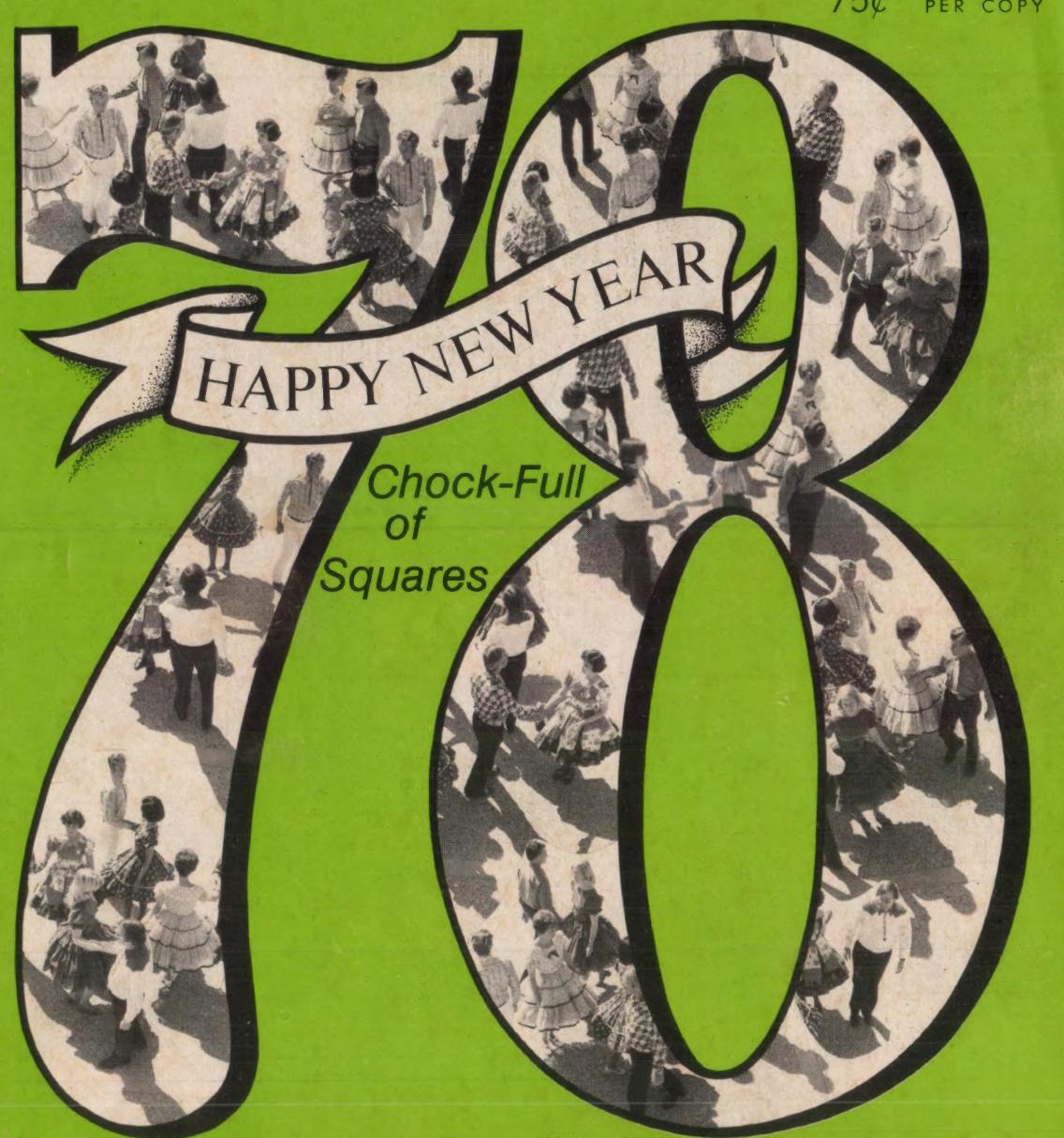
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Dear Editor:

I received 67 telephone calls during the last year as a result of my listing as an Information Volunteer in this area and danced with many visiting dancers. This is a fine service; keep it up.

Jim O'Hearn Quincy, Illinois

And we want to thank you and all the other Information Volunteers for the help you give to square dancers.—Editor

Dear Editor:

Three cheers for the letter from Paul and Jewell Lettner (October issue of SQUARE DANCING)! The short square dance dresses do look quite ridiculous on almost everyone. There is nothing wrong with trying to look like a ballet dancer if one has the figure and face of a ballet dancer. Even so, a square dancer is supposed to look like a square dancer. (I'm skinny but I'm not sweet 16 and I know I look ridiculous, to the extent of being selfconscious, (Please turn to page 47)



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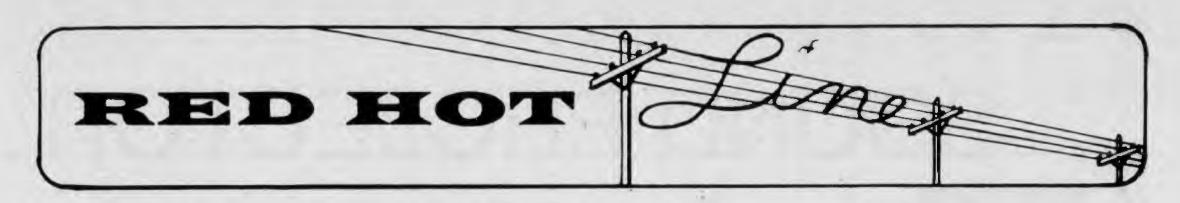
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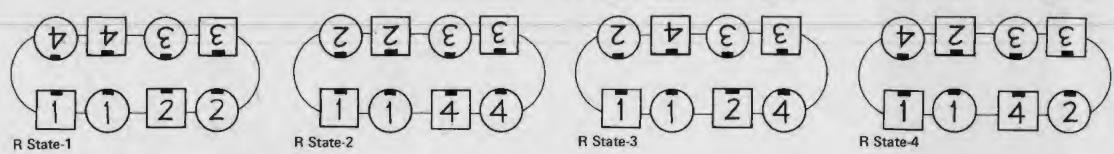


CALLERLAB ELECTION: Reelected to Board of Governors, Al Brundage and Bob Van Antwerp. Put into office for the first time: Curley Custer, Herb Egender, Deuce Williams, Bob Yerington.

STAMPS & THINGS: The United States Postal Service has announced a four-stamp commemorative set to honor American dancing. Date of issue and the forms of dance to be honored have not yet been announced....COMING ISSUES: The February issue will feature callers' schools. March '78 (copy deadline January 10) Big Events 1978 -- festivals, etc. April issue (deadline February 1) will be Summer Vacation Institutes 1978. Send in your listing.... PREMIUM RECORDS: We are processing the orders as quickly as we can. Please be patient, we will get to your order shortly.

OVERSIGHT DEPARTMENT: The gremlins in our paste pot omitted an important illustration from last month's Textbook chapter by Bill Davis. The diagrams that should have appeared on page 29 are here. (Sorry about that.)

FIGURE 1. Four possible Rotation States



PREFERENCE POLL: The ballots coming in in the last few days indicate that these are the tops in singing calls and round dances: SINGING CALLS: Some Broken Hearts Never Mend, Texas Woman, Luckenbach Texas, El Paso City (Hi-Hat), Rockin' In Rosalie's Boat. ROUNDS (A=Advanced): One More Time, Tuxedo Junction, Maria (A), Tips of My Fingers, Games Lovers Play (A).

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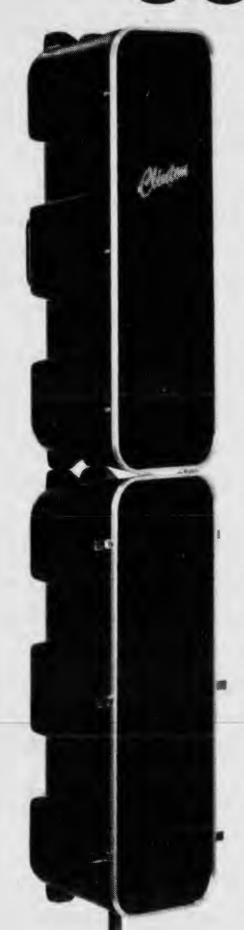
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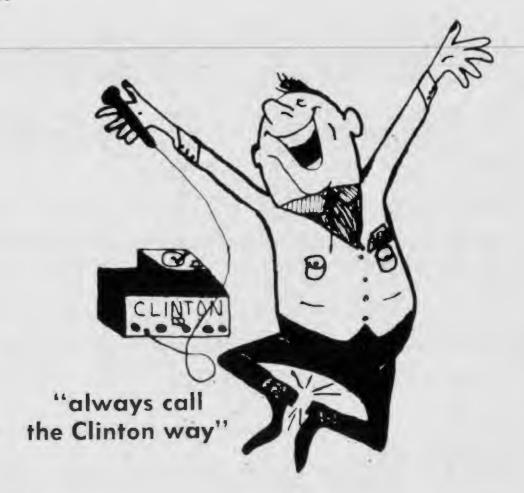
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AS I SEE IT

bob osgood

January, 1978

dora's box of wisdom and trivia when we put out a call for "world records" in the field of square dancing. It's obvious that we've only touched the surface, for each week we hear about somebody who is the tallest, the oldest or the most something-or-other.

For example, as active square dancers who among you can exceed the number of grand-children and great grandchildren claimed by Rosie and Shelley Coon, Mountain View, Oklahoma? Their record is 55, at last count. As to height — the tallest is a dancer in Anderson, South Carolina, who stretches out to 6' 11", but that's not all.

Some sort of a record goes to Jacob and Ruth Zang, Shermansdale, Pennsylvania. The Zangs have attended 13 National Conventions, have been square dancing since 1945 and have subscribed to Sets in Order (SQUARE DANCING) since its second issue. Jacob is 85 and Ruth a young 81.

The Walkers of Endicott, Washington, are a four-generation square dance family — the children, Robin (14) and Tommy (5), parents Jerry and Molly, grandparents Ralph and Eileen and great grandparents Edith and Fran Hanson. Also, for good measure, Uncle and Aunt Nadine and Sharold Hamilton.

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Almost as soon as the November issue began reaching homes of square dancers, we started getting mail. Thinking toward the future and trying to guess what square dancing will be like in the year 2000, has caught the imagination of a great number of dancers, callers and leaders. Evidently others have done considerable thinking on this score long before we aired our concerns — now we're beginning to hear.

You can expect to read quite a bit on this

subject in the coming months. "What can we do to help build a strong future?" "How can we start a Think Tank in our own area?" These are the questions we'll be zeroing in on. To start with, read the article starting on page 10. It's by Chris Vear, dedicated dancer/caller/leader who cut his teeth on square dancing in England and who, with his wife Ruthie, spent some 10 years calling and teaching in Germany and has only recently moved to this country. Chris is concerned, but more than that, he expresses his concerns well and makes some valuable suggestions for the future. Do read it.

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We're still getting reports on new classes that started last Fall. From all indications we're in a very healthy up-period with many large classes sending in their tallies. As a result one might project a fairly large class enrollment everywhere. However, in making a tabulation of this type, we are bound to hear from only a small percentage of the classes so that the true significance of the poll is questionable. We plan to run a summary soon.

We'll Be Missing the Kernens

Perhaps you've already noticed when looking at our masthead in its customary place on page 3 that Ken and Sharon Kernen are no longer an active part of our staff. We'd like to report that they are well and busy and still vitally fired up about square dancing. Ken (and Sharon) came to us four years ago last September to "learn the ropes" and to help us out here at SIOASDS. Help us they did. Ken was only with us a short time when he took over as head of our Callers' Supply and over the years he has proven himself immensely valuable to us in many phases of the business.

Shortly after they arrived on the coast Sharon came in to help us out and soon became a vital part of our office staff. In the early stages of CALLERLAB she took on dual responsibilities, serving as secretary to the Executive Secretary of that group as well as holding down secretarial jobs for us here on the

magazine.

Ken's background is in engineering and he left an important engineering position in Phoenix to join us. A graduate of the School of Engineering at the University of Colorado, Ken's heart has always been in this specialized field and recently an offer to return to the Sperry Rand Corporation in Arizona prompted the Kernens to reset their sights back in that direction. We'll miss them both, but we'll still have them represented in our pages. Ken will continue the "ammunition" section of the Workshop and Sharon will put together our annual index section (in the December issue each year).

You'll notice in our Callers' Supply Company ads this month a new address and phone number. Bob Ruff, one of the truly successful veterans in the square dance calling activity who retired from the Los Angeles City Schools recently to spend full time in promoting square dancing in the schools around the world, has added to his responsibilities the Callers' Supply Company. We have a fond affection both for Bob and Babs as well as for Callers' Supply which has been a part of our activity since 1959. We're delighted to have the Ruffs as a part of our staff and to be able to say that Callers' Supply will continue to be a valuable service operation of The American Square Dance Society. The new Callers' Supply (Ruff's) address is 8459 Edmaru Ave., Whittier, Calif. 90605. Phone (213) 693-5976.

