Located approximately 80 miles north of London in the heart of the East Suffolk countryside, it was here that the Swingin' Eights were formed in 1964 by a small, but dedicated, group of square dancers who wanted to keep up with their favorite pastime.

From this small beginning, the Swingin' Eights have danced their way into the British community

Long before Neil Armstrong made

his famous "Giant leap for mankind," the Swingin' Eights were dancing for the "Man in the Moon." The only difference being that the Man in the Moon is a local public house or "pub" in the nearby town of Ipswich. It was in such pubs, the main gathering spots of many British people, that the group began to make an impression on their English hosts.

From then on the group was in constant demand. Requests poured in to dance at the various town carnivals that are a familiar sight on the summer scene. The group also found themselves dancing in ballrooms, town halls, tents, and even a "fish and chip" shop. In all, the club averages thirty to forty demonstrations each year.

In order for the club to keep up with this tremendous demand, the group was constantly recruiting new members. In its ten year history, the club has taught nearly three hundred Americans to square dance, and a great many English people, who to-

day form nearly 40 percent of the club.

Probably one of the longest standing English members of the club is Reginald A. Whymark, a machinist, and the Swingin' Eights caller for the past four years.

"I became involved with the Swingin' Eights," Mr. Whymark recalled, "through my wife, who is a beautician. One of the ladies in the club came to her to have her hair done. She asked my wife if she'd like to come along to one of the dances. My wife said, 'Yes, we'd give it a try.'"

"Another chap," Mr. Whymark continued, "who is an English friend, came to my house one Friday night to see me and asked us if we'd go to the dance. We started that very next Saturday night. That was in September 1965.

"A lot of people enjoy watching us put on a show," says Master Sergeant Gorden D. Snyder, one of the club's avid members. "Sometimes when we give a demonstration, we give people a chance to get up and give it a whirl with us. Their reaction is enthusiastic."

This enthusiasm is shown by the wide variety of people who, having seen the Swingin' Eights dance, have joined the club. These include farmers, businessmen, restauranteurs, Royal Air Force and U.S. Air Force wing commanders, a judge, as well as the ordinary working man.

The club maintains ties with other square dance clubs which have formed in the local area through their "Fifth Saturday" dance. In any month, where there is a fifth Saturday, one of the clubs hosts a dance that all participate in. This gives them a chance to socialize and dance to 10 or 12 different callers.

What has square dancing meant to the English? Reg Whymark sums it up this way. "I think square dancing is a down to earth thing. Since I've been square dancing, I never go to ordinary dances. I feel that in square dancing you really get to know people."

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by Julie Hyslop Nampa, Idaho

Square dancing means fun, as we all know, but square dancing means work, also. Fun is a word that is associated with pleasure, laughter, and a feeling of general well-being. Work to a square dancer, is a word that is associated with pleasure, laughter, and a feeling of general well-being.

Why is this true? Two words, that are so often so far apart in meaning, in square dance language, become synonymous. It is true, because as square dancers, we are working with people at their very best.

People at their very best. What a wonderful thought!

Don't you wish you could spend all of your time among people who are doing, thinking, planning, working, and having fun doing it?

In square dancing you can do this. The joy of dancing, the friends made on the dance floor, the excitement of accomplishment of a new figure, these feelings carry over into the work of the club, the association or the state federation.

After an all-day meeting, trying to work out all the problems of a festival, after trying to understand another committee's problems, which infringe into your area, and you can't see why this should be, after a day of hard work decorating for the club dance, isn't it great to step up to a square where your problem guy is standing, and dance and laugh with him for a few moments. It's so much easier to understand his side of the discussion after a good square! Things can be worked out, you know now.

Square dancing is a little like a good meal under your belt, or like communion in church. The problems are still there, but the people have improved their outlooks, forgotten their differences, and vowed to understand and work for the good of all. This is square dancing and square dancers at their best!







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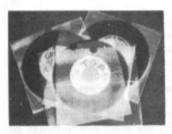
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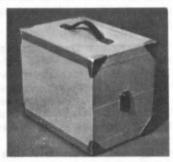
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ROUND DANCE



Spotlights in the round dance world fall on news reports from convention panels this month.

Bob and Helen Smithwick of San Diego submitted a report from the panel on "National Round Dance Problems" at Salt Lake City. On the panel were Mel and Marj Rummel, Chicago, and Glenn and Ida Smith of Media, Pa.

Four items were discussed, with a final decision by those in attendance:

1. Cueing of dances. The general opinion was that dances should be cued at least the first time through for easy-level dances and then continued only if required. Intermediate and advanced dances should be cued only if required, but most generally not.

2. National rounds to be used for round dance programs at conventions and festivals. There should be three easy and three intermediate national rounds per year. It was brought out that the International Round Dance Council was a means of communication for the selection of these rounds.

3. History of the Round Dance Council. The International Round Dance Council is entering its second year as an organization to coordinate round dance teaching and promote round dancing.

The IRDC needs organization and mutual agreement through (a) your membership as an association, or as an individual if you are not in a subscribing association, (b) operation on a nationwide basis as a clearing house for round dance information, being very careful to avoid a sectional viewpoint, (c) consideration of all viewpoints, summarization of them, and submission to members for final decisions, (d) cooperation in all areas relating to round dancing in square dancing; co-

operation as equals, since we have a great deal to offer the square dance world, as they have a great deal to offer us, (e) work toward the goal that IRDC as an organization shall continue and prevent the domination of IRDC by any individual or small groups, remembering that this is a group undertaking and the membership makes all decisions.

The officers of IRDC are Bill and Lila Bruner, Frank and Evelyn Hall, Emmett and Monette Courtney, Jess and Mae Sasseen. For more detailed information on IRDC, write to the Bruners at 7466 Lionel St., Paramount, California 90723

4. Ballroom and International Dancing. The general opinion about ballroom and international dancing was that we should temper the use of same. The long steps should not be used on crowded floors and due to the fact that round dancing is a mixture of all other types, we should develop our own style as we have in tango, cha cha, polka, waltz, etc. The use of the diagonal position is most often misinterpreted as to what amount of diagonal should be used. Some teachers present felt that sparing use would be OK, but most felt that there was too much emphasis placed on styling and execution of steps and figures.

The Round Dance Choreography Panel made new decisions at the 22nd National Convention. Maurice and Lois Siebert were moderators of a panel including Harriet and Mahlon Miles, Shirley and Dave Fleck, Glen and Beth McLeod, Emmett and Monette Courtney.

The below listed items were unanimously accepted by the assembly.

1. Organization of Panel: The R/D Choreography Panel will consist of four active members and one registered standby. One of the active members will serve as moderator. Selection of members and moderator will be made by the director of round dance panels of the current convention. No person should serve on this panel more than two times in succession.

2. Duration and Procedure of Meeting: This panel should be assigned a period of not less than two consecutive hours for meeting. All items on the prepared agenda will be completed before new items may be introduced. Approval of items consisting of technical matters of choreography will be on a one year trial period. Such approved items will automatically be considered for final approval by the panel the following year. All items introduced will be passed along to the panel the following year for appropriate action.

3. Dissemination. As soon as possible following the meeting, the moderator will prepare a report and mail it to the director of panels of the convention just completed, for passing to the next R/D panel chairman, the various round and square dance magazines for publication, and round dance teachers asso-

ciations and record companies.

4. Contributions: To provide any interested person the opportunity to express an opinion, it is requested that comments on any choreography subject be mailed to the director of R/D panels of the current national convention. Each item should be on a separate sheet, and a stamped envelope attached for forwarding by the director to the moderator for appropriate action.

The following items were originated with the 1972 Convention Choreography panel and are to be considered in

conformity with the established practice:

1. Consolidation: Because of the great similarity of matters often presented to the choreography and terminology panels, and because of the difficulty in determining to which panel certain subject matters should go, it is recommended that the choreography and terminology panels be combined.

After a lengthy discourse on choreography and the direction of future panels, the entire paragraph was unani-

mously rejected.

New Panel: Rejected automatically by the rejection of item no. 1.

3. Use of Ballroom Terms: This recommendation discouraged the use of ballroom terms in round dance cue sheets. The entire body in attendance agreed not to consider this. It was the

consensus that use of ballroom terms did not apply to choreography panels.

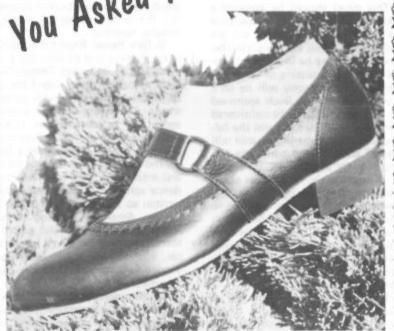
The discussion period was pertinent and interesting. 99% of those in attendance agreed that cue sheets should be written so that they can be read by an average American wanting to learn a round dance. It was also stated that there is a place for every level of dancer, but that the bigger percentage of dancers will be found at the easy to intermediate level.

4. Choreography panels: These shall consider subjects pertinent to choreography, such as timing, tempo, phrasing, position, interpretation, body movement, and demonstration. This was approved as written by the assembly.

Round dancers, and square dancers too, can be justly proud of the work done by round dance leaders in establishing procedures for panels and making definite decisions concerning the future of the round dance activity.







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First of all, don't assume anything about the caller if you don't know him. He may not even want to stay in a home, but would rather be in a motel, where he is free from any social obligations before or after the dance. Along these lines, however, if you are an officer of the club or in any way responsible for his welfare while he is in town. be sure that he is at least invited to a home, or given motel information if that seems advisable in his case. He needs to be made to feel welcomed. Sometimes a "no-host" or "dutch treat" dinner before the dance at a local restaurant is a nice gesture. A number of the club officers might be asked to attend this function.

If he accepts your invitation to come to your home, try to find out about what time he will arrive. Don't plan a lavish dinner party, because most callers do not wish to eat heavily before a dance, and don't plan on the kind of dinner that won't "keep" a half hour or so later than when he is due to arrive. Travel plans are not always constant. Be flexible.

If he comes early enough before dinner he may want to relax in the guest room. Offer him that chance. Don't feel obliged to fill his time with pleasant conversation. He may wish to shower and shave early. Give him a chance. Oh, yes, make sure he knows which towels are his — the ones that

look the cleanest, as he studies them to decide — may belong to Aunt Flossie, for all he knows.

When he takes off into the bathroom after dinner, remind him of the exact time it will be necessary to leave the house to get to the dance. Allow at least twenty minutes for equipment set-up time. Callers have been known to fall asleep in the tub or dilly dally without thinking about the distance from your home to the hall.

After the dance, if you invite friends back to the house, try to keep the party a short one. Chances are the caller will have some heavy driving to do the next day. Generally, the fewer guests you invite, the better things will work out. This party should not be programmed. (How would you all like to see the slides of our Hawaiian trip?" Invite one or two couples whom you know will have to leave fairly early to take the baby-sitter home.

Ask him when he wishes to be awakened the next morning, and give him a good breakfast for the "road." If you're a working wife, level with him and tell him what time it will be necessary to eat breakfast, and to all depart from the house. He'll cooperate.

Previous to his coming, in your correspondence, make sure he has written directions to your home, plus a marked city map and your phone number with ten digits. The name and phone number of another club officer can also be good "insurance."

A quick check of his room and the bathroom as he leaves won't hurt a bit, if you can discreetly work it out. You can spot a "foreign" object he's accidentally left with you (toothbrush, razor, belt, etc.) about one hundred times faster than he'll notice it.

Now it's time to say "so long", so give him new directions to start him off correctly toward his new destination. He really will appreciate all those little courtesies.





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25 YEARS AGO - OCTOBER 1948

Vacation Editor for this issue was Larrupin' Lou Harrington, while Managing Editor Frank Lyman was dancing at Monadnock School under Gene Gowing and Ralph Page and "chinning with Charley (Thomas), Editor-in-chief,

planning a better mag."

The Appalachian Circle dance was explained by Herman Silva, in much the same manner as an article written 10 years ago and reviewed in "Encore" this August. To refresh your memory, instead of a four couple square, the circle dance is executed either from a Grand Circle (as many couples as the hall can hold) or from a circle of four. The circle of four is constantly changing as couples move on to make new circles of four in which different figures are danced. (What a wonderful mixer this might be, combining a touch of history with the meeting of an entire hall of dancers on a level where everyone, beginner to old pro, could dance together comfortably.) Since the article is continued, we'll hear more of the Circle Dance next month.

In ,a report on the Shaw School, where 142 callers were enrolled from 23 states and Canada, Lou Harrington commented, "Several (dozen or more) callers call, everyone takes potshots at them on basis of (Lloyd) Shaw's discussion on the Principles of Good Calling made callers squirm and do some fast thinking. A good part of the program."

Jimmy Clossin was bothered by the August report on Alabama Rules on Square Dancing (see August "Encore" again), and he writes, "For many years square dance teachers tried to

keep liquor and square dancing separate and now churches, schools, service clubs and other fine community groups are helping us carry that idea on, and to have it openly go back into the taverns and juke joints is just too much."

10 YEARS AGO - OCTOBER 1963

Notice was given of the opportunity for square dance groups in all parts of the country to dance at the World's Fair at Flushing Meadow Park, N.Y., where square dnacing would be featured on stage of the outdoor amphitheater every Tuesday night during the summer. Al Brundage was director and coordinator.

Dick Leger of Rhode Island was the featured caller for this issue. His picture, complete with guitar, appeared on the cover, and his random thoughts on square and round dancing appeared in a featured article. Here are some of these thoughts greatly condensed. "I think square dancers should join only one club and give 100% support. They should feel free to visit any other clubs without obligation A club caller should not become just a 'hired hand' without any voice in the organization he is helping to build. He should appreciate constructive criticism I personally don't feel round and square dancing should be separated The importance of a federation of clubs. with a callers' association to balance it. cannot be stressed too much Thirty basics could be the foundation for the square dance movement. New ideas would be 'gimmicks' until popular enough to replace a lesser-used ba-

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SOCIOLOGY AND THE S/D SCENE BY Ted Wegener, Gardena, California

An American sociologist, W. I. Thomas, propounded that man has four universal desires. Thomas classified the four elemental desires as: (1) The wish for new experience. (2) The wish for security. (3) The wish for response. (4) The wish for recognition. A look at the effect these desires have on square

dancing might be helpful.

It is said that in order to fulfill the first if these wishes, we visit night clubs, hunt game in jungles, speed along the highways, attend sporting events, join square dance clubs. The ways of satisfying this need are infinite. Is it possible that the fulfillment of this need explains in a measure the proliferation of new square dance moves? In searching for a new experience do we go to visit other clubs? Could it explain the dismissal of the club caller in order to hire a new face? Is it possible that the larger than usual attendance at "party" and "anniversary" dance events could be explained by this need?

The second of these wishes (security) it would seem explains the popularity of the "club" in square dancing. Does not a club provide the "security blanket" we all need and are looking for? Is a club the "anchor" and the old familiar scene we all need to provide security both physical and psycho-

logical?

The third wish (response) certainly can be obtained in square dancing as we know it today. If we define response as affection, appreciation and sympathy, we certainly get all three in large amounts from our activity. Sympathy, when we "goof," and in begin-

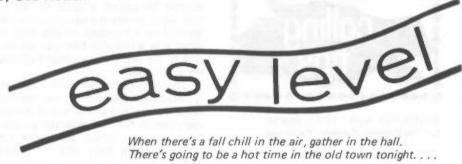
ners' class. Appreciation when we have danced (or called) a good tip. Affection when entering a square dance hall greeted by a hundred smiling faces or when you arrive and find you are needed to fill out a square that had only three couples.

The wish for recognition is certainly filled over and over in our activity. When we applaud at the end of the tip, everyone in the hall receives an overflow amount. When the caller has called a particularly difficult figure and all executed it properly, everyone lets out a yell of approval and all receive recognition including the caller. The knot of people at the door at the end of a good night's dancing are all patting each other on the back, and thanking the caller and the host club; at this moment, recognition reigns supreme!