Speaking of Squares

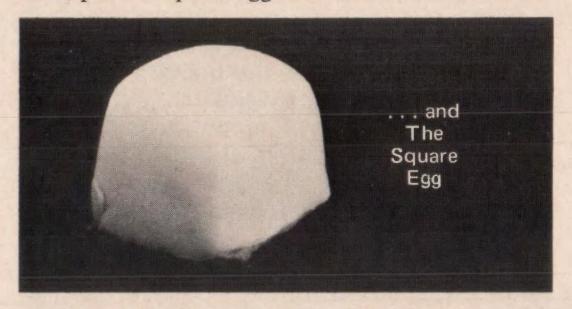
Linto the fun and games of square dancing, the term "square" tended to have a positive connotation for us. A square deal inferred full value, a square shooter was an honest individual who could be depended upon and a square meal referred to a hearty repast from soup to dessert.

Squaring up debts meant to settle them. Getting any project squared away meant that it was completed satisfactorily and to square up a structure meant that it was in plumb.

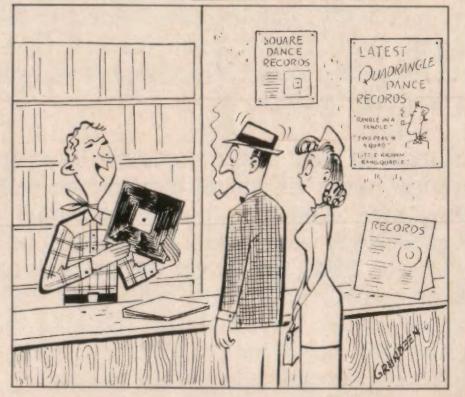
We were fascinated a number of years ago when we visited Aruba, just off the coast of Venezuela in the Dutch West Indies and found that their most used coin was a square nickel. For some reason we accepted this as a friendly tribute paid to the activity we all enjoy.



Perhaps you've noticed as we have the ads in the newspapers recently, touting a square egg. We had our doubts about this until Mary, in our office, gifted us with a genuine, honest-to-goodness, plastic square eggmaker.

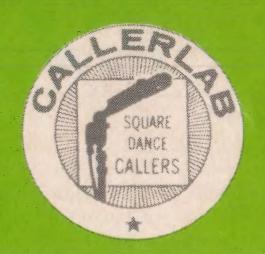


Some time ago cartoonist Grundeen came up with his concept of a square dance record. "It's a misnomer" he said "to make a round record for square dancing." At any rate that's his and our contribution to the field of trivia. Now it's time to get squared away with the rest of the business at hand.



"It's something new - square, square dance records."

The Quarterly Movements Report by CALLERLAIB



FOR THE FIRST QUARTER of 1978, the CALLERLAB Quarterly Movements Selection Committee has chosen two movements to be used in Mainstream dancing. The two selected for the months of January, February and March, 1978 are Trade the Wave and Ping Pong Circulate.

Trade the Wave by Harry Ed Dunkle, 1967;

From any four-handed ocean wave, dancers facing the same direction in the wave exchange places (trade) with one another, walking in a semi-circle and passing right shoulders at the halfway point. Right hand waves change to left hand waves and vice versa. All dancers change their facing direction.

Note: It sometimes helps to have the dancers bend forward slightly and look at the other dancers with whom they will exchange places. Everyone moves simultaneously, so it is important that the dancers know exactly where they will end up.

The value of the movement is that it is a natural follow-up to follow your neighbor which was a recent Quarterly Selection. It is a convenient way to change from a left hand wave to a right hand wave.

Here are some examples of the movement:
Heads square thru four (Box 1-4)
Touch a quarter
Follow your neighbor
Trade the wave
Trade the wave again

Sides pair off (Box 1-4)
Swing thru
Trade the wave
Ladies run
Wheel and deal
Left allemande

Left allemande

Heads pass the ocean
Extend and hinge a quarter
Follow your neighbor
Trade the wave, pass thru
Trade by, left allemande

Ping Pong Circulate by Don Beck, 1975.

This movement starts from a quarter tag position, which is an ocean wave between and parallel to two couples facing in. The description used is based on having the heads pass the ocean from a squared-up set.

The center dancers in the ocean wave step thru. Everyone does a pass to the center and the new center dancers step directly into a right hand ocean wave. One caution — remember that the dancers moving toward the outside of the set do an automatic partner trade in executing the pass to the center movement. Original heads are now the outside couples and the original sides are now in the center ocean wave.

Here is one get-acquainted example:

Four ladies chain
Heads pass the ocean
Ping pong circulate
Center ladies trade
Centers recycle
Pass thru
Left allemande

You'll find the movement, Trade the Wave, diagrammed and discussed by Barbara and Joe on page 18 of this issue. Check the Style Lab in the June, 1977 issue of SQUARE DANCING magazine for photographs of Ping Pong Circulate

CALLERLAB requests that all Mainstream club dancers be exposed to these two movements during the coming quarter.

Why do people square dance? There are many opinions . . .

The Real Reasons

By Chris Vear, San Antonio, Texas

A FTER A YEAR OF TRAVELING THROUGH and calling in 35 of your United States, I'm left with some observations and some questions as to the true nature of our activity and the direction the activity seems to be taking. Before making everyone hostile, I'd like to point out that I am not anti anything, that there's nothing wrong with something new, and that the activity must not be allowed to

stagnate.

What was once an activity that relied almost totally on the pleasure the participants derived from their own company and a mutual pleasure in moving together with the music has now evolved into a very complex entertainment industry. Where we used to be able to advertise square dancing as fun and easy to learn, we now only advertise it as fun because it has become far from easy to learn. Unfortunately for many dancers, old and new alike, the emphasis has been shifted from the fun and fellowship that should be an inherent part of the activity to a desire for technical accomplishment. It is becoming more imperative that we cram basic movements into the dancers rather than try to teach them to be good club members. A fact we have not heard anyone point out, obvious though it may be, is that the more basic movements we add to the list, the more people we eliminate from participation.

Advantageous as the Challenge movement may be for evaluating new calls and perpetuating those that are not part of the Mainstream program, let us not be persuaded that challenge dancing should be the ultimate goal of every caller and every dancer. It is true that there are some dancers who will enjoy themselves at any level and some callers who can call at any level but, more and more, it is very obvious that challenge square dancing is not what most

people start square dancing to achieve. We persuade people to square dance because it is FUN; why then do we proceed, as soon as they graduate, to make it hard work for them?

In my travels around the country, in many cases as an observer as well as a participant, I see more and more emphasis on WHAT WAS PERFORMED as opposed to HOW MUCH ENJOYMENT was had, as if apologies had to be made if the group was having too much fun!

Everybody is Pressured

Callers talk more and more of "technique," "choreography," "basic terminology," etc., and appear to be embarassed to admit that they have any actual feelings for the activity or the people in it. They are becoming pressured, more and more, into believing that they have to prove to the dancers that they know something the dancers don't. The dancers are being pressured to keep up with it all, despite the fantastic attempts of CALLERLAB to standardize and label each level. Merely using the word "level" puts pressure on the dancer to "achieve" when the emphasis should be on the word "enjoy."

I've been square dancing 25 years, and as a caller, a square dancer, and a round dancer, I love every minute of it. I don't participate in any Challenge dancing and I will not let anyone convince me that I am missing something. I do not deny the rights of the challenge dancers or the advanced round dancers to enjoy their portions of the activity but, however hard they try, they cannot convince me that the appeal of the activity is the same for them as it is for me and the rest of the mostly silent majority of

dancers and callers.

The remark that most sticks in my mind from my travels was made by a caller who devotes most of his time to advanced and

challenge dancing and was to the effect that challenge dancing is the Major League of the activity, thereby classing everyone else as being in the Minor Leagues. Well, even as a foreigner who was taught to regard baseball as a game called "Rounders" that was only played by girls, it appears to me that the Major Leagues are the ones that draw the largest crowds and those callers who draw the largest crowds, consistently pleasing them, are the real Major Leaguers, while those who draw a few aficionados and still manage to leave some of them standing around are missing the boat somewhere.

It is natural for all of us, at whatever "level," to want our particular segment of the activity to grow. What we MUST realize is that we also have the RESPONSIBILITY to perpetuate the activity, to let it grow naturally and to let the dancers choose, without pressure, the segment or segments they can enjoy to the utmost.

At whatever "level" we choose to participate, let us strive to emphasize that the actual participation is just as important as the performance and that there really isn't anything to be ashamed of in having a heck of a good time. If a caller or dancer wants to be able to do it all and has the time to devote to it, that's fine. But we are making a grave mistake when we start expecting the majority to follow suit and put pressure on them to do so. That is when they start to drop out and, believe me, they are dropping out. We can keep people in the activity and if we, the callers, would just be more aware of the reasons people really

participate, we would all be surprised at how easy it is.

Though not calling regularly for any one club at the moment, I have, before moving to the U.S., called for and kept two clubs going for over 10 years. The secret to doing it was to give the people a release from the pressures of their everyday lives. When they begin to find the same pressures in square dancing, the release value is gone and, when it has, the activity loses part of its unique appeal and starts losing its participants. My dancers were proud of the fact that they had a heck of a good time. I'm proud of the fact that I enjoy the heck out of and love every minute that I participate in the activity, and if the good Lord gives me 25 years more to participate, I'll take them with humble gratitude. Let's teach our dancers to LOVE the activity; they don't have to prove how good they are. Let's have them prove how NICE they can be - you'd be surprised at the sense of well-being you will all be left with.

As our activity becomes more and more complex, as it must, the philosophies of the Lloyd Shaws, Ed Gilmores, and Bob Osgoods are going to become more and more obscure unless we take the time to remind ourselves of our beginnings in the activity and our motivations now. Can we, with all the time we must devote to new calls, new music, advances in P.A. technology, lesson plans, travel arrangements, workshops, festivals, et al., keep reminding ourselves of the real reasons people square dance? For all our sakes, I hope so.

What are they Dancing—1978?



A SONE READER WROTE US RECENTLY, "The January issue of Sets In Order (SQUARE DANCING) wouldn't be the same without the annual report on what people are dancing in different parts of the square dance world." For quite a few years we have used this method of letting you sample the programs from a number of different areas so that you may check the dances that are familiar to you in your own, home clubs. A number of people have told us that they have been delighted to find that they were able to dance most of the programs they have read in this feature and sometimes this has encouraged them to spend a portion of their vacation time in traveling to other square dance centers, sampling not only the calling and dancing, but the

friendships that go along with it. Here are this year's sample programs as prepared during these past two months. Compare and enjoy.

Houston, Texas – Frontier Squares – 12 years old – 20 squares – Caller Bob Baier

Warmup Patter Broken Hearts Never Mend APD Basics/Touch/Spread If We're Not Back In Love By

Monday Frenchy Brown

Cross Fold/Cross Run/Split

Circulate

Baby You Look Good To Me Tonight

Dancing Shadows Half Tag & Anything/Spin Chain the Gears

Lean On Me Wind Me Up

Track II/Half Breed Thru/ Chase Right Luckenbach, Texas

Tips of My Fingers Follow Your Neighbor/ Crossfire

Two Pairs of Levis Old Fashioned Love

Scoot & Anything/Partner Tag Rocking Pneumonia and The

Boogy Woogy Flu Apron Strings Review Patter

Rocking In Rosalie's Boat

Sheik of Chicago

Albany, Georgia – Rafter Rockers – 18 years old – 11 squares – Caller Rod Blaylock

Extended Patter Warmup We're Not As Young As We Used to Be

Tips of My Fingers Scoot Backs/Spin Chain Thrus/Flutter Wheels &

Reverses Texas Woman

Struttin' Around

Ferris Wheels/Tracks/Chase Right with Hinges

Some Broken Hearts Never Mend

Lover's Song

Pass the Ocean/Extends/Half Tags/Partner Tags/Runs/

Coordinates Rockin' In Rosalie's Boat

Tic Toc

Workshop Diamonds/ Hourglasses/Flips/Cuts/

Circulates

If We're Not Back in Love By

Monday

Frenchy Brown

Touch/Walk and Dodge/

Partner Trade with Rolls/

Box Circulates

El Paso City Apron Strings

Curlique/Cast Off/Recycle/ Sweep/Veer/Follow Your

Neighbor My Way Four Walls Southern Nights

Hot Hash

Say You'll Stay Until Tomorrow

Portland, Oregon – Rivergate Stompers – 8 squares – Caller Daryl Clendenin

Warmup/Basic Patter/Easy

Figures Lucille

Humoresque in Two Time Tips of My Fingers

Basic APD/Coordinate/Ferris Wheel/Recycle

The Only Hell My Mother Ever

Raised Game of Love Waltz With Me Follow Your Neighbor/And

Spread

If We're Not Back In Love By

Monday

Mocking Bird Hill

Red Roses Follow Your Neighbor/Single

Hinge/Scoot Back Rollin' With the Flow Old Fashioned Love Tic Toc

Arkies/Track II/Circulate

I Wrote a Song Frenchy Brown My Lady In Blue

Spin Chain Thru/Cast Off

Sun Coming Up Sneaky Snake The Last Waltz Hot Hash/Basic Figures My Way

Oshkosh, Wisconsin – Timber Toppers – 24 years old – 10 squares – Caller Herb Johnson

Warmup Patter All the Times

One More Time

Chase Right

Something Nice About You Getting to Be a Habit

Coordinate All Day Sucker Let's Cuddle

Ferris Wheel On the Rebound Four Walls Pass the Ocean Luckenback, Texas Waltz of Roses

Peel Off

Rockin' In Rosalie's Boat Hey There

Walk and Dodge This Old Piano Our True Love

Contra Tip

Some Broken Hearts Never

Mend

Muddy Water Old Fashioned Love

Five Minutes More

More on the Square Dance Basics

A Family Portrait



With any major change in the framework or concept of square dancing, you're bound to read quite a bit about it in this as well as in other publications. When a move was made by CALLERLAB to update the list of basics, they defined a three-plateau concept which they identified as being Mainstream. Mainstream, in turn, was described as being a form of dancing participated in by the greatest number of dancers who had completed their class instruction in which these basics were taught and were now club dancing on the average of once each week.