If you wish to be a successful caller, it would seem that the "way to go" would be to: Give your dancers something new (new experience). Give them some old familiar figures and songs they can do easily (security). Genuinely like them, appreciate and thank them, and give them sympathy when they need it (response). Give them a pat on the back when they have worked hard, danced well, or just been a hapby bunch of people (recognition). All things in moderation, of course nothing will fall flatter than insincere flattery, false appreciation, unless it be an overwhelming number of new figures the dancers can't do.

-AND ANOTHER THOUGHT FROM HAROLD BAUSCH--

I've called for about 20 years, and to this day I still get a lift out of it when my dancers compliment me on a call — I feel that a caller should compliment his dancers too when they deserve it, and they do deserve it when they put up with us callers night after night. So here's to our wonderful dancers! We callers would be useless without them.



HOT TIME MIXER

From "Musical Mixer Fun" by Ray & Arvid Olson.

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FORMATION: Begin with couples in a circle facing center - lady on man's right.

It's an allemande left with the lady at the left

(As you return to pass partner by the right shoulder, throw both hands over head and yell "Hey")

Allemande right with the lady at the right

(Pass by partner and allemande right with the next lady. As you return to pass partner by the left shoulder, again throw hands up and shout "Hey")

Allemande left with the lady at the left

(Pass by partner and allemande left with original corner lady)

Swing your pretty partner 'round and 'round Let's all join hands and circle to the left Break that ring, swing your corner once around Promenade home with the girl you just swung There'll be a hot time in the old town tonight.



Carol Howard of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, sends this foot-stomper along. It is a Rumanian folk dance, a simple and delightful one night stand number. Some dancers call this the "count-down" dance, because in each succeeding part the step-count lessens: step five and stamp two, step three and stamp one, step one and stamp one...

ALUNELU

RECORD: Worldtone WT 10005

FORMATION: Circle dance without partners; arms on neighbors' shoulders.

- Part I 1-2 Traveling CCW, step R, cross L behind, step R, cross L behind, step R, and stamp L twice. Pause
 - 3-4 Do same action moving CW, starting with L, and stamping with B at end.
 - 5-8 Repeat action of 1-4
- Part 2 1-2 Traveling CCW, step R, cross L behind, step R, stamp L once.

 Do this moving CW, starting L, stamping with R.
 - 3-4 Repeat action of 1-2,
- Part 3 1-2 Step R, stamp L. Step L, stamp R. Step R, stamp L twice. Step L, stamp R. Step R, stamp L. Step L, stamp R twice.
 - 3-4 Repeat action of 1-2.





Our contra this month is one developed by Don Armstrong of Grand Cayman Island to be used in teaching the Cast Off. It is the same dance as one previously published, "Broken Sixpence", with the exception of the added Cast Off basic.

CASTING SIXPENCE CONTRA

RECORD: Broken Sixpence, Lloyd Shaw 155 Formation: 1-3-5 crossed over and active

Intro:	 Do-sa-do with the one below
	 Do-sa-do with the one below
	 Two men do-sa-do
	 Two little ladies do-sa-do
	 Active couples swing in the middle
	 Down the middle, two by two
	 Turn alone, come back
	 Cast off, circle four
	 Left hand star go back
	 Do-sa-do the one below.

From California comes another "goodie" using the Grand Square.

DIAMOND BAR QUADRILLE

by John Shallow, Diamond Bar, California

RECORD: Windsor 4951

SEQUENCE: Twice for heads and twice for sides

- --- 1 and 3 (2 and 4) right and left thru
- --- Same ladies chain you do
- ---2 and 4 (1 and 3) right and left thru
- --- Same ladies chain you do
- ---1 and 3 (2 and 4) right and left thru
- --- 2 and 4 (1 and 3) right and left thru
- --- Four couples promenade half the square
- --- Four ladies chain three-quarters round
- - Four ladies chain three-quarters round
- --- Sides (Heads) face, grand square
- Walk, two, three, turn, walk, two, three, turn Walk, two, three, turn, walk, two, three, reverse
- Walk, two, three, turn, walk, two, three, turn
- Walk, two, three, 1 and 3 (2and 4) right and left thru

ENDING: Substitute for last eight beats of grand square:

- --- All eight to the middle with a whoop and a holler
- --- Face your partner, do-sa-do
- --- Bow real low.



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by Ed Fraidenburg

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Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass thru, tag the line in Pass thru, tag the line in Right and left thru, roll away Pass thru, tag the line in Cross trail thru Left allemande.....

Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass thru, tag the line in Pass thru, tag the line out Bend the line, pass thru Tag the line, peel off Box the gnat, crosstrail thru Left allemande.....

Promenade, heads wheel around Right and left thru, square thru four Trade by, star thru, square thru four Trade by, square thru 3/4 Left allemande.....

Heads lead right and circle to a line Right and left thru and rollaway Star thru, trade by, star thru Roll away, star thru Trade by, square thru 3/4 Left allemande.....

Heads cross trail thru, Separate go round two to a line Pass thru, wheel and deal Square thru 34, pass thru

Trade by, star thru, wheel and deal Dive thru, pass thru Left allemande.....

Heads square thru four, centers in Cast off %, everybody circulate (Centers pass thru and ends trade) Cast off 3/4, everybody circulate Left allemande.....

Heads pass thru, cloverleaf Centers square thru four Cloverleaf, new centers square thru 1/4 Left allemande.....

Heads make a right hand star Come back by the left Pick up corner and star promenade Back out and make a ring Circle left, four girls square thru Centers in between the boys Cast off %, everybody circulate Cast off 34, everybody circulate Left allemande.....

Heads square thru four, pass thru Cloverleaf, centers square thru four Pass thru, cloverleaf Centers square thru four, slide thru Partner trade, left allemande.....

Heads spin the top, step thru Swing thru, men run Partner trade, crosstrail thru Left allemande.....

Heads pass thru go round one to a line Centers spin the top Outsides square thru four On the outside track, centers pass thru Centers in, all cast off 3/4 Pass thru, U turn back Centers spin the top Others square thru four On the outside track, centers pass thru Centers in, all cast off 3/4 Star thru, California twirl Substitute and pass thru Left allemande.....

Head ladies chain right All four ladies chain across Heads right and left thru Pass thru, round one to a line Centers spin the top Others square thru four On the outside track, centers step thru Centers in, cast off 3/4 Left allemande.....

Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass thru, ends trade, centers turn back All star thru, double pass thru Centers in, cast off 3/4 Pass thru, ends trade, centers turn back Cross trail thru, left allemande......

Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass thru, centers trade, ends turn back All star thru, cloverleaf Double pass thru, first couple left Next right, pass thru, bend the line Right and left thru, flutter wheel Left allemande.....

Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass thru, wheel and deal Centers square thru 3/4 Left swing thru, men turn back Couples circulate, bend the line Left allemande.....

Heads square thru four, turn thru Centers pass thru, cloverleaf Centers pass thru, swing thru Right and left thru, star thru, pass thru Wheel and deal, substitute Centers square thru 3/4 Left allemande.....

Head ladies chain Same couples Dixie chain Lady go left and gent go right Around one to a line Right and left thru, two ladies chain Same couples Dixie chain Girls turn back, swing thru All eight circulate, centers trade Men run, right and left thru Pass thru, wheel and deal Centers star thru, other two lead right Left allemande.....

Heads square thru four, slide thru

Spin the top, men run Wheel and deal, spin the top Turn thru, men run, swing thru

Ends circulate, girls run Box the gnat, right and left thru Square thru four, trade by, pass thru Left allemande.....

Heads square thru four Spin the top, turn thru Men trade, all eight circulate Men trade, pass thru Wheel and deal, square thru 1/4 Left allemande.....

Heads square thru four Spin the top, turn thru Girls trade, swing thru Spin the top, four men swing thru Girls trade, all pass thru Girls cross fold, star thru Substitute, bend the line Left allemande.....

Heads lead right and circle to a line Spin the top, turn thru Centers left turn thru Centers in, cast off 34 Spin the top, turn thru Centers left turn thru Centers in, cast off 3/4 Left allemande.....

Heads square thru four Star thru, pass thru Wheel and deal, centers turn thru Split two round one to a line Pass thru, wheel and deal Centers turn thru Split two round one to a line Square thru 3/4 Left allemande.....



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23RD NATIONAL

CONVENTION

by Pat Toudouze

In a recent interview in their home, John and Vivian McCannon discussed the forthcoming 23rd National Square Dance Convention to be held in San Antonio, Texas.

Q: John and Vivian, what are your personal philosophies concerning the 23rd National?

John: In certain respects, I regard it as a giant-sized family reunion, enabling us to renew old acquaintances and greet new friends.

Vivian: Yes, and living up to our tradition of Southern hospitality, all of Texas and San Antonians in particular are looking forward to being hosts in the true sense of the word and hope to show all of our guests a memorable time.

Q: And what do you consider as the purpose in holding a convention?

John: To get square dancers from all over together with friendship and fellowship in dancing.

Vivian: Enjoyment is the key word, of course, but there is much more to be shared through educational panels, seminars and clinics. The Sew-and-Save panel is one of my favorites.

John: Panels are set up to be conducted during periods of no dancing but also simultaneously with dancing in the afternoon. Due to the popularity of camping and recreational vehicles, a new seminar on that subject is being added.

Q: Will you tell us some of the advantages for those attending?

John: One of the outstanding features is that all activities are to be held under one roof. Located on the grounds of the 1968 Hemisfair, the Convention Center boasts a superb air conditioning system and several of the rooms have good wooden floors. We will make full use of all the facilities. In addition to continuous dancing of all types and levels in the many different rooms, commercial booths displaying all manner of square and round dance paraphernalia are conveniently located, and separate meeting rooms are provided for the panels.

Vivian: The theatre seats 2,800 for the presentation of style shows and smaller exhibitions. The arena itself will accomodate workshops and all the evening sessions. When Jim Hilton recently conducted a study of sound in all the areas,

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Square dancing has come a long way in the eyes of the 23rd National S/D Convention chairman and his wife, John and Vivian McCannon. "Chase the rabbit, chase the squirrel, chase the pretty girl around the world" was a familiar phrase when Vivian grew up in northern Illinois. Attending barn dances in a loft with her folks, she learned to dance to live music. Lessons weren't necessary then. One just got pulled through somehow.

John and Vivian were married, John joined the Air Force, and traveling around the country for Uncle Sam was their way of life. Four sons were born and raised. When they were assigned to ROTC duty at Texas A&M, the McCannons were again brought face to face with square dancing and Manning Smith.

The McCannons settled down in San Antonio upon retirement from the Air Force. The house they bought was across the street from MacArthur Park, and they heard the familiar calling of square dances in the pavilions. One night they ventured across the street. The folks were friendly and invited them to join in. They graduated from lessons on May 7, 1964. They visited other clubs and helped with classes. Before long John became president of the club and interested in the San An-

tonio Association.

John served as second vice president and president of the Association. In 1966, John and Vivian decided to spend their vacation at the State Festival in El Paso. They haven't missed a state festival since. In the following years they were elected to four officerships in the Texas State Federation of Square and Round Dancers.

While serving as first vice president. they had a dream of hosting the National Convention in San Antonio. The Hemisfair facilities were available. The Texans traveled to Seattle, Washington, for the convention there and carried brochures and literature. At the convention in Louisville, the Texas delegation bid, with pistols and warrants ordering the National Executive Committee to appear at the Convention in San Antonio in '74. Texas was the first organization to be awarded a bid four years in advance. Since then the McCannons have attended conventions and meetings to learn all they could about making the '74 convention a great success.

Little did they know when they walked across the street to see the "Shindig in the Park" that they would be helping to stage the nation's largest "Shindig in the Park" in 1974!

he remarked that he had never heard a better built-in sound system.

John: Don't forget that we will literally be dancing in the street and do-sadoing by the Alamo all three nights. In fact, "A Big Texas Howdy" will be given at the borders with trail dances Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Q: How many are you expecting to attend?

John: After Salt Lake, there were a record-setting 2770 preregistered with hotel/motel reservations confirmed at that time. We are anticipating 20 to 25 thousand from the United States and foreign countries, including 60 dancers from Japan. To help us keep up with massive amounts of paperwork involved, we are utilizing the modern technology of a computer, and all registrations and housing arrangements will be computerized. Much benefit can be derived from the use of a computer, as it will be able to sort all the information we feed into it, and give it back to us as needed.

Vivian: It is really amazing. It is capable of assigning housing, compiling statistics, etc. For instance, we would be able to know jow many teens are registered or just push a button and get a breakdown of dancers in attendance from each state.

John: One of the greatest aids is in preparing the callers' program. Much effort is being expended to insure fair and equitable scheduling of all callers.

Q. How are plans progressing?

Vivian: Very well, indeed. All committees are busily occupied with individual projects and we hold regular meetings to coordinate their efforts. We have a fine dedicated bunch of workers, some traveling great distances to attend.

John: Besides square and round dancing, other activities are offered — such as a shopping trip to nearby Old Mexico. San Antonio itself has many sight-seeing attractions, not the least of which is the San Antonio River, which inspired Will Rogers to declare San Antonio "One of America's Four Unique Cities."

Vivian: There is even a water taxi which takes a tour along the Paseo Del Rio and will permit visitors to disembark right at the door of the convention center.

Q: Have you encountered any problems?

John: During the past five square dance conventions, we have had ample opportunity to observe those organizations conducting the Nationals. Many things that we have learned, we want to put in practice. One common complaint seems to be that many dancers want to be housed in a new, modern hotel across the street from the convention center. Campers also expect unlimited spaces for recreational vehicles with full hookups within easy walking distance. Although San Antonio has great facilities, including hotels right across the street and almost unlimited camping space, these desires cannot be filled 100%. All available housing that the hotels and motels will commit has been reserved for our housing committee to assign since June of 1970. This assignment is being made on a first-registered, first-assigned basis. As for campers, we are lucky to have reserved the Joe Freeman Coliseum, which is enclosed with a six-foot chain link fence for security. There are plenty of rest room and shower facilities, level parking area. some electricity and water, dump stations and snack area. This is located close to the Convention Center and free bus transportation will be provided. All in all, we are prepared to look after the pleasure and convenience of all dancers. On the back of the registration form is a lovely Spanish phrase that sums it all up very nicely: "Mi casa es su casa" - "My house is your house." Vivian: Come and enjoy! San Antonio will open its arms to you!











When a club has a professional magician for its caller, spectacular things often develop, such as mystery trips to strange places and ventriloquist calling stunts from the stage. Here is an account of one of the club's prestigious prestidigitatious occasions:

On Thursday evening, April 26, two chartered buses loaded with western square dancers left Geneva, N.Y. on a "mystery ride." The dancers were all members of the "Magic Squares" western square dance club of Canandaigua. The thirty-five couples had no idea where the buses were taking them, only that their caller and his wife, Bob and June Ellis, had arranged for them to dance with another club.

After much speculation, riding south for an hour and fifteen minutes, the passengers realized that they were pulling into Savona, N.Y. They unloaded in front of the Savona Central School. Finding their way into the gymnasium, they discovered a square dance in progress. Jean Alve, of Spencer, N.Y. was calling for the assembled dancers to "square it up." Everyone joined in, but mystery still prevailed. There is no square dance club in Savona, so where were all these dancers from? Jean Alve introduced the Penny Promenaders of Athens, Pa., and the Soaring Twirlers of Horseheads, N.Y. Mrs. Alve is club caller for both clubs.

As the first dance was drawing to a close, the dancers realized that Jean Alve's voice had "changed." It was the Magic Squares club caller, Bob Ellis, who was thought to be calling elsewhere and not able to go on the mystery ride. Also on the calling roster was Lynn Brotzman, who also calls for the Penny Promenaders.