The list of basics that they came up with has been featured in the two Handbooks published by The American Square Dance Society (The Illustrated Basic Movements of Square Dancing, SQUARE DANCING Magazine, June, 1977 and The Combined Illustrated Extended and Mainstream Basic Movements Handbook, which originally appeared as a portion of the September, 1977 issue of SQUARE DANCING Magazine — both Handbooks now available in single copy form). Indications show an overwhelming acceptance of Mainstream concepts although the programs will probably be under discussion for

There are a number of ways in which these basics can be listed. Simplest is perhaps that used by the various encyclopedias or card file methods where basics are filed by name, alphabetically.

The system used in presenting the Handbooks and the two related Caller/Teacher Manuals is based on a suggested, logical order of presentation. This method has been discussed in depth in recent issues and because it covers all the basics on the list in a proven teaching order, many callers are using the system.

A third method which is an excellent way to

look at the entire spectrum of basics is the grouping of movements into families based on each basic's distinguishing characteristics. Once a person has completed class time, knows all of the basics contained in Mainstream, and is presently dancing in a Mainstream club, it matters little to him or to the caller in which order these basics were originally taught and learned. What is important is that the dancer knows them all. For that reason, and as an aid to the caller in programming, the system of listing by families is extremely valuable.

Not all of the basics are easy to catalog in this manner. Some could be placed in one family category as easily as in another. In making the following list we've taken this into consideration, weighed the usage of each movement and placed it where we felt it might most logically fit. In all we have divided the total Mainstream list into 25 families, plus a preliminary grouping of simple movements or terms which a caller must teach the dancer early in the course of instruction. In parenthesis after each movement on the Mainstream list we have indicated its category: B = Basic Program, E = Extended Basics category and M = Mainstream. The number beside each of the symbols indicates its placement in the total suggested teaching order.

The 25 Basic Families

Preliminary Language

*Walk, Honors, Square Identification, Circle Left/Right (B-1)

(1) Do Sa Do Family
Do Sa Do (B-3)
All Around Your Left Hand Lady (B-23)
See Saw Your Taw (B-24)

- (2) Swing Family
 (Waist) Swing (B-4)
 Arm Turns (B-9)
 Allemande Left (B-11)
 Courtesy Turn (B-13)
 Do Paso (B-15)
 Turn Thru (E-53)
 Hinge (M-94)
- (3) Promenade Family
 Couple Promenade (B-5)
 Single File Promenade (B-6)
 Wheel Around (B-33)
 Single File Turn Back (B-35)
 Wrong Way Promenade (B-42)
 Couple Backtrack (B-44)
 Promenade 3/4 (B-46)
- (4) Pass Thru Family
 Pass thru (B-25)
 Pass to the Center (E-63)
 Trade By (E-65)
 Double Pass Thru (E-69)
- (5) Couples Separate Family
 Split the Ring (B-7)
 Couples Separate (B-10)
 Separate and Go around One, Two (B-27)
 Around One, Two to a Line (B-28)
 Zoom (E-66)
 Cloverleaf (M-80)
 Peel Off (M-85)
- (6) Stars Family
 Star, Right/Left Hand (B-18)
 Star Promenade (B-19)
 Inside Out/Outside In (B-20)
- (7) Thar Family
 (Allemande) Thar Star (B-36)
 Shoot That Star (B-37)
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The Basics Situation is everybody's business and concern. If you are interested in establishing a universal square dance format of a number of basics for "popular" dancing that can be taught in 30 lessons, write to us or Jon Jones, CALLERLAB Basics Committee Chairman. (Jon's address is 1523 Bluebonnet, Arlington, Texas 76013.)

Anyone attempting to teach the basics or learn them in the order listed in these family groupings is in for a bit of trouble. However, as we stated earlier, the purpose of family groupings is to post the sum total of Mainstream Basics in a logical order of reference. No caller, for example, would teach the swing, arm turn, allemande left, courtesy turn, do paso, turn thru and hinge, one right after the other even though they appear in this order under the second or Swing family grouping. It's easy to see that jumping from the simple swing, which we suggest be taught as the fourth movement in the basic program, to the turn thru which is the 53rd movement in the suggested order of teaching and on the Extended Basics list, to hinge which is almost the last movement in the suggested order of teaching in the Mainstream category, would simply not make sense. For that reason, we feel that the suggested order of teaching used in the Handbooks is the answer for class time reference. Either this family grouping or an alphabetical listing works well as a rundown on the basics a person must know to be active in a Mainstream club program.

Special Issues Coming Up

During the coming twelve months certain issues of SQUARE DANCING magazine will be devoted to specific themes. If you have items that apply to the particular subject being featured, you might note these deadlines:

Callers' Schools - February issue

Big Events (Festivals, Conventions, etc.) — March issue (deadline January 6)

Square Dance Vacations (Institutes, Tours, etc.) - April issue (deadline February 1)

National Convention Issue (A good time to advertise if you have a booth) — June issue (deadline April 1)

1978-79 Square Dance Directory (Be sure to send us your association officer update) — August issue (deadline June 1)

Anniversary Issue (This is always a big one with full color advertising available) — November issue (deadline September 1)

Traveling Callers (A good time to run an 1/8 page advertisement) — December issue (deadline

October 1)

You can expect to find interesting material in every issue of SQUARE DANCING magazine during the year, but these specials do pay off. Display advertising that ties in with the various themes will supply additional information to those interested. The listings, of course, are free. Keep the deadlines in mind and get the information to us in ample time.

DISCOVERY

DEPARTMENT FOR NEW SQUARE DANCERS

Dear New Dancer:

By the end of this month many of you who started your dancing class experience in late September will be reaching your halfway point. Up to now we've concentrated our "Discovery" columns on what and how we dance, however, we don't want to overlook some of the very fundamental suggestions that have helped to build this activity and are necessary to help strengthen it in the years to come.

In checking with a number of veteran dancers recently we came up with some singleword suggestions which to them were all

important for any dancer, new or old.

The first is patience. Many of us have different learning rates of speed. Some have the ability to catch on to a new basic the first time it is taught. If you are one of these fortunate souls then you are also aware that there are many for whom learning comes more slowly. Once a movement has been learned, whether in the first teaching or after it has been drilled for several lessons, the person will then be able to do it automatically and it doesn't much matter, once it is learned, whether the dancer caught on quickly or slowly. Avoid the temptation to be aggravated if others do not learn as quickly as you. Accept the fact that the important thing is for everyone to learn it correctly. If you are a quick learner then the best help you can give to those who are not as fast is simply to be in the right place at the right time. Avoid being a "second teacher." So many times you may be tempted to push or pull or attempt to explain while all the attention should be given to the

person on the microphone.

Another positive word is attitude. There is nothing more contagious than a person who is a happy dancer. This genuine joy permeates through the class and people are reminded that only a part of square dancing involves the concentration and hard work that goes along with learning the basics. The willingness to join any square (preferably the first one you come to when squares are being set up) is fundamentally important. The effort of giving complete attention to the caller/teacher encourages others to do the same. Saying "thank you" to the others in the square at the end of a tip does a great deal to encourage those who may be having a bit of trouble in deciding which is their left hand and which is their right.

Promptness is our third important word. It was recently discovered that as much as thirty minutes during an evening of dancing is wasted simply because people take an inordinate amount of time to set up squares once the caller has called "sets in order." Perhaps by this time you've noticed that one of the most important portions of a class is the first tip in the evening. This is often when the caller will drill many of the movements he has taught you in the previous session. He will use this time to build your automatic response and prepare you for the new movements he'll be introducing

later on in the evening.

If you are one of those who is habitually late to social functions, then it's a good time to break yourself of this habit. Not only is it important that each class starts on schedule with *everybody* present, but it's a habit which







you will want to cultivate for your future club dancing. When a club is scheduled to start at 8:00 P.M., this means that the caller must be on hand as much as a half hour ahead of schedule in order to set up his equipment and be ready to go at the announced time. Although a caller may have a full house for most of the evening, it's discouraging and impolite for dancers to straggle in with perhaps only one or two squares on hand for the first tip. Remember, a caller spends a great deal of time in planning his evening and the first tip to him is very important, for it helps him to develop the balance of the evening's program.

These three, patience, attitude and promptness may seem like little words, but they are all important to you as you become a responsible and enthusiastic part of the square dance

activity.

How We Dance

Allemande left and an allemande thar It's a right and a left and form a star And you back 'em up boys in your Cadillac car

The Allemande Thar figure has been with us for many years but it is one of a series of patterns that marks the change from traditional to contemporary style square dancing. It was a composed variation of the allemande left and it heralded an era when literally dozens of breaks were invented, all building on the concept of an allemande left. Few of them remain today. An exception is the Thar Star.

As you probably have already noticed there are a number of geometric forms in dancing. There are circles, lines and grids that constitute many of the patterns. Of all of the formations, however, the star comes in for a great deal of usage. One of the tricks about a star is that when you are in a star promenade or a Thar Star promenade (1) when the men are backing

up and the ladies are moving forward, it's important to remember that those in the center can cover the distance much more rapidly than those on the outside. For that reason, when in a Thar Star the men (in the center), should let the ladies (those on the outside or rim of the star) set the pace.

There are many things that can be done from a Thar Star. You can throw in the clutch which means that the men retain their star but release the handholds with those on the outside and, with the hub (men) moving forward in one direction, the rim (ladies) moves inde-

pendently in another.

They could *slip the clutch*, which would also call for the men to release the arms of the ladies they are with while staying in the star momentarily and reversing their forward motion until they reach the next person to do a left allemande or to follow whatever the caller commands.

In our example starting from a Thar Star (1) the dancers shoot the star which means that the ones in the center release their handhold and turn with their adjacent partner (2) until they have exchanged places (3) and each is in a position to move forward into a grand right and left (4). Or, retaining the left armhold (5) they can continue their arm turn until they have made a complete 360° revolution and are ready to give a right to their corner (6) and then follow whatever command the caller might choose to give them.

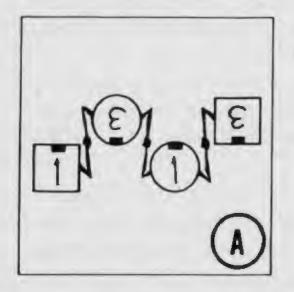
There are many movements of this type that are taught to you early in the game, but which seem to come in for an almost endless variety of usages as your square dancing continues. This is why your caller quite frequently spends considerable time in thoroughly teaching you the basic movement in the beginning. Once you have the pattern down to the point of automatic reaction, you are not apt to forget it.

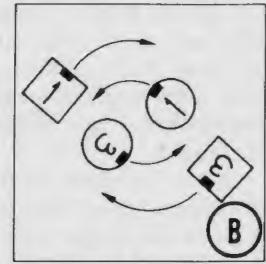


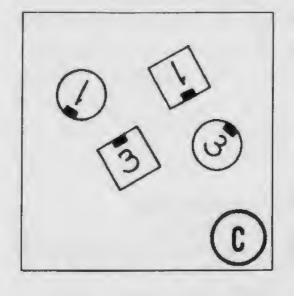


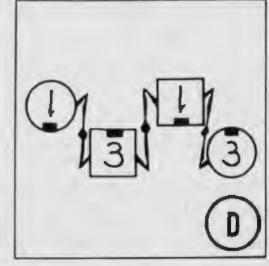












BARBARA: We have a couple of "old" friends with us for the next three months as quarterly movement suggestions from CAL-LERLAB. We remember doing Trade the Wave in early 1974 (according to our caller's notes) and Ping Pong Circulate, which we'll discuss a little bit more in detail next month, was introduced to us in a workshop about this time last year.

JOE: Trade the Wave is a good way of changing from a right hand ocean wave to a left hand ocean wave. It isn't difficult and one thing in its favor is that the name is quite descriptive of the action.

BARBARA: Start from a standard right hand ocean wave (A). The rule is that each dancer will trade with another dancer in the same wave who is facing in the same direction.

JOE: That means that the two dancers who make up couple number one will simply trade with each other and the same will apply for the dancers who make up couple number three.

BARBARA: Following the command Trade the Wave, each dancer, ignoring those who were adjacent to them, starts to trade (B) and, having passed by each other (C) fills the space previously held by the person with whom they are trading to form the wave once again (D).

JOE: You'll notice that where previously we had a right hand wave now it has become a left hand wave. Also you'll note that each dancer has changed his original facing direction.

BARBARA: One interesting way to visualize this is to simply separate one couple from the other and, watching only couple number one, as an example, you see the dancers actually do a very basic partner trade. Because of its simplicity and also because it does accomplish a needed result, we think that the choice of Trade the Wave is a good one. Whether it lasts out its stay on the Mainstream experimental list for the necessary three years in order to become part of the Mainstream basics is difficult to say. We're not too good at guessing on these things, but we do think the movement has merit and we enjoy doing it.

JOE: And finally, Barbara and I keep wondering if the things we're writing about are what you are most interested in. We hope so. I would like to pass along one suggestion. If all callers were to dance all of the movements they use on us, chances are the list of basics would change greatly.

BARBARA: Even more than that — if men callers would dance the lady's part they'd have second thoughts on many of these movements.

The Dancers

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ATTITUDE—a Goal for 1978

A tritudes in square dancing go far beyond the posture one assumes when dancing in a square, even though Mr. Webster defines attitude in part as "posture; position assumed to serve a purpose." One dancer may evidence displeasure with someone who zigged when he should have zagged. This might be called a critical or resentful attitude. Another dancer may have witnessed the same goof but because he is having so much fun, he doesn't allow it to discolor his pleasure. His might be a tolerant and happy attitude. The goofer may have a shamefaced attitude, a defiant attitude, etc.

Whenever something happens a square dancer is likely to assume an attitude regarding it, and for the sake of his own dancing pleasure as well as that of his club, it might be wise to take a look and see what sort of attitude he is showing.

What of the dancer who says to himself, "My club is better than your club" and lets every word and gesture define this for him? His disservice to square dancing is obvious as he lets his biased attitude show. How much happier a situation when he can find one good thing—slight as it might be—about the other club to comment upon and so school himself not to show criticism.

Some dancers have an attitude about beginners. They adore getting out and dancing with them. Time to check if the attitude is truly a helpful one. It may be or it may be just a time to be a big wheel. Either way, it will soon show up. If they are quick to show their own faculty at dancing or talk while the teacher is explaining a figure, you can cross off their help and guess at their attitude. If they are patient while the teacher explains something they've done a hundred times and then aid their partners in

doing it, again their attitude is plain.

When a dancer progresses up the rungs to the position of a club or association officer and has this opportunity to be in a position of importance, what is his attitude? Does he think, "I want to contribute something," or does he wonder, "Where will this get me?"

What if everyone took the attitude, "Let someone else worry about the new dancers." Where would square dancing be in a few years? Where would our replacements come from? But if dancers take on an attitude of consideration, of progressive thinking, the activity as a whole will benefit.

The enjoyment a dancer or a caller derives from square dancing is governed by his own attitude or set of attitudes and its myriad of phases. Examining one's own attitude may produce some interesting pictures. It could peak in a very affirmative goal for 1978.

MAILING A CLUB NOTICE

I F YOU'RE LOOKING for a different idea for sending out a notice for some upcoming dance, consider the following. A plain, lightweight, 5" x 7" paper bag (such as those used in a dime store) can be sent through the mail for the normal cost of one first class postage stamp. This includes a single, lightweight piece of paper inside. The flap is bent over and glued to the other side. Be sure to address the outside legibly.

The bag serves as an envelope but of course looks entirely different from any normal mail received. So if you want to call attention to something, you might give it a try.

How to do

A Pine Cone Owl

By Phyllis Howell

WITH WINTER UPON US, pine cones should be available in many parts of the country, and you might enjoy spending an evening with some friends, making these wise, old fellows for decorations at a club dance or party.

Materials Needed

Felt — brown, black, white and gold Elmer's glue
Brown pipe cleaner
3" pine cone (approximately)
One scale from a second cone

Procedure

Make paper patterns of each part of the owl, following the scale shown in the diagram. You'll note that in this pattern each ½" equals 1". Obviously you can make larger or smaller owls, adjusting the scale accordingly, depending on the size of the pine cones available.

Cut one piece of C, the body, out of brown felt, being sure to place it on the fold of the material so there will be a front and a back. Glue this to the bottom, flat part of the pine cone, pinching it at the fold so there will be about ¼" sticking up.

Cut out two face pieces (B) and one ear



section (A) from brown felt. Glue the ear piece between the two face parts leaving the bottom open. Put glue in the opening and place it over the ¼" that was pinched up from C.

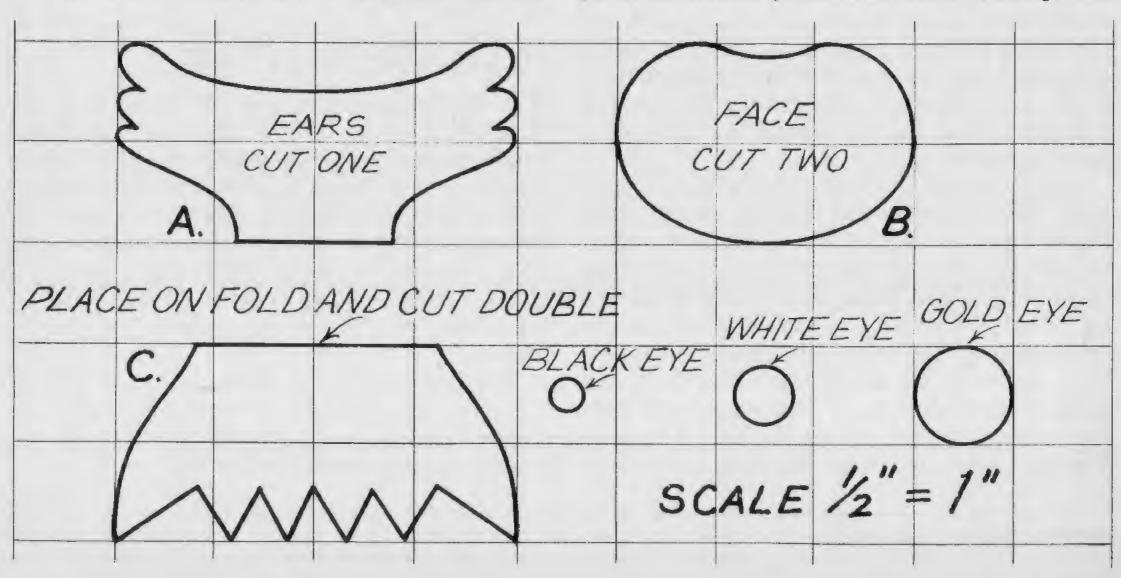
Insert a 1" loop of pipe cleaner in the top

before the glue dries.

Cut two each of the three different eye circles. Glue the gold felt circles on first, then the white and last the black. You can change the owl's expression by the shape of the black eye pieces.

Glue the single scale of a cone on for the nose.

The owl can be hung by the loop or set on a candlestick with a bit of florist's clay or simply put in the center of your table. Several used together would make quite a conversation piece, as well as possible favors or door prizes.



Decorations that are Different

ROM LET'S DANCE, the Magazine of International Folk Dancing, comes two ideas for party planning. These suggestions would take some thought, ingenuity and ability with tools, but they would cause quite a bit of conversation among your club members. Here, then, are excerpts from that magazine's "Party Planner" column by James Rasella.

"The central problem in decorating is to accomplish an emotional release the instant the dancer enters the hall without his being aware or having to go from object to object to see what is there.

"Festivals from the beginning were days set aside for indulgence, joyous spontaneity of action, of attuning oneself with the forces of nature or of God. As man developed, each town and village sought to assert its independence of others so that early festivals and their symbols varied from district to district in a country. At the beginning there were the days of magic which gave way to the days of the changing moon and sun. Later church structures imposed a religious cycle and even later, national governments imposed a political cycle.

"Now all this may sound a bit abstruse, but I have found that decorating is much easier if one has digested some of the simple evolution of folk customs and folk symbols. After such reading it becomes easier to adapt materials available to an idea.

Decorating with Water

"For example, water is an essential to so many festivals, yet our halls are not very convenient to creeks or streams. However, a fountain is possible. It requires only a child's inflatable wading pool, four or five buckets of water, a small pump (such as many of us have in decorative pools in the yard), a couple of terra cotta pots for a centerpiece and an electric cord. It takes only a few minutes to put up and a short time to take apart. It is simple; yet in a space age put this fountain in a hall and the feeling of magic is there. The dancers look with amazement.

"The fountain quickly changes with a few additions. Paint cardboard to look like adobe or terra cotta. Stick a cactus or two alongside it and it represents Mexico. Put bamboo and a couple of palm leaves or ginger leaves around it, and you have a tropical island. Surround the fountain with olives, oranges and lemons and you have a Spanish atmosphere.

St. Patrick's Day

"Last year we built a large white jackass and a large St. Patrick. The jackass consisted of old plant flats nailed together for the body. To this were nailed four 1" x 4"s for legs. Old plastic fertilizer bags were stuffed with paper and stapled to the body to shape it and to shape the upper parts of the legs. Old worn sheets were used to cover the body and the head made of a (Please turn to page 70)

BADGE OF THE MONTH



As a new year, 1978, rises on the horizon, what could be more appropriate than this badge, the Midnight Sundowners. Hailing from Keflavik, Iceland, the group finds that its rather remote location makes square dancing all the more appreciated by those living in the area.

Weekly classes average 20 couples while the club itself dances some 100 members each Saturday night. At the time the information was received, the group had one regular caller and two assistant callers, each hailing from a different part of the United States.

On June 21st, the Midnight Sundowners hold a festive all-night dance, outside under the "midnight sun" to commemorate the club's namesake.

From the Midnight Sundowners to square dancers everywhere, "May the sun never set on your dancing in 1978!"

SQUARE DANCE DIARY by a square dancer



Square dancing may well be our most popular participation activity — it is also a part of

OUR ELECTRONIC WORLD

"...HE'S FINALLY DEVELOPED THE ULTIMATE ... HIS OWN WIRELESS' MIKE ..."

"...IT'S GEORGE'S
PONG METHOD OF PRACTICING
HIS CHOREOGRAPHY..."

ROUNDANCER

Let's look at

STYLING

Edited by Burton Cahoon, President of the Utah Round Dance Association and reprinted from the Wasatch Square Dancer, Salt Lake, City, Utah.

DURING THE YEARS Pat and I have been involved in round dancing, we have made a number of observations about activities that affect the beauty and fun of round dancing. We would like to share our thoughts and concerns and introduce some measures by which the individual dancer can increase his or her enjoyment of round dancing.

When we become spectators and sit down to watch people round dance, one problem becomes evident. Round dancers today appear to be so busy concentrating on what to do that they have no time to worry about how to do it! Instructors need to place more emphasis on doing the steps the right way. Dancers need to be encouraged to learn the dances and not depend on the cuer to get them through.

Dancers who have recently discovered styling tell us the routines become easier and more enjoyable when the race to finish the

COMING NEXT MONTH

Many round dance leaders have felt for some time the need to form a national organization to provide direction for the activity. At the LEGACY Spring 1977 meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, plans were formulated to form an organization, to be known as Roundalab. The initial meeting was held recently in Memphis. From all reports it was well attended and much was accomplished. Next month we will bring you a complete report of the structure of the organization, its accomplishments to date, and the goals set up to help serve dancers, leaders and the activity as a whole.

steps ceases. They have found that when you have learned the dance you can concentrate on the music and can feel the need to dance more smoothly and flow with the music. The dancers tell me they take great pleasure in doing a dance when they don't have to worry about what the next step is and they are assured they know enough about proper styling so they do not look like a pretzel.

We would like to make some recommendations to those interested in becoming reasonably good round dancers at any level.

1. Take a good basics class and learn how to

execute the basic steps well.

2. Ask your instructor or other good dancers for tips and helps on good styling. Watch the good dancers and try to dance as

they do.

- 3. Use those styling techniques that fit your body build. Short people will dance with a different style than those who are tall. Sometimes it may be a choice between what feels good and what looks good; they are not always the same.
- 4. Practice, practice, practice. Good dancers practice at least once a week. Don't be afraid to dance around the kitchen table to help yourself remember the steps. Learn to read the cue sheet.

5. Smile – not only to radiate pleasure but to guard against strain and nervousness. With a little practice way will learn to relay

little practice you will learn to relax.

- 6. Take small steps; the mistakes don't show as much and you are not as likely to run over other dancers.
- 7. Learn to blend or do a transition from one step to another smoothly.
- 8. Maintain good posture and poise. Good dancing depends on the manner in which the body is moved and balanced. Try to dance tall,

with head erect, chest out, and stomach in, but with no appearance of stiffness. Keep your weight slightly forward without actually leaning forward. Avoid sudden stops and starts.