Everything fell into place as it was revealed that the Pennsylvania dancers were also on a mystery ride and had ridden north for about an hour and fifteen minutes. The Soaring Twirlers had been invited to come along and join in the car caravan that followed the bus from Pennsylvania.

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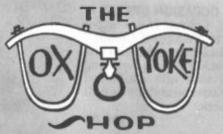
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Each year, the Northern New Jersey Square Dance Association sponsors a contest for the best poster design, submitted by dancers and selected by the judges. This year, the winning entry came from Gail Tirrell, daughter of Peg and Doc Tirrell, editors of Grand Square, and long-time square and round dance enthusiasts.

In order to utilize the posters most effectively, this year they printed 1000 and distributed them to each of 30 member clubs, plus other interested groups (teen groups, 4-H, non-Association-member clubs, etc) They are filled in by the groups, and displayed where potential "new dancers" will be exposed to them.

To further publicize the activity, Governors William Cahill and Nelson Rockefeller proclaimed the week of September 17 to 23 as Square Dance Week in their respective states.



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I overheard a square dance caller talking about people who were hard to please, but here's one who beats them all. A woman found it impossible to please her husband. One day when he came home for lunch she asked him what he would like. The husband asked for two eggs, one fried and one scrambled. While he was eating his wife asked him if his eggs were all right and he said, "No, you scrambled the wrong one."

Since my wife Mary, who hails from Missouri and was born in Flat River about 60 miles south of St. Louis, found out that challenge dancing is growing in her home state, she has been quite elated. We were both extremely pleased to receive the following bit of news concerning the St. Louis area from Ina Boesch of St. Louis:

Challenge dancing is definitely moving west. It came to St. Louis four years ago, slipping across the Mississippi river with Jack Lasry, when he came to call the Federation Spring Festival, and the following Sunday called to Bern Aubuchon's advanced workshop. From this start, our group has grown steadily.

We are very much indebted to St. Louis area callers who have advanced workshops: Bern Aubuchon, Sparky Sparks and Bob Vinyard. We are also indebted to tapes of various challenge callers from other areas, including the two couple tapes which were a tremendous help, since it is easier for two couples living in the same area to work together.

Some couples have ventured out to dances at Indianapolis, Dayton, Pitts-

burgh and Cleveland. Seven couples attended the National Challenge Convention at Niagara Falls this year. Until April, it was necessary to travel 250 to 600 miles to a dance. At this time, Ed Foote called our first challenge weekend. We were on our way. He did a repeat in July. In August, Lee Kopman called for us and we had Keith Gulley call, too. These dances were made possible by the help of visiting couples from Evansville, Indiana; Peoria, Illinois; Kansas City, Missouri; Houston, Texas; Chicago, Illinois; Dayton and Cincinnati, Ohio.

As of August, we are an organized challenge club known as the Easy Riders with 12 couple charter members (including two callers) with the purpose of promoting challenge dancing. We have several tape groups on various nights. Each member is assessed equal amounts of dues periodically according to the needs to function. Bob Vinyard will be calling club dances and plans are for three or more traveling challenge callers per year. All members attend one or more of the advanced workshops per week. From these we hope to add to the club.

The Easy Riders of St. Louis are happy to be the gateway to the challenge dance western movement.

And the following comes to us from Canada:

One of the newest challenge groups is the Eager Beavers in Frederickton, New Brunswick, which is northeast of Maine.

The group, consisting of six couples, had workshopped tapes off and on for several years, and in the fall of 1972, four couples decided to visit the two-day International Festival in Syracuse, New York (1600 miles round trip) because advanced dancing was listed as part of the program and they wished to see if they could do it.

They found they could handle a fair amount of material and returned home very enthusiastic about learning more. Throughout the winter they worked tapes twice a week and by May were dancing at a challenge level. They brought in a challenge caller from the U.S. to call for them and subsequently traveled to Boston (1000 miles round trip) for a weekend of challenge dancing. Four couples of the group attended the advanced level week at Cherry Ridge Campground in Pennsylvania in July.

The rise of this group from a modest level to being able to handle good challenge material in seven months without benefit of any help other than tapes is a remarkable success story. The willingness to travel long distances to get the type of dancing they enjoy, and their dedication to working tapes at home, indicate the enthusiasm this group has for challenge dancing.

Lastly, let me report that ten squares from Missouri, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, Maryland,

Virginia, Massachusetts, and Canada had a very enjoyable challenge dance at the "Pittsburgh Weekend" in August. Lee Kopman and Jim Davis were the featured callers.

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FEEDBACK

Congratulations on the enlarged magazine—a great job. Keep up the good work!

Two comments on your August issue. First is a minor complaint. On page 28, you listed "Alabama Jubilee Mixer" but did not show record identification, which is Grenn 15017.

The article on p. 13 about "Teaching The Blind" is most interesting and useful. In this connection I recommend our "Family Squares" LP 43-001 by Paul Moore for all people interested in teaching dancing to the blind. Routines on this LP are all armturns and are the results of Paul Moore's years of experience with blind people. Arm turns keep blind people in contact with each other--they must maintain continous hand touch, or they get lost.

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Raeman C. Jack, Stoneboro, Pennsylvania, who composed the philosophy quoted above, died August 9, 1973. Raeman was well-known as a panelist at recent national conventions, and he and his wife edited an area bulletin. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Irene, and their son.

Frank Mayerske, caller from Cleveland, Ohio, died September 6, 1973. He will be missed by the many area dancers for whom he called in his twenty-plus years in the activity.

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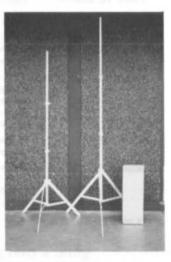
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CHOREOGRAPHY

This month's new idea of Flip Back has been under exploratory analysis since last June. One of the problems encountered was the teaching procedure: how to make it as simple and understandable as possible. Besides the author's original explanation of how to do it, several other methods were suggested. Chuck Peel of Angola, Indiana, came up with a method he uses to teach Flip Back and it is certainly well worth passing on to others, i.e., Cast ¼, split circulate and scootback.

Basically, Flip Back like a scootback is a four people traffic pattern, even though it may be called when dancers are in parallel ocean waves. In Figure 5, the head couples swing thru, which puts the girls on the ends, boys in center. A cast ¼ sets up a "box" circulate pattern of four people with the girls facing in and the boys facing out. At this point, a "box" circulate of one

position puts the girls across to face out while boys now face in taking the girls' old positions. A scootback finds boys going in to turn thru while girls fold into their spots, to allow the boys to come back and join them and to face out. The command following the Flip Back traffic pattern is "Boys run. pass thru," which all together equal a square thru. Now the process is repeated with the side couples, i.e., "Swing thru, Flip back and boys run." All men are now with their corners but out of sequence, so a right and left allemande straightens out the situation into a right and left grand with partner, Clear as mud? Don't be concerned, the caller will put across the idea one way or another, so that you can enjoy a nice new idea, Flip back.

There are many interesting choreography principles suggested to make it easier to keep track of where the dancers are during and after each command. One of these methods is called the "mirror image" principle. This is quite applicable, but not infallible as your editor finds out from time to time. For example, here are two strong

arguments for "mirror"-ography with figures:

Head couples box the gnat, pass thru Both turn right (or left) around two Line up four, cross trail thru Left allemande......

Head couples half sashay Pass thru, both turn right (or left) Single file around two, line of four (1P2P or 4P1P line)

Left allemande.....

This "mirror image" idea has one little twist to it that is usually overlooked. There must be a set-up in most cases, i.e., the box the gnat or the half sashay or whatever depending upon the situation.

Example of NO set-up:
Head couples pass thru
Both turn right around two
Line up four (girls on the ends)

Head couples pass thru
Both turn left around two
Line up four (boys on the ends)

There is one system that does work every time — that is hard work and practice.