9. Pay particular attention to these pointers when practicing. In butterfly position we extend our arms as far as is comfortable for the shortest person. In closed position we keep our shoulders parallel. Pat places her hand on my shoulder and I put my fingertips in the middle of her back with some arm contact for leading. She does have to hold her own arms up; I can't be expected to hold both hers and mine. When we are progressing in closed position we don't straddle walk, we trust each other and step straight ahead (or back). We won't step on each other if we are moving from the proper position - lining up right hips so we each have our own line of travel and by not standing toe to toe.

When doing a swing or point our toes are pointed down toward the floor. On dips I bend my knees so Pat's feet are not pulled from the floor. She must carry her own weight if we are to maintain good balance.

10. The frills, flourishes and high kicks should be saved for the demonstration team and not for the general dance activities.

11. Be courteous to your partner and other dancers.

12. Don't stand and argue over the way the dance is to be done. Go ask someone who knows.

After all is said and done, the most important things are to smile, relax and be comfortable, enjoy yourself. If these suggestions will help you to accomplish those goals then it has been well worthwhile to suggest them.





John and Harriett Libertini – Baltimore, Md.

WHEN JOHN AND HARRIETT Libertini started square dancing in 1955, it was "love at first sight" for Harriett. Having a more cautious nature, it was about six months before John really got the bug. During their first year of square dancing they were introduced to round dancing, starting with dances such as "Jessie Polka," "Boston Two-Step," and "Waltz of the Bells."

In 1957 the Libertinis decided they were not round dancing enough and they gathered up some friends and began round dancing in their basement. The "Basement Dancers" grew too large for the basement and the group moved to a school hall. This led to the formation of the "Gadabout Round Dance Club," which is still going strong.

Having gained in knowledge and developed an incessant desire to spread fun and fellowship to others, John and Harriett conduct a basic round dance class every year. The class runs for 15 weeks and is followed by another 15 weeks of teaching square dancers' rounds and easy club level rounds. In addition to teaching rounds at two round dance clubs each week, they also cue rounds for several square dance clubs and participate in square and round dance weekend events.

John and Harriett were on the program at the 20th National Square Dance Convention in 1971, served as round dance program chairmen for the Star Spangled Banner Festival in '73 and '77, as officers for the Square Dance Leaders of Baltimore and coordinators for the Round Dance Teachers Council for three years.

John has been employed by Bethlehem Steel Corporation for 35 years and is currently a Senior Designer in the Plant Engineering Department. Harriett keeps the household running smoothly. The Libertinis celebrated their 36th Anniversary last June and extra curricular activities include playing bridge. They are also avid campers and helped to form a square and round dance camper's club called the "Gypsy Twirlers" in 1966.

How do they feel about square and round dancing? "We wish all peoples of all nations could realize the joys and pleasures of our favorite pastime. If more people would find time to dance, as we did, the world would be a better place in which to live."

Chapter forty-nine

More Tips on Teaching

By Jack Murtha, Yuba City, California

A major responsibility of today's caller is teaching. The ability to transfer the knowledge of how to dance to the new dancer - or how to dance more smoothly, how to do a new basic or round dance to the experienced dancer, is an all-important requirement for the caller. It is no longer a simple matter to teach square dancing; a great deal of experience and study is a must in order to impart this knowledge to the student. We've covered teaching in several earlier Text chapters but here, from one who is academically in tune with the intricacies of teaching, are some guidelines that will prove helpful to the caller/teacher.

TEACHING PEOPLE TO SQUARE DANCE is a fascinating and important part of the modern square dance movement. Forty years ago when we began the evolution of traditional square dances into the modern western

form, it was easy to learn to dance and simple to become a caller.

It is no longer simple to do either. The caller's job has become very complex and requires serious study and training for those who wish to be accepted as part of today's square dance program. The same is true for the dancer. It is impossible to drop out of our current program for a few years while raising children or re-locating the family and then step back into the club picture without confronting serious problems.

One of our most critical jobs today is that of teaching non-dancers to be square dancers. The difficulties involved in teaching beginners all they need to know about square dancing boggles the minds of professionally trained

teachers!

To make matters more complicated, many of our caller-teachers not only are NOT professionally trained teachers, but in addition they are new in the

calling ranks and are not yet very good callers.

Even expert callers are not always capable teachers. This chapter of the Caller's Textbook is written in hopes it will help some caller-teachers to better understand some of the problems people face when they try to learn to square dance. The following statements are based on research findings which apply to teaching in schools. These same principles apply to learning to square dance.

Learning Rate: Not all people learn a given skill at the same rate. In fact, some people take as much as five times as many practice tries as others. In square dance terms, this means that if some people master the call "Spin the Top" after five correct practice tries, others in the same class will need 25

correct practice tries to reach the same level of proficiency.

This spread is automatically present in every class. In some classes the ratio may be four to one or six to one, but there is always a spread even in a small one to three square class.

Learning Style: Each person learns best with a method of instruction that is properly fitted to his or her best learning style. Some people learn best by hearing a graphic word picture. Some others learn best when they see a demonstration. Yet others must personally participate in a movement before they have any grasp of the skill involved. In many instances, it helps new dancers to also read and look at illustrations of the call involved.

Most people respond well to a presentation that involves all methods. They hear the call graphically described, see an accurate demonstration, participate in practice trials and read printed descriptive materials.

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Transfer: People who learn something well can often transfer that learning to a new, but similar situation. However, again people differ in the ease and speed with which they can accomplish such a transfer. Transfer is demonstrated when people learn a new, but related call more quickly than they learned the original call. A teacher who has efficiently taught "Spin the Top" should expect the dancer to learn "Left Spin the Top" in fewer practice trials than the original learning required. It should take little time to teach square thru seven hands after the learner has learned square thru thoroughly. Alamo style circulates should come easily to dancers who know how to box circulate. Weave the ring is a cinch for those who know right and left grand.

Pro Active Inhibition: This is the opposite of transfer. It means that a call learned earlier is interfering with a new call presently being learned. Examples are box the gnat and star thru; walk and dodge and scoot back; wheel around and backtrack. Actually such interference can be from a call learned before or from a call learned later. The similarities in the call do not make the call easier to learn. Quite the opposite; they make it harder to learn and result in more errors than either call would cause by itself.

Error Free Practice: One of the most powerful learning elements is that of errors during the first few practice trials. If a person is able to practice a movement a few times at dance tempo without any errors, it will be much easier for him or her to master the call. Even one error during initial practice may require of the teacher a much longer and more complex teaching procedure to help the new dancer correct his mistake. The man who

incorrectly adds a courtesy turn while learning the square thru or the lady who forgets to turn left on a slide thru may become habit bound to an

incorrect skill that plagues them and everyone else for a long time.

Practice Tempo: Some skills performed slowly are actually different than the same skill performed quickly. For example, a slide sideways done slowly is different than a slide sideways done quickly. A hop is added automatically when using a quick slide. Walking through calls often is done at slower speeds than dance tempo. To a dancer, a spin chain thru done slowly may seem different than a spin chain thru done at dance tempo.

Planned Repetition: As is true with many skills, error free repetition is needed for mastery. Unlike the skills of batting a baseball or serving a tennis ball, such practice in square dancing is not usually done in isolation from the activity involved. Each practice session in square dancing requires several other dancers and is part of the regular dancing program. This means that repetition must be carefully planned and must consider dancer interest and pleasure. While a baseball player might well be willing to bat 1000 balls in the practice cage, few dancers are willing to repeat chase right 1000 times in a practice drill. The number of repetitions must be planned to allow mastery by the person who requires five practice tries as well as the person who must have 25 practice tries. Both dancers, when the call is mastered, will dance it equally well but the extra practice must be given to the learner

This effect is much the same as two people who decide to take a 100-mile trip. The one who rides a bicycle will require more time than the one who drives a car. There is nothing implied that the car is better than the bicycle or that either traveler is less a person than the other. They both get to their common destination in their own way and at their own rate of speed. When

they arrive, they are both equally there.

who requires it for mastery.

There is a new concept in education today called Mastery Learning. The concept has grown out of a great deal of research by Dr. Benjamin Bloom from the University of Chicago, Simply put, it means that about 95% of all of us can learn anything if it is well taught with full value given to each person's individually different learning patterns. Unfortunately, square dancing has trapped itself in the same way many of our schools are trapped. We attempt to teach everybody the same amount of skill and knowledge in identically the same amount of time. We run 25 to 40 week classes and let the chips fall where they may. Those who master the material are welcomed into square dancing while those who don't are tolerated or drop out.

Mastery Learning is based on the idea that teachers vary everything used to help learners learn. They vary the length of time, the style of teaching, the mode of communication, including hearing, seeing, participating, and reading. What they do not vary is the standard of proficiency required before the learner is considered to have mastered the course. In this type of learning, they allow both the bicycle rider and the car driver as much time and whatever route pleases them to cover the 100 miles. They do not allow either of them to go 80 miles and pretend they have gone 100!

Still to come: Some more on Teaching by Jack Murtha and several sections on different styles and concepts of calling by various authors are slated for the Textbook in the next few months.

CONTRA

CORNER

Variety . . . you find plenty when you get into the intriguing world of contras

ROM TIME TO TIME we hear comments regarding contras that lead us to believe that all too many callers who use these line dances have never, themselves, had the opportunity to dance them. "There's no challenge," is one comment we enjoy setting straight.

While it's true that contras do not depend upon an unlimited number of new experimental movements as a means of building interest, they can get extremely complicated. The challenge for the dancer comes with being continuously alert, moving to the music and being in the correct place at the right time.

In these dances, as you may already have discovered, those to whom the calls are directed are called "actives" while the others, with whom the "actives" work, are "inactives." In advanced contras you will find that the term "inactive" is often a gross misnomer. In the coming months we'll look in on some triple minor contras which are a bit "tricky" when executed as written, but which become whirl-pools of action for everyone, when the caller starts calling them as duples.

"One thing we object to," said one reader, "is that when our caller announces he's going to do a contra we can almost always count on it being the 100th rerun of Slaunch to Donegal or Aston Polka. The sameness and repetition is boring." This concept is unfortunate. Anything in square dancing or round dancing, if repeated over and over, becomes uninteresting. But in these contras, just as in the singing calls and rounds, there is a tremendous selection available.

Of course, with contras a good part of the pleasure comes when the caller can cut his cueing to the minimum so the dancers can dance to the music. More pleasure comes as the

dancers become familiar with the basic fundamentals so that a brief talk through is all that is necessary when doing a different contra for the first time.

Sameness is also eliminated with a change of music, introducing different accompaniment sounds and using a variety of well-phrased jigs and reels. It's also possible to retain a fun feature of one much-used contra by finding another contra that includes the same feature. A good example is the heel-and-toe portion of the Aston Polka. Dick Leger uses this quite effectively in the following dance (slightly altered).

BORROWED FROM LEGER

Formation: 1, 3, 5, etc. active and crossed over (To start corners face each other and join two hands as in Aston Polka.)

---, All get set for the heel and toe (Heel, toe, out -, heel, toe, in, -,)

(Cadence calls, not prompts)

(Heel, toe, out, -,) Everybody in do sa do

(Cadence calls, last four counts prompted)

---, Pass by and swing the next

(Except the ends)

- — —, Face across and half promenade
- ---, -- Two ladies chain ---, -- Chain 'em back
- Everybody star the
- _ _ _ _ Everybody star thru

Those who can pass thru, now with your corner heel and toe

Our goal for this feature during the coming year is to help make contras better understood and consequently more generally used by the average square dance caller and round dance teacher. If you haven't given contras a fair trial, now is the time. You'll be surprised to discover how enjoyable they can be.

LADIES ON THE SQUARE

A DELIGHTFUL CAPE



A SQUARE DANCE LADY can never have too many wraps in her wardrobe. Here are the instructions for a charming and delicate knitted cape, which come to us from Lily Dreger of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. A medium size Columbia Minerva Glimmerfluff yarn was used.

Materials

Two 4 oz. balls acrylic yarn #2 needles (Canada) or #13 (U.S.)

Directions

Cast on 52 stitches.

Row 1: K 18 P 18 K 1 (Y.O.K. 2 tog) 7 times Y.O.K. 1

Row 2: K 35 turn P 18 K 2 (Y.O.K. 2 tog) 7 times Y.O.K. 1

Row 3: K 36 turn P 18 K 3 (Y.O.K. 2 tog) 7 times Y.O.K. 1

A happy Lily Dreger models a happy cape.





The cape fits softly over the shoulders, ending in delicate points.

Row 4: Knit across

Row 5: K 40 (Y.O.K. 2 tog) 7 times Y.O.K. 1

Row 6: K 18 P 20 turn K 23 (Y.O.K. 2 tog) 7 times Y.O.K. 1

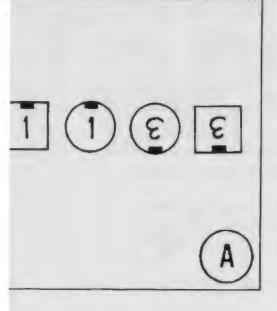
Row 7: K 19 P 20 turn, knit across

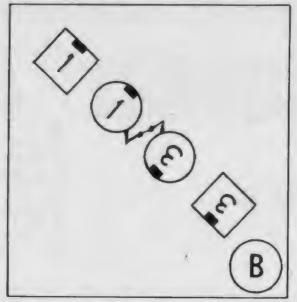
Row 8: Cast off 5 stitches K 14 P 19 K 18

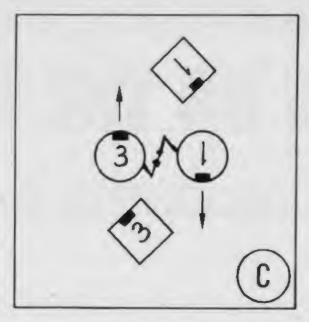
These eight rows equal one point. Repeat for 20 or 21 points depending on the size required. Single crochet fronts and necks, if desired. Button hole three loops on right side and sew button on left side.

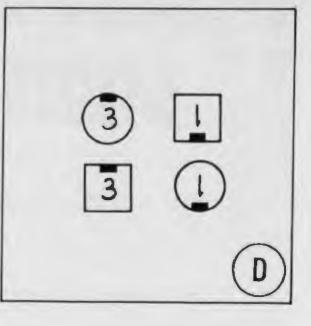
Ready to Buy

For non-knitters, this same cape may be ordered from Christine's Square Dance Fashions, 24 Blue Heron Crescent, Transcona, Manitoba, Canada R2CON2 for \$12.00 plus postage on a knit-to-order basis.











CROSSFIRE

A STHE PROGRAM of mainstream dancing seems to be settling down to the basics within the three plateaus, plus a list of limited experimentals, dancers and callers alike are beginning to realize that the workability of this basics program depends upon callers sticking to the basics prescribed for any of these blocks.

Dancers, having completed their lessons on the three plateaus of mainstream dancing, would not necessarily have been exposed to the experimental movements but, having danced within a club designated as a Mainstream group, they very possibly will have also been taught the additional 10 or more movements relegated to this experimental list.

Each year the list is re-examined. Some movements will stay on the list; others may be voted by CALLERLAB members to move up to one of the mainstream plateaus while others may be relegated to a bracket past mainstream or possibly be dropped altogether from any of the lists.









With the annual CALLERLAB Convention only a few months away, we have been looking closely at the mainstream experimentals (see the Mini-Handbook, December issue SQUARE DANCING magazine) and conjecturing as to whether specific movements will be moved up, moved back or dropped. This month we invite you to guess along with us.

Crossfire has been subjected to severe workshopping for some time now and while it remains on the experimental list there is some question as to its future. Let's look at it both in diagrams and photographs to check its merit. Starting from a two-faced line (A & 1), the two in the center will take right forearms and start to turn as those on the ends begin a cross fold (B & 2). The action continues (3) until those center, adjacent dancers have turned

halfway – 180° (4). They release hands and step forward (C & 5).

Those originally on the ends of the starting two-faced line, having completed their cross fold, adjust slightly forward so that they are adjacent but facing in opposite directions to the person beside them (D&6).

While not considered to be a difficult movement, Crossfire can be confusing, particularly if done from setups other than the starting position shown here (A & 1). If the men and ladies were to change positions or if it were to be an all one-sex line, it is a simple matter for the dancers to get disoriented. It will be interesting to see how the members of the calling fraternity, influenced by the dancers they call for, vote on the future of this movement. We'll be watching.





27th NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION

MYRIAD CONVENTION CENTER Oklahoma City, Oklahoma June 22, 23, 24, 1978

THE EXTENSIVE Education Program being planned for the 27th National Square Dance Convention in Oklahoma City June 22, 23, and 24, 1978, in addition to being a quality program, will have something for everyone.

Seminars for callers, round dancers and contra dancers will be held each day. These will be conducted by people very experienced and knowledgeable in their field. A seminar on teaching the handicapped by personnel of the Shaw Foundation, which proved so very popular in California in 1976, will be one of the "musts" for those interested in this subject.

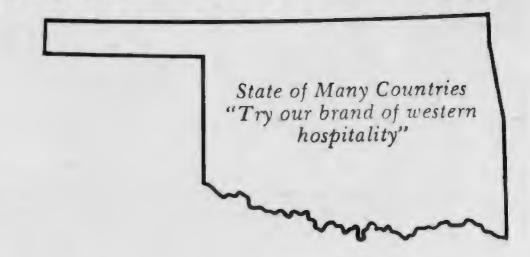
The caller's spouse (whether male or female) has not been forgotten. A panel for these "V.I.P.'s" will be moderated by the wife of one of the foremost callers. In addition, the woman's role (other than callers' wives) will be explored.

Other special groups will have their needs, problems, and interests discussed in panels for solos, teens, exhibition groups, retirees, exhibitors and organization leaders. There will be a seminar for publicity and public relations, as well as a display of square dance publications.

Each day will offer round dance clinics, contra clinics, smooth dancing and styling clinics and round dancing for square dancers' clinics. This wide variety of learning opportunities should afford every person who attends the Convention a chance to improve his or her dancing skills.

The Showcase of Ideas is the place to browse and possibly pick up good ideas to take home to use in your own club or organization. And speaking of ideas to take back to your own club — how about picking the brains of some of the country's best in the Afterparty Ideas Clinic? This clinic has proven to be so popular that two are planned for the 27th National. Each will have a different staff and subject matter. One will be held in the daytime; the other will be held during the evening hours so that everyone should be able to attend one or both.

The Organizations Round Table (pertaining to organizations other than clubs) will be



exactly what the name implies — a round-table discussion. The discussion leaders will be chosen for their expertise in the discussion topics. A four-session club leadership seminar will explore every facet of developing leadership at the club level. And a square dance attire panel will offer helpful suggestions as to what we should wear when pursuing our favorite hobby.

If this seems like a lot of education crammed into three days, you are right. In order to offer things of interest to every participant who attends the 27th National Convention, a wide variety of educational opportunities must be presented. Each year the role of education at the National Square Dance Convention is gaining in importance. In 1978, a total of 111 hours of seminars, clinics, and panels, plus the Bid Session and Showcase of Ideas and Publications display, will afford a "smorgasbord" of educational opportunities for all dancers, teachers and callers.

Sooner Showcase

Located a short distance off 1-35, east on U.S. 64, is the Pawnee Bill Museum and Mansion. This short side trip will be well worth the time and attention of square dancers arriving in Oklahoma City for the 27th National.

Pawnee Bill, as Gordon W. Lillie was known, was an early friend of the Pawnee Indians who made him their White Chief and gave him the name by which he is best remembered. He taught at the Pawnee Indian Agency, drove cattle on the Chisholm Trail and traveled with his good friend, Buffalo Bill, in the latter's Wild West Show. Later his own similar organization, the Pawnee Bill Wild West Show, toured the world.

The Pawnee Bill Mansion, which can be reached atop Blue Hawk Peak, was completed (Please turn to page 76)

ROUND THE WORLD of SQUARE DANCING

Those with items of special interest should send them to NEWS EDITOR, SQUARE DANCING, 462 No. Robertson Boulevard, Los Angeles, Calif. 90048. Letters will be read and appreciated although time may not allow the personal acknowledgment of each one.

Florida

The Round Dance Council of Florida will feature Irv and Betty Easterday at its Mid-Winter Festival in Lakeland on January 27, 28, and 29, at Lake Mirror Auditorium. Head-quarters Hotel will be Lakeland Hilton Inn.—Hal Neitzel

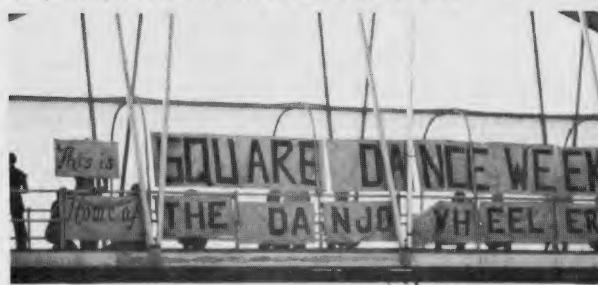
Pennsylvania

Members and friends of the "Bells of St. Mary's" Square Dance Club (36 strong) journeyed by bus to Camp Greentop, Maryland, the first weekend in October. Former members of the "Bells," Fran and Edyie Robacker, currently members of the Rock-Eights Club in Olney, Maryland, along with other club members, visited the "Bells" during the past summer. As is the custom when visiting another club, the Rock-Eights took the "Bells" banner back home with them. In order to retrieve the

club banner, it was necessary to return the visit with at least a square of dancers. Consequently the "Bells," (with a more than sufficient number of dancers) paid a surprise visit to the Rock-Eights and retrieved the club banner, which is now safely back with its home club until some other group proceeds to venture forth and do battle by banner snatching.

A new club in the Danville area is the Danjo Wheelers, the first in Danville. It is such a friendly and enthusiastic group that they wanted the world to know about them. When Square Dance Week came along in September they banded together to prepare and paint a banner to span the bridge that leads into the town. Needless to say, the banner attracted much attention.

Eye-catching describes the banner designed by the Danjo Wheelers to promote Square Dance Week.



New York

At the Fall Meeting of the New York State Square Dance Federation held recently in Syracuse, Mary Jenkins was appointed Chairman of a committee to prepare a syllabus for teaching modern square dancing in the schools, grades K-12. When completed, the syllabus will be presented to the New York State Depart-

Members of the Bells of St. Marys Square Dance Club refused to allow rain to dampen their spirits as they prepared to board the bus for their trip from Pennsylvania to Maryland.



ROUND RLD of SQUARE DANCING

ment of Education for its approval. Teachers, both active and retired who are square dancers, are asked to please send their suggestions and comments as soon as possible to Mary at her home, Mockingbird Hill in Minerva, Olmsted-ville, New York 12857. Please mention the grades or subject matter you have taught.

Louisiana

The Firehouse Squares of Houma are having a special Mid-Winter Dance on January 21st at the East Park Community Center. Ron Schneider will be the feature caller.

As retiring Presidents of the Metropolitan New Orleans Area Square and Round Dance Association, Johnny and Janie Creel were presented with The American Square Dance Society's Certificate of Excellence. The award presentation was made at the recent 20th Annual Festival of the Association. Award Certificates were also presented by Lt. Gov. James Fitzmorris and New Orleans Mayor-Elect Joseph DiRosa. A Past Presidents' Club was formed this past year. All Past Presidents serve as advisors on various committees and hold two social events each year.



Square dancers applaud as Johnny and Janie Creel receive the Certificate of Excellence from Herb Ackerman.

Italy

Two new square dance clubs have been established in Italy and the members would like square dancers everywhere to know of their existence. The clubs are the Cast-A-Ways at Gaeta and the Sand Castle Swingers in Naples.

If anyone would like further information they may contact Ed Williams, AIRSOUTH Box 143, FPO New York 09524. Ed's telephone number is 760-9022, extension 2087.



Bea and Orin Gray of Chattanooga prepare to cut the cake at their 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration.

Colorado

Foot and Fiddle Square Dance Club will hold its Annual Sweetheart Dance on Saturday, February 11th. It will be held at Loveland High School in Loveland. Dave Smith will preside as feature caller.

Georgia

The Satilla Swingers will host the 17th Annual Okefenokee Square-Up in Waycross on February 10th and 11th. Art Springer and Dick Barker will call for square dancing. Wayne and Barbara Blackford will conduct the round dancing. The dance will be held in the Waycross City Auditorium and is limited to 40 squares.— Dick Barker

The Bennett family of Valdosta, caller Bob, Mrs. Vivian, and daughter Debbie, are still up on cloud nine following their trip to Washington, D.C. last July to dance at the White House. Bob danced with the First Lady and both Vivian and Debbie were partners of the President as they and some 48 square dancers from all parts of Georgia participated in an old fashioned lawn picnic and square dance at the White House on July 20th. Part of the fun of being there was recognizing politicians and chatting with them. The entire group decided to form a club and meet once each year to





"Ladies and Gentlemen, I'd like to have you meet Amy, and her mother and father — the President of the United States." Caller Rod Blaylock does the honors (left). The President (right) and a bevy of happy dancers.

recount the trip and the fellowship they experienced. The 48 dancers feel that they represented all of the square dance world and callers Rod Blaylock and Bob Bennett represented all callers to the best of their ability. The group was most impressed with the beauty of the White House grounds. They sum up the experience in one word, "fantastic!"

Illinois

Bob and Jo Willard from Hillside attended the regular monthly meeting of the Chicago Area Callers Association in October as guests of the organization. Marvin Labahn, President of the Association presented the couple with a "plaque of appreciation" for their voluntary contribution to the advancement of square dancing in the metropolitan area of Chicago. Labahn said, "The Association members take this means of thanking the Willards for their devoted service in handling thousands of telephone inquiries since 1971, when they first manned the 'square dance information' telephone number listed in the yellow pages of the telephone directory." Earlier this year the Willards notified the Association that they desired to be relieved of this duty due to personal reasons. Harry and Neva Bradfish are presently handling the square dance information telephone number. Harry is a charter member of the Association.