ART SHEPHERD, Christchurch, New Zealand: Please verify that curlique is an opposite sex movement (1), i.e. two men cannot curlique? (2) If they cannot, does box the gnat and cast off ¾ equal a curlique? (3) It seems that curlique always with a right hand, limits its possibilities. Couldn't we use swat the flea and cast off ¾? (4)

EDITOR'S NOTE: (1) Yes, Art, curlique, like star thru, is a boy/girl type movement. The lady uses a right hand

and left % turn-under movement to end in an opposite facing direction from the man's. (2) When two men meet to curlique, which one is the girl? Or when two ladies meet, which one is the man? One could equate a two man curlique by using slide thru, but a two lady slide thru would equal a left curlique.

Box the gnat and cast off % (3) does not equal a curlique. One cannot box the gnat with the same sex for the same reasons as the curlique (who goes under? Also a box the gnat ends by dropping hands, and not shoulder to shoulder which is the only way one can cast off properly. Swat the flea (4) and cast off is taboo for the same reason. We do have a left curlique which is used very little but is technically correct.

Instead of a curlique, one could use "pass thru and quarter right." Also suggested has been "¼ Que" and more recently, "slide across" and "left slide across." There have been disadvantages to both terms which seemed to stifle their usefulness.

SUGGESTION: We have star thru, and slide thru, how about "Q-thru" to mean pass thru and ¼ right?

EXAMPLES:

Head couples box the gnat Q-thu, boys run, square thru ¾ Left allemande......

Head couples box the gnat Q-thru, girls run Q-thru, swing thru Boys run, star thru Pass to the center and pass thru Left allemande......

Years ago, the term Q-thru was used to mean just about the same thing as a curlique using hands. This is a no hand movement. A left Q-thru would mean to pass by left shoulders, and ¼ left to equal a left curlique without using hands. This would aid in equalizing a left curlique from a left-hand ocean wave situation.

EXAMPLE:

Promenade, head couples wheel around Ladies lead Dixie style to wave Balance, all-8 circulate
Left Q-thru, boys run left
Q-thru, boys run, pass to center
Right and left thru, swing thru,
Turn thru, left allemande......

SEVERAL SOURCES: Were you personally satisfied with the Legacy meeting results?

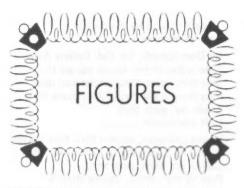
EDITOR'S NOTE: Let's say it was a good start! Many of us in attendance who were interested in standardization were side-tracked into other areas of less interest, but which also needed defining so I guess the purpose was served. My next question is when do we get into this area of general contention - another two years? Square dancing is the only recreation enjoyed by so many which has such vague basic rules of the "game" to follow. On the other hand, maybe that's why it has been appealing, but also why it has so many drop-outs? The recommendation has been to standardize through an educational program of callers, teachers and leaders and published through the media. When do we start?



FLIP BACK

From parallel ocean waves, the ends trade and bend while the centers follow the ends single file but turn thru when they meet to go back out to the waiting ends and re-form the waves. Right hand waves remain right hand waves but at right angles to starting position, i.e., from head position to side position and vice versa.

EXAMPLES by Will Orlich: Heads square thru four hands Do-sa-do to ocean wave FLIP BACK, boys run Partner trade, pass thru Wheel and deal, centers pass thru Left allemande..... Heads square thru four hands Swing thru, FLIP BACK Boys run, slide thru (box 1-4) Left allemande..... Heads lead right circle to a line Spin the top, FLIP BACK Boys run, cross trail thru Left allemande..... Heads lead right circle to a line Pass thru, boys run, FLIP BACK Swing thru, FLIP BACK FLIP BACK again, boys run Cast off ¾ around Pass thru, partner tag Left allemande..... Head couples swing thru, FLIP BACK Boys run, pass thru (= square thru) Swing thru, FLIP BACK Boys run, go right and Left allemande..... Head couples do-sa-do to ocean wave FLIP BACK, boys run Circle four to a line (1P2P) Star thru, spin the top, FLIP BACK All-8-circulate, boys run Trade by to left allemande..... Head couples swing thru, FLIP BACK Boys run, sweep ¼ (= ladies chain) Star thru and pass thru Circle four to a line (1P2P) Swing thru, FLIP BACK All-8 circulate, girls run Swing thru, FLIP BACK All-8 circulate, boys run Star thru, pass to the center Square thru % to left allemande...... Head ladies Dixie style to ocean wave Balance, FLIP BACK, boys run Box the gnat (= right and left thru) Half square thru, flutter wheel Sweep a quarter, ladies lead Dixie style to ocean wave, balance FLIP BACK, boys run, star thru Trade by, pass to center, pass thru Left allemande......



ZERO FLUTTER Facing couples or lines:

Crosstrail thru, U-turn back Reverse the flutter Then flutter wheel.....

Heads lead right circle to a line Pass thru, cast right % Centers trade and cast off % Reverse the flutter Left allemande......

Head gents take corner forward and back

by Jack Lasry, Miami, Florida
Heads swing thru, box the gnat
Curlique, boys run, circle to a line
Pass thru, wheel and deal
Double pass thru, peel off
Pass thru, wheel and deal
Double pass thru, boys roll right

To a wave, scoot back, curlique
Girls trade, boys circulate, swing thru
Boys run, half tag the line right
Pass thru, grand right and left.........
Heads swing thru, boys run
Bend the line, curlique
Girls run, star thru
Circle to a line, pass thru
Wheel and deal, double pass thru
Leads roll right to a wave, scoot back
Swing thru, boys run, pass thru
Partner tag, left allemande..........

Heads lead right circle to a line
Centers box the gnat, right and left thru
Square thru five, ends pass thru
On to the next, star thru
Do-sa-do to an ocean wave
All eight circulate double
Box the gnat, hold on
Grand right and left............

Heads rollaway half sashay
Lead to the right, circle four
Ladies break to a line, pass thru
Wheel and deal, centers square thru four
Others divide and star thru
Centers in, cast off ¾, pass thru
Tag the line, cloverleaf
Centers swing thru, boys run right
Tag the line, lady left, gent right
Left allemande............

Heads square thru four hands
Circle four, break to a line
Square thru four,
Centers square thru ¾
Others partner trade
Do-sa-do to a wave, all-8 circulate
Swing thru, boys trade, spin the top
Right and left thru, half square thru
Trade by, left allemande............

by Willard Orlich, Bradenton, Florida
INTRODUCTION

Bow to your partner, spin the top To the same one, catch-all-8 Right hand half, back with the left Spin the top, to the same one catch-all-8 Left hand half, back with right, Right and left grand.......

FOLD RIGHT

Head couples square thru four hands
Dive thru, double star thru
Fan the top and step thru
Bend the line, swing thru
Boys fold right, ladies trade
Star thru, centers pass thru
Star thru, wheel and deal
California twirl, centers pass thru
Left allemande............

FOLD LEFT

Head couples swing sashay
Lead to the right and circle four
Ladies break and line up four
Swing thru, girls fold right
Boys trade, wheel and deal
Face your partner, swing thru
Boys trade, girls trade, boys fold left
Girls trade, centers trade, centers run
Left allemande............

SINGLE CIRCULATE

Head couples star thru, all double pass thru

Boys run, all-8-circulate, cast off ¾

Step thru, wheel and deal

Centers box the gnat, all double pass thru

Girls run, all-8-circulate, cast off ¾

Step thru, wheel and deal

Step thru, wheel and deal Centers box the gnat, all Dixie grand Right, left, right, left allemande........

ROLLING STONES

Heads lead right circle to a line
Pass thru, wheel and deal
Double pass thru, centers out
Ends roll in half sashay, cast in %
Centers fold, pass to the center
Box the gnat, double pass thru
Centers out, ends roll in, half sashay
Cast in %, centers fold, pass to center
Box the gnat, swing thru, turn thru
Left allemande..........

CROSSED WIRES

Heads square thru four hands, dive thru Crosstrail thru, centers out Centers run, wheel and deal Substitute, crosstrail thru, centers out Centers run, wheel and deal Substitute, cross trail thru, centers out Centers run, wheel and deal Centers run, wheel and deal

Square thru % to the corner Left allemande.....

by Don Schadt, So. Cal. Callers Assn. Side ladies chain, heads square thru Star thru, pass thru, wheel and deal Pass thru, slide thru, half square thru Trade by, slide thru

Heads rollaway, square thru four hands Pass thru, face your partner, star thru California twirl, pass thru, Pass to the center, square thru ¾ Left allemande.............

Sides pass thru, separate round two
To a line, star thru, trade by
Right and left thru, dive thru, pass thru
Left allemande......

Four ladies chain, sides pass thru
Separate round two to a line
Star thru, trade by
Pass to the center, square thru ¾
Left allemande...........

Promenade.....

Heads wheel around, pass thru
Rollaway, bend the line, star thru
Trade by, star thru, pass thru
Rollaway, bend the line
Star thru, pass thru, centers in
Cast off ¾, star thru, right and left thru
Pass thru, star thru, swing and deal
Cross trail thru
Left allemande............

by John Fogg, So. Cal. Callers Assn.
Heads square thru, right and left thru
Two ladies chain, flutter wheel
Circle four one full turn,
Slide out to a two faced line
Wheel and deal, right and left thru
Left allemande............

Head ladies chain, heads pass thru Round one to a line Ends only, star thru, pass thru Round one, come into the middle Slide thru, flutter wheel Circle four one full turn Slide out to a two-faced line Wheel and deal, right and left thru Left allemande...........

by Jack Lasry, Miami, Florida Heads pass thru, around one to a line Pass thru, tag the line, cloverleaf Centers square thru 3/4 Left allemande..... Heads cross trail around two Hook on the end of a line Pass thru, tag the line, cloverleaf Substitute, pass thru Left allemande..... Heads rollaway half sashay Square thru four, split two Around one to a line, pass thru Wheel and deal, girls square thru 34 Centers in, cast off 3/4 Boys fold behind that girl, girls lead Dixie style to an ocean wave Eight circulate, cast off % Left allemande..... Heads spin the top, boys run Bend the line, square thru four Circle to a line, pass thru Wheel and deal Outsides squeeze in, Centers square thru four Ends star thru, swing thru Spin the top to an eight hand wave Grand swing thru, boys trade Boys run, bend the line, dive thru Square thru 3/4 Left allemande..... No. 1 couple face your corner Box the gnat, new heads crosstrail Around one to a line, pass thru Tag the line, girls left, boys right Those who can, pass thru Others partner trade Bend the line, star thru Lead couple California twirl

Around one to a line, pass thru
Tag the line, girls left, boys right
Those who can, pass thru
Others partner trade
Bend the line, star thru
Lead couple California twirl
Swing thru, boys run, bend the line
Pass thru, bend the line
Couples 1 and 2 right and left thru
All barge thru, left allemande.......
Heads rollaway half sashay
Lead right circle four
Ladies break to a line
Pass thru, tag the line, cloverleaf
Boys square thru ¼
Centers in, cast off ¾
Girls run, pass thru, tag the line
Cloverleaf, girls pass thru, star thru

Left allemande......by Darrell Hedgecock, So. Calif. Callers Heads half square thru With the sides half square thru

Bend the line, crosstrail

Bend the line, ends only star thru Centers box the gnat, change hands Left square thru two hands Left allemande..... Head ladies chain, same ladies rollaway Half square thru, swing thru Tag the line, cloverleaf. Left allemande..... Sides partner trade Head ladies rollaway Heads star thru, peel off Bend the line, pass thru, cast off 34 Ends slide thru Left allemande..... Sides pass thru, head ladies rollaway Heads star thru, peel off Bend the line, pass thru Cast off %, ends star thru Centers cross trail Left allemande Head ladies rollaway, heads swing thru Girls trade, girls run right Wheel and deal, heads square thru two Swing thru, tag the line, cloverleaf Left allemande..... by Will Orlich, Bradenton, Florida FIGHT CHAIN THREE SET-UPS Head couples star thru, pass thru Eight-chain-three, centers left turn thru Centers in, cast off ¾ around Star thru, left allemande..... Head couples square thru to outside two Eight-chain-three, clover and spin the top Step thru, do-sa-do the outside two Crosstrail thru, U-turn back Eight-chain-three, clover and spin the top Step thru, do-sa-do the outside two Box the gnat, pass to the center Square thru 3/4 to left allemande.. Heads lead right, circle to a line Star thru, eight-chain-three Boys run, girls lead a peel off Bend the line, star thru Eight-chain-three, boys run Girls lead a peel off, bend the line Star thru, swing thru double Pass thru, left allemande..... Heads pass thru, separate around one In the middle California twirl Turn thru, partner trade

Eight-chain-three, girls run

All-8-circulate two positions

Boys lead a peel off, wheel and deal Eight-chain-three, girls run All-8-circulate two positions Boys lead a peel off, U-turn back Wheel and deal, dive thru Square thru % to the corner Left allemande............

Heads spin the top, turn thru
Circle to a line, right and left thru
Rollaway half sashay, pass thru
Ends move on and star thru
Centers in, cast off %
Star thru, double pass thru
Lead two California twirl
Star thru, cross trail
Left allemande..........

Heads spin the top, boys run
Bend the line, square thru four
Circle four, head men break to a line
Pass thru, ends trade, centers run
Centers square thru four, ends slide thru
Swing thru, spin chain thru
Boys circulate double, spin the top
Boys run, bend the line
Dive thru, square thru ³/₄
Left allemande...........

Heads pass thru, separate around one To a line, square thru four Outsides cloverleaf, centers star thru Left allemande......

Heads lead right, circle to a line
Pass thru, wheel and deal and ¼ more
Round off, double pass thru
Centers in, cast off ¾
Right and left thru, rollaway half sashay
Star thru, partner trade
Star thru, crosstrail

Left allemande.....

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The Hillsborough Square Dance Club has indeed been spoilt this year with the visit of so many " stars " from the square dance world. Earlier this year we were visited by Don Armstrong, Wally Schultz and then later Johnny Leclair. On each occasion these callers were accompanied by touring dancers. A few nights ago our Club was host to one of the " stars " of the round dance world, the couple Frank and Phil Lenhert from Toledo, Ohio. They were accompanied by a group of square dancers and enjoyable evening of fun. fellowship, square dancing and round dancing with twenty-four sets of dancers on the floor made their visit an unforgettable one. During the evening Frank and Phil demonstrated several round dances as well as teaching a new round dance and a new mixer to the Club.

During their two days stay in Auckland the visitors were hosted by Club members who took them on numerous sight seeing excursions, into their homes and showed them some of the New Zealand way of life. Many tales will be told, not only by our American quests, but by the Aucklanders in the months ahead as we think back on this most successful visit of this group of fine folk. One personal experience I shall never forget was allowing Frank Lenhert to drive my car on the left hand side of the road. (we are the same in New Zealand as in England), in busy traffic trying to remember how to handle a manual

gear shift, wondering which were the brake peddles and the accelerator peddles and at the same time trying to listen to the advice of two terrified wives sitting in the back seat!!! Such is the fellowship to be found in the world of square dancing and round dancing.

May I, through the pages of American Square Dance, take this opportunity of extending to any readers who are likely to be visiting Auckland, New Zealand, an open welcome to have fellowship with our Club and with our dancers, because such fellowship is priceless and to be treasured. For reference may I suggest you make a note of my name and address and where possible drop me a short note in advance so that our Club will not be caught unprepared. We would not wish to miss an opportunity to have square dancing and round dancing fellowship with any of our fine friends across the sea.

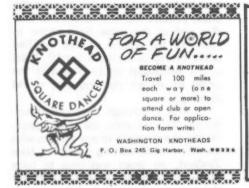
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JEKYLL ISLAND JAMBOREE

The ninth Jamboree started with a Grand March led by Governor Jimmie Carter, Vivian Bennett, Rod Blaylock and Mrs. Carter, and Mr. and Mrs. Mac McDonald, president of the Georgia State S/D Association. Rod Blaylock and Bob Bennett along with many attending callers led the dance sessions, while Audie and Clare Lowe directed the round dance program.