Jerry Story of Quincy traveled halfway

around the world to call for a weekend festival in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia the end of October, 1977. It all came about when eight couples from the Middle East heard Jerry call at the National Convention in Atlantic City last summer and invited him to come and call for three sets during the festival of the Desert Swingers. A native of Iowa (where his parents are enthusiastic square dancers), Jerry is 22 years old, is married to Kristy and has a one-year old son, Joshua. Although Jerry travels some 75,000 miles a year calling, this trip was a first for him. He called his first square dance at 15, and taught Kristy and her parents to square dance. "Square dancing brought us together and is one of the things that keeps us together," says Jerry.



Here's the way Joseph and Mary Nojunas of Vincentown, N.J. promote square dancing.

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Sets in Order



GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH A NEW HOEDOWN RECORD

By Earl Johnston, Vernon, Connecticut

The views of Earl Johnston are always much sought by the members of the calling fraternity. This month we are deviating a bit from our regular format of presenting "how to do" situations re-inforced with dance and drill examples and we've asked Earl to give us his formula for working with an accompaniment record he is not familiar with. We think you will enjoy it — Editor.

Or the toughest things for a caller to do is to work with a new hoedown. We would hope that with the following information, we can ease that situation.

First of all you have to think of a hoedown as a very simple song that does not have too strong a melody. Nonetheless, it contains all of the traditional characteristics found in any song. It will have 16 beats of music which will be repeated for a total of 32 beats. There will then be a change in the melody for 16 beats and these will be repeated for a total of 32 beats. It will then go back to the first part again and this process will be repeated over and over, to result in a complete recording of the hoedown. If you are looking for a good record to hear and understand this process, I would suggest Boil The Cabbage MacGregor #1100.

The variety within the hoedown is accomplished by the use of different lead instruments. This can be a banjo, a fiddle, a guitar, a piano or whatever instruments make up the particular orchestra that is featured on the record. Learn which instruments are taking the melodic lead

and listen to the way these instruments treat each chorus. It is also very worthwhile to listen to the subtle rhythms developed in the background by the banjos, guitars and bass fiddles and become aware of what is happening behind the lead instrument. You can get many ideas of rhythms by listening to the complete recording and not just listening to the lead instrument. You should study and learn your hoedown and its makeup just as well as you learn a singing call.

One of the most common complaints heard about a hoedown is that it is in the wrong key. This may very well be, but very few hoedowns have the key listed. However, it is not too difficult to find out if the key of the hoedown is suitable for your use. In order to do this, listen to your hoedown and find the very last note that is on the record. The note is called the key note. If you listen to the key note and can hit the four notes of the chord of that key note, you have a very good chance of being able to use the hoedown. It will require some practice, but you can even learn to call in harmony with the hoedown rather than calling it in the exact key in which it was written or played. This method can also be used with singing calls. Listen to the key note, sing the notes of the key note chord and find out where you are comfortable with it, then let that note of the chord be your guide. To illustrate further—think of a ladder with eight rungs. The bottom rung is the key note. You then skip up to the third rung. This is the second note of the chord. Then step up to the fifth rung. This is the third note of the chord. Then move to the top or eighth rung. This is the same note as the bottom note, only one octave higher. It is possible to use any one of the four notes of the chord as your place within the music that you want to use as your guide or where you sing along with the hoedown. It requires practice but it certainly can be done.

After you have found the key note, your

next step is to listen to the hoedown and find its makeup. First, find the beat. The beat is usually set by drums or a bass fiddle and this beat is what you tap your foot to. However, if you listen carefully, you will hear other rhythms. The next most obvious sound will be the up-beat. As you tap your foot, it not only goes down but also comes back up. The beat then is the definite 1-2-3-4. The up-beat combined with the down-beat would be the "and" if you were counting one-and, two-and, threeand, four-and. This can become even more sophisticated by counting one-and-ah, two-andah, three-and-ah, four-and-ah and squeezing it into the 1-2-3-4. When you start to practice with your new hoedown, see if you can make your voice fit as many as possible of the rhythms you hear. In other words, try to sing with the hoedown.

Instead of using words, use sounds like da-da-da or dum-da-dum or dum da-da-dum etc. For a new caller, the easiest way to do this is within the four beat formation. By varying the sounds of the da-da-da-da-, you will get out of the rut of sounding like you are reciting "Mary had a little lamb." You must practice this routine until you are completely comfortable with the music and can really vary your method of rhythmical presentation while still staying within the confines of the four beat phrases.

Until now, you have not even uttered a square dance command. This is the next step. Without thinking about choreography, try to see if you can make your square dance commands fit the rhythm that you have developed with the dum-da-dum dum routine. Use any square dance terms that might pop into your mind, such as four ladies chain, wheel and deal, square thru four hands, heads lead right and circle to a line. When you are able to fit square dance commands to the hoedown rhythms, you are ready to use these commands with definite dance patterns.

Many callers are lucky and do all of these things naturally. However, if you are one of the callers who has to work at it, you will find that the method described here is one way to build a patter style. Here are some good hoedowns that you can use to develop this method of patter calling.

Ping Pong — Kalox #1105 Stay a Little Longer — Kalox #1128 Skillet Lickin — Blue Star # 1932 Excelerator Special — Chaparral #103 Yellow Creek — Top #25073 Something Else — MacGregor #1100 Rhythm Boys Special — Kalox #1108

COUNTDOWN

By Jim Davis, Seattle, Washington
Heads square thru five hands
Separate around one into the middle
Square thru four hands
Separate around one into the middle
Square thru three hands
Split the outside two
Into the middle and square thru two hands
Split the outside two around one
Crosstrail thru, left allemande

EXTENDING

By Jim Davis, Seattle, Washington
Heads square thru three hands
Separate around one to a line of four
Pass thru, wheel and deal
Girls in the middle swing thru
Extend to the boys, scoot back
Girls extend to the center and swing thru
Turn thru, boys partner trade
Left allemande

SINGING CALL

THE STREET WHERE YOU LIVE

By Lem Gravelle, Jennings, Louisiana

Record: Bogan #1297, Flip Instrumental with

Lem Gravelle

OPENER, MIDDLE BREAK, ENDING
Walk around your corner see saw own
Join hands and circle left
Men star right turn it once around
Left allemande then weave the ring
People stare oh but I don't care
Do sa do then promenade your lady fair
There's nowhere else in this world for me
Than to be on the street where you live
FIGURE:

Heads square thru four hands and then
With outside two just swing thru and
Hey boys run right and wheel and deal
Curlique and then follow your neighbor
Do a left swing thru those girls will trade
Girls run left promenade with this maid
There's nowhere else in this world for me
Than to be on the street where you live
SEQUENCE: Opener, Figure twice, Middle

break, Figure twice, Ending.

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A GIMMICK

By Hayes Herschler, St. Augustine, Florida (Men put your hands in your pockets and don't take them out until I tell you)

Heads pass thru, U turn back
Slide thru, do sa do once around
Pass thru, trade by
Centers partner trade — then zoom
Double pass thru, cloverleaf
Zoom and centers pass thru
Slide thru, pass thru
U turn back and slide thru
Everybody partner trade
Pass to the center, centers pass thru
(Men take your hands out of your pockets)
Allemande left

JOE'S HASH

By Joe LeBoeuf, Orange, Texas

Heads square thru four hands Swing thru, boys run Wheel and deal, right and left thru Flutter wheel, pass the ocean Spin the top, boys run, crossfire Coordinate, bend the line Right and left thru Touch a quarter, coordinate Bend the line Right and left thru, star thru Pass thru, chase right Boys run, pass the ocean Fan the top, recycle Right and left thru, veer left Ferris wheel Right and left thru, pass thru Swing thru, spin the top Right and left thru, star thru Veer left, half tag, trade and roll Pass thru, trade by Left allemande

Heads square thru, pass the ocean Fan the top, recycle Right and left thru Pass to the center Double pass thru, track II Swing thru, boys run Half tag, trade and roll Pass thru, trade by Pass the ocean Right and left thru Touch a quarter, coordinate Bend the line, right and left thru Curlique, coordinate Bend the line, right and left thru Star thru, right and left thru Veer left, ferris wheel Curlique, star by the right Full around, left allemande

Heads pass the ocean Extend to a wave, swing thru Boys run, half tag, trade and roll Pass thru, trade by Right and left thru Pass to the center Double pass thru, track II Right and left thru, pass thru Trade by, right and left thru Veer left, ferris wheel Right and left thru Pass thru, pass the ocean Explode the wave, trade by Pass the ocean Right and left thru, curlique Coordinate, bend the line Right and left thru Pass thru, wheel and deal Centers swing thru, turn thru Allemande left

PAT

By Patrick Gale, Phoenix, Arizona Heads square thru four hands
Do sa do to an ocean wave
Recycle, right and left thru
Pass thru, chase right
Box circulate once, girls turn back

Left allemande

SINGING CALL

RED HOT SPINNING TOPS

By Jack O'Leary, Glastonbury, Conn. Record: Top #25342, Flip Instrumental with

Jack O'Leary

OPENER, MIDDLE BREAK, ENDING

Circle left
Where have all the people gone
I knew from yesteryear and
Where's the laughter that I used to hear
Allemande left your corner
Come back do a curlique boys run right
Allemande left weave around the ring
Take me back to the good old days
Do sa do and promenade I say
Ice cream sodas and Iollipops
And red hot spinning tops

FIGURE:

One and three square thru four hands around Do sa do the outside two you do Swing thru and then spin the top my friend When you're there do a right and left thru Flutter wheel you do sweep a quarter too Swing that corner lady promenade 'em too Ice cream sodas and lollipops

And red hot spinning tops

SEQUENCE: Opener, Figure twice, Middle break, Figure twice, Ending.

ROUND DANCES

DREAM SOMEDAY - Hi-Hat 957

Choreographers: LeRoy and Anita Stark
Comment: Interesting two-step to excellent music.

INTRODUCTION

1-4 CLOSED M face WALL Wait; Wait; Side, Close, Side, —; Side, Close, Side, —;

PARTA

1-4 Side, Close, Fwd, -; Side, Close, Bk, -; (W Under face RLOD) Side, Close, L Turn to face RLOD in LEFT-OPEN, -; 1/2 R face Bk up Wheel, 2, 3 to face LOD, -;

5-8 (Twirl across to BANJO face RLOD)
Side, Close, Fwd, —; Thru, Turn M face
WALL in CLOSED, Close, —; Side,
Close, Side to REV SEMI-CLOSED,
Point; Rev Roll, 2, 3 to CLOSED M face
WALL, —;

PART B

1-4 Side, Close, Fwd, -; Behind, Side, Front, -; Side, Close, Fwd, -; Behind,

Side, Close, -;

- 5-8 (Run Arnd end facing WALL) Hook,
 1/2 L Turn face LOD in SEMI-CLOSED,
 Fwd face COH in CLOSED, —; Side,
 Close, Side, —; (Run Arnd end facing
 COH) Hook, 1/2 L Turn face RLOD in
 SEMI-CLOSED, Fwd face WALL in
 CLOSED, —; Side, Close, Side, —;
 PART C
- 1-4 Rock Fwd, Recov, Whip to LEFT-OPEN face WALL, —; Rock Bk, Recov, Fwd, —; (3/4 L Turn Under end facing RLOD in LEFT-OPEN) Wheel, 2, 3 to face RLOD in LEFT-OPEN, —; Wheel, 2, Pickup to CLOSED M face COH, —;

5-8 Repeat action meas 1-4 Part C except to start by facing COH:

SEQUENCE: A - A - B - C - A - A - B - C plus Ending.

Ending:

1-2 SEMI-CLOSED Walk, Manuv to CLOSED, Pivot, 2 M face WALL; Side, Close, Apart, Point.

TOO MANY RIVERS - Hi-Hat 957

Choreographers: Jess and May Sasseen
Comment: A fun to do two-step with nice
music.

INTRODUCTION

1-4 OPEN-FACING Wait; Wait; Apart, -, Point, -; Together to CLOSED M face WALL, -, Touch, -;

PARTA

1-4 Side, Close, Side, Touch; Side, Close, Side, Touch; Turn Two-Step; Turn Two-Step M face WALL;

5-8 Side, Behind, Side, Thru to SEMI-CLOSED facing LOD; Walk, -, 2, -; Step, Brush, Step, Brush; Fwd Face

WALL, Brush, Side, Touch;

9-12 Repeat action meas 1-4: 13-16 Repeat action meas 5-8: PART B

17-20 Side, Close, Fwd, -; Side, Close, Bk, -; BUTTERFLY Side, Behind, Side, Behind; Side, -, Front, -;

21-24 Fan Thru, Side, Cross, —; Fan Thru, Side, Cross to SEMI-CLOSED, —; (Twirl) Walk Fwd, —, 2, —; 3, —, 4 to CLOSED M face WALL, —;

25-28 Repeat action meas 17-20: 29-32 Repeat action meas 21-24:

SEQUENCE: A - B - A - B plus Ending.