The afterparties during this weekend, August 17 to 19, featured clogging by Terry and Debbie Bennett, Charleston by Janice Lowe, an enlarging machine routine by Bob and Debbie Bennett, a professional guitarist, Jerry Armstrong, and country music picking by Tony Bullington and son, Bobby Hollis and Bob Bennett.

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ANOTHER WORD ABOUT LEGACY

We hope our readers have been interested in the reports of the Cleveland Legacy meetings which have appeared in both our August and September issues (and provided the theme for both magazine covers). We again urge you to send your reactions and concerns to us. so that these can be incorporated into plans for LEGACY - '75. We apologize that the names of participants, overprinted on the photo in the center of the August issue, were barely readable. We will send a clear list to anyone who requests it. Those not shown, and also not listed, were Bob and Shirley Wickers, and Louis Calhoun, In forthcoming issues, other Legacy "gems" will be shared. Thanks also to Hal Simmons of Cleveland for the line art, top half, August issue cover.

11TH REUNION- OVERSEAS DANCERS

The reunion, held at the Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas, Aug. 9-11, under the guidance of Cal and Sharon Golden, was attended by 199 overseas dancers and 44 guests from the Tri-Lake Swingers of Hot Springs. States represented were Colorado, Texas, Florida, New Jersey, New Mexico, Iowa, Kansas, Arizona, Michigan, Virginia, Ohio, Maryland, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Alabama, Missouri, Georgia, Illinois, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, and Nevada, together with five dancers from Canada. Overseas locations represented were Germany, Turkey, England, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Cuba, Spain, Viet Nam, Alaska, Panama, Japan, France, Holland and the Philippines.

Twenty-three callers and three round dance instructors kept the dancing going. The weekend will be remem-



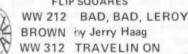
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The 1974 reunion will be held in Oberlin, Ohio.

Fran & Steve Stephens

Shown in the photo are members of one of Cal Golden's very successful Callers Colleges conducted last summer. All three colleges will be held next summer in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Those seeking information may write to the address in Cal's ad, Page 79. Pictured are Don & Sally Banks, Oklahoma; David & Carrie Beil, Kentucky; Gregory Keener & father & sister, Indiana; James & Arlene McAlmant, Illinois; Steve McDonald, Arkansas; R.F. & Clara McGouirk, Alabama; Mark Turpin & parents Glenn & Tommie, Arkansas; Bob & Liz Wilson, Illinois; John & Bobbie Bresnan, Alabama; John & Marie Lenart, Ontario, Canada; Don Harth & family, Indiana; Murel & Almedia Partee, Arkansas; Harry & Doris Lind, Wisconsin; Ed & Wilma Hawkins, Georgia; John Meyers, Arkansas; Rod & Martha Williams, Indiana; James & Mamie Dunn, Oklahoma; Ed & Laverne Flaherty, Kentucky; Sandy & Gene Heimark, California; Bill & Jean Huffman, Ohio. Instructors were: Guy & Mildred Wilkinson (Hosts), Arkansas; Cal & Sharon Golden, Arkansas; Stan Burdick, Ohio; Jim Hilton, California.



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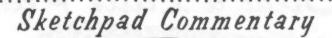
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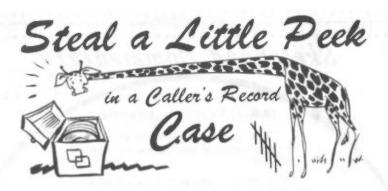


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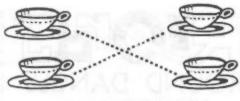


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Caller: Nate Bliss

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RAMBLIN' ROSE, Windsor 5021 Caller: Mary Lindner

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BRING IT HOME TO YOUR WOMAN, Hat 207; Caller: John Smith

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LOOKIN' HIGH AND LOW FOR BABY, Top 25285; Caller: George Peterson

Heads promenade half way, lead right and circle to a line, up and back, pass thru, bend the line, flutter wheel, sweep a quarter, pass thru, swing the corner, left allemande and promenade.

YOU TOOK THE RAMBLIN' OUT OF ME, Longhorn 1001; Caller: Louis Calhoun Heads promenade half way, down the middle right and left thru, curlique, boys run, right and left thru, dive thru,

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SWEET COUNTRY WOMEN, Wild West 1-4 Caller: John Swindle

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THERE'S REEN SOME CHANGES MADE

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The subject of too many new things to memorize (I won't even call them basics) has been broached often in the past few years. Many ardent square dancers have given up and can never again be expected to join us because of the continual flow of new material to be added to an already insurmountable list. If these were genuine new ideas for a better and more enjoyable activi-. ty. I am sure we would be most happy to try them. Time and rejection by dancers and callers have proven that most of these so-called new basics are just useless, undesirable junk, the teaching of which only consumes time which could be directed toward smoother, easier, and more enjoyable dancing.

Many articles and much discussion have gone into the movement to put dancing back in square dancing. There are those who advocate the opposite, insisting as they blithely go about the business of destruction that it is all for "FUN." I would be the first to agree that square dancing should be fun, but

fun for all, not just a few.

Why, may I ask, should I or any of us who prefer smooth dancing be subjected to the herky-jerky type that some folks insist is fun? It isn't fun for me and I would wager not fun for many dancers who have been taught the real enjoyment of smooth dancing.

In discussing this problem with some of the more serious minded leaders of our activity, I find that almost 100% agree that we would all be far better off if 95% of the junk and gobbledegook that is imposed upon us were never published. There is a true feeling of frustration running through our activity because of this very problem.

Some callers are quitting in protest and actually there are few qualified replacements for them. Oh, to be sure there are and always have been those who are anxious to take over the reins. After all, those "old fogeys" were always harping about smooth dancing and less garbage, oops, verbiage. These eager new talents in most cases represent that 8 to 10% who are constantly clamoring for new gimmicks. This brings me to another favorite gripe, and an honest one it is.

Why do so many callers feel that it is so necessary to cater to the demands of the few who are so eager to try every thing regardless of its worth? Actually only about 10% or less of all square dancers in the country are even remotely interested in this. They are also the ones who voice their opinions and express their desires. The poor caller who is trapped by these few spends countless hours memorizing this junk often without any attempt at analyzing it. As a result, he has less time to prepare an acceptable program with an emphasis on timing and smooth dan-

cina.

In summation, I would like to offer a suggestion that has been made by others as well. Since there are so many of us who do not want to see our activity destroyed by these few in our midst, why not let our feelings be known? I know that it is easy to remain guiet and even to guit the activity when the pressure becomes too great. I also know that in that direction lies oblivion. Yes, absolute extinction of this great form of recreation because the very ones who are right now causing the old faithfuls to give up will not take on the responsibility of preserving what is left of this great part of our

national heritage.

Let your feelings and ideas be known. Write the square dance publications, the record companies, and your own councils and state federations or associations. Speak to your callers; they will welcome your ideas and often will join you in this crusade. It is a crusade, to save something beautiful and worth saving.

American Squaredance magazine, Square Dancing (formerly Sets In Order), the New England Caller, and many other square dance publications will be glad to hear from you. The Footnotes editor, Bob Kendall (Washington) has editorialized on this same subject. Otto Grunthal, publisher of the Idafed Tattler (Idaho) is as concerned as we are. We must let our feelings be known.

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Sag (old petticoat)

Set

Sew

Sum (Caller's fee)

Run

Top

Four letters:

Call

Cues Easy

Late (caller)

Pair

Spin

Five letters:

Grenn

Hands

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Sweet (partner)

Seven letters:

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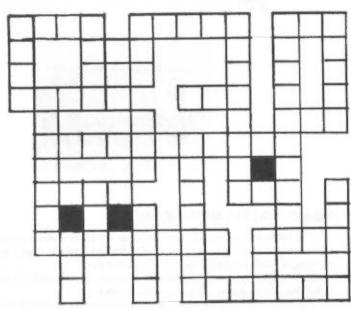
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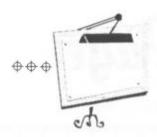




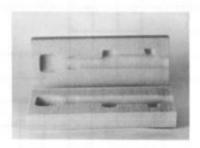
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