Ending:

1-4 SEMI-CLOSED Fwd Two-Step; Fwd Two-Step; Cut, Bk, Cut, Bk; Rock Bk, Recov. Point, -.

MILLIE PEABODY - Grenn 14254

Choreographers: Irv and Betty Easterday
Comment: An active routine. Good peppy
music.

INTRODUCTION

1-4 BUTTERFLY BANJO Wait; Wait; Kick, -, Kick, -; Kick, -, Close to BANJO M facing DIAGONAL LOD & WALL; PART A

1-4 Fwd, -, R Turn, -; Side, -, Bk M face RLOD in CLOSED, -; R Turn, -, Side to SIDECAR M face LOD, -; Fwd, -, Fwd to CLOSED, -;

5-8 Fwd, -, R Turn, -; Side, -, R Turn M face LOD in SIDECAR, -; (R Twirl) Fwd, -, Fwd, -; (R twirl end LEFT-OPEN facing LOD) Fwd, -, Fwd, -;

9-12 Fwd, Lock, Fwd, -; Fwd, Lock, Fwd, -; Fwd, Lock, Fwd, -; Side, Close, Side/Flick end in CLOSED M face LOD & WALL, -;

13-16 Pivot, -, 2/Flick, -; 3, -, 4 M face LOD, -; Fwd, -, Manuv M face RLOD, -; Bk, -, Bk to SEMI-CLOSED, -;

17-18 (Fallaway grapevine with run) XIB, Side, XIF, Side; XIB, Side, XIF, Run end CLOSED M face LOD; PART B

1-4 Fwd, -, Fwd to BANJO M facing LOD, -; Fwd, Lock, Fwd, -; Fwd, -, Run, 2 end in CLOSED; Fwd, -, R Turn, -;

5-8 Side, -, R Turn M face LOD in SIDE-

CAR, -; Fwd, -, Fwd to CLOSED, -; Walk Fwd, -, 2, -; 3, -, 4, -;

9-12 Fwd, Side, Close/Flick to BANJO, -; Fwd, Side, Close/Flick to SIDECAR, -; Fwd, Side, Close/Flick to BANJO, -; Fwd, Side, Close to CLOSED, -;

13-16 Fwd, -, Side, -; Thru, -, Point, -; 2, -, Side, -; Thru, -, Pivot, -;

17-18 2, -, Fwd, -; (Twirl) Walk Fwd, -, 2 end CLOSED M facing LOD, -;

SEQUENCE: Dance goes thru twice ending in HALF-OPEN second time thru for Ending.

Ending:

(L face Roll end in LEFT HALF-OPEN 1-4 facing LOD) Rock Side, Recov, Close, -; (R face Roll end facing COH) Rock Side, Recov, Close to face WALL in CLOSED; Turn Two-Step; Turn Two-Step end in SEMI-CLOSED facing LOD;

Walk Fwd to OPEN, -, 2, -; Fwd, -, 5-8 Point Fwd, -; Bk, -, Point Bk, -; Walk Fwd, -, 2 end in BANJO M face WALL,

9-12 Banjo Wheel, 2, 3, 4; 5, 6, 7, 8; 9, 10, 11, 12; 13, 14, 15, 16 end in CLOSED M face WALL;

13-14 Scoot Apart, 2, 3, 4; Chug in Place, -, Apart/Point, —.

OUR DREAM — Grenn 14254

Choreographers: Andy and Ann Handy

Comment: An interesting waltz to big band sound music.

INTRODUCTION

- OPEN-FACING Wait; Wait; Apart, Point, -; Together to OPEN, Touch, -; DANCE
- Waltz Away, 2, 3; Turn In, 2, 3 end facing RLOD in LEFT-OPEN; Bwd Waltz, 2, 3; Bk, 1/4 L Turn M face WALL in CLOSED, Close;

Dip Bk, -, -; Rec/Float Apart, 2, 3; 5-8 Twinkle, 2, 3; Thru, Face, Close;

9-12 Repeat action meas 1-4:

13-16 Repeat action meas 5-8 except to end in

CLOSED M face WALL:

17-20 (Whisk) Fwd, Side, Hook end SEMI-CLOSED facing LOD; (Wing) Fwd, Draw, Touch end SIDECAR M facing LOD & COH; (Telemark) Fwd, L Turn, Fwd end in SEMI-CLOSED facing LOD & WALL; Manuv, Side, Close end BANJO M face RLOD;

21-24 Bk Turning R, Close, Fwd facing LOD in SEMI-CLOSED; (In & Out Runs) Fwd, Side, Bk; Bk/Turn, Side, Fwd; Manuv, Side, Close end M facing RLOD

in CLOSED;

25-28 1/2 R Pivot face LOD, Fwd, Recov; Bk, Side, Close; Fwd, Side, Recov end BANJO M face COH & LOD; Twinkle, 2, 3 end SIDECAR M face LOD & WALL;

29-32 Check, Recov, Side to BANJO; Manuv, 2, 3 end CLOSED M face RLOD; (R) Waltz Turn; (R) Waltz Turn end OPEN

facing LOD;

SEQUENCE: Dance goes thru twice plus Ending.

Ending:

BUTTERFLY M face WALL Side, Be-1-2 hind, Side; (Wrap, 2, 3;) Side twd RLOD, Behind, Side.

SWEET THANG - Belco 273

Choreographers: Rocky and Vickie Strickland Comment: An easy two-step with adequate music. There are cues on one band. INTRODUCTION

OPEN-FACING Wait; Wait; Apart, -, Point, -; Together to SEMI-CLOSED face LOD, -, Touch, -; PARTA

Fwd Two-Step; Fwd Two-Step; Fwd, 1-4 Close, Bk, Close; Walk, -, 2 M face WALL in LOOSE-CLOSED, -;

Side, Behind, Side, Front; Pivot, -, 2, 5-8 -; Turn Two-Step; Turn Two-Step to SEMI-CLOSED face LOD;

9-12 Repeat action meas 1-4 Part A:

13-16 Repeat action meas 5-8 Part A: BRIDGE

Walk, LOD -, 2, -; PARTB

Circle Away Two-Step; Circle Together 1-4 Two-Step M face WALL in CLOSED; Side, Close, Side, Touch; Side, Close, Side, Touch;

5-8 Side, Close, Fwd, -; Fwd, Close, Bk, -; Bk, Close, Fwd, -; Side, Close, Thru, -;

Repeat action meas 1-4 Part B: 9-12 13-16 Repeat action meas 5-8 Part B:

SEQUENCE: A - Bridge - B - Bridge - A -Bridge — B plus Ending.

Ending

SEMI-CLOSED Fwd Two-Step; Fwd 1-4 Two-Step; Fwd, Close, Bk, Close; Apart, -, Point, -.

ENGINE #9 — Belco 273

Choreographers: John and Shari Helms Comment: Not a difficult two-step. The music is pleasant. There is one band of cues. INTRODUCTION

OPEN-FACING Wait; Wait; Apart, -, 1-4 Point, -; Together to SEMI-CLOSED, -, Touch, -;

PARTA

1-4 Fwd Two-Step; Fwd Two-Step end CLOSED M face WALL; Side, Close, Fwd, -; Side, Close, Side, Close;

5-8 Rock Side RLOD, -, Recov to face LOD in SEMI-CLOSED, -; Fwd Two-Step; Turn Two-Step to end facing LOD in SEMI-CLOSED;

9-12 Repeat action meas 1-4 Part A:

13-16 Repeat action meas 5-8 Part B except to end in BUTTERFLY M face WALL:
PART B

1-4 Face to Face Two-Step; Bk to Bk Two-Step end OPEN facing LOD; Lunge Side, -; Recov to face RLOD, -; Fwd Two-Step;

5-8 Lunge Side, -, Recov face LOD in SEMI-CLOSED, -; Fwd Two-Step; Fwd, Close, Bk, -; Bk, Close, Fwd M face WALL in BUTTERFLY, -;

9-12 Repeat action meas 1-4 Part B:

13-16 Repeat action meas 5-8 Part B except to end in SEMI-CLOSED facing LOD:

SEQUENCE: Dance goes thru twice plus Ending.

Ending:

1-4 Fwd Two-Step; Fwd Two-Step; (Twirl) Walk, -, 2, -; Step Apart, -, Point, -.

EIGHT CHAIN THREE

By Gil Crosby, Gainesville, Florida

Heads square thru
Eight chain three
Centers left swing thru
Left turn thru
Centers in cast off three quarters
Star thru, double pass thru
First couple left, next right
Slide thru, square thru three quarters
Left allemande

Heads right and left thru
Star thru, pass thru
Eight chain three
Centers left square thru three quarters
Others U turn back
Touch a quarter, centers trade
Girls run, square thru
Right and left grand

Heads square thru
Eight chain three
Centers left swing thru
Others cloverleaf
Centers left turn thru, cloverleaf
Everybody double pass thru
First couple left, next right
Slide thru, eight chain three
Left allemande

Robert Kline

Richmond, New York

One and three do sa do to a wave Fan the top, step thru Right and left thru Do sa do to a wave Boys trade, girls trade Follow your neighbor and spread Follow your neighbor and spread Cast off three quarters Follow your neighbor Girls circulate, boys trade Left allemande

Heads lead right circle to a line Pass the ocean Girls trade, girls circulate Recycle Left allemande

Heads lead right circle to a line
Swing the corner and promenade
Heads wheel around
Pass the ocean
Girls trade
Recycle
Left allemande

SINGING CALL

WHOLE LOT OF THINGS TO SING ABOUT

By Bob Fisk, Mesa, Arizona

Record: Swinging Stars #110, Flip Instrumental with Bob Fisk

OPENER, MIDDLE BREAK, ENDING

Circle left

I've got a whole lot of things to sing about I've got a whole lot of things to say Like the men star right once around Left allemande weave the ring that way I've got a whole lot of things I want to do Do sa do that girl and promenade And I want you here beside me Every step of the way FIGURE:

Well now the heads promenade go halfway Sides pass thru and partner trade Heads square thru four hands around Step to an ocean wave scoot back Walk in a grand old right and left Swing your girl around and promenade And I want you here beside me Every step of the way

SEQUENCE: Opener, Figure twice, Middle break, Figure twice, Ending.

Thor Sigurdson
Emerson, Manitoba, Canada
Heads square thru four hands
Curlique with the outside two
Follow your neighbor
Girls run, cast off three quarters
Square thru three hands
Left allemande

Heads square thru four hands
Follow your neighbor
Boys cross run, single hinge
Follow your neighbor
Boys cross fold
Allemande left

Heads half square thru, split two
Around one make a line of four
Pass thru, ends fold, swing thru
Boys run, half tag trade and roll
Curlique, follow your neighbor
Girls run, cast off three quarters
Cross trail thru
Skip partner and head to the corner
Left allemande

Heads right and left thru
Flutter wheel, sweep a quarter
Pass thru, split two around one
Make a line of four
Pass thru, ends fold
Touch a quarter
Follow your neighbor
Boys cross run and single hinge
Follow your neighbor
Boys cross fold, pass thru
Trade by, left allemande

MAINSTREAM CHOREO

Sides rollaway half sashay
Heads square thru four hands
Do sa do to a wave, swing thru
Spin the top, curlique, boys run
Centers square thru three quarters
Left allemande

Sides rollaway half sashay
Heads square thru four hands
Swing thru, spin the top
Curlique, boys run right
Double pass thru
Cloverleaf, centers curlique
Walk and dodge
New centers square thru four
Centers in cast off three quarters
Star thru, centers pass thru
Swing thru, turn thru
Left allemande

Heads cross trail around one to a line Pass the ocean, scoot back Girls circulate, boys trade Spin chain thru Boys circulate one spot Swing thru, turn thru Left allemande

Heads lead right circle to a line
Pass the ocean, eight circulate
Scoot back, girls circulate
Boys trade, boys run
Couples circulate, wheel and deal
Dive thru, square thru three quarters
Left allemande

Heads lead right circle to a line
Pass thru, wheel and deal
Double pass thru
Centers in cast off three quarters
Centers square thru four hands
Ends star thru, swing thru
Spin the top, curlique
Eight circulate, boys run
Star thru, pass thru
Wheel and deal
Centers square thru three quarters
Left allemande

SINGING CALL

LAWDY MISS CLAWDY

By Wade Driver, Houston, Texas

Record: Rhythm Records #116, Flip Instrumental with Wade Driver
OPENER, MIDDLE BREAK, ENDING

Circle left
Lawdy lawdy lawdy Miss Clawdy
Girl you sure look good to me
The men star right one time around
Left allemande gonna' weave the ring
I give you all of my money
Do sa do and promenade home
You like to leave me every morning
Don't come home 'til late at night
FIGURE:

Heads promenade go halfway
Sides do the right and left thru
Flutter wheel full around
Sweep a quarter and then pass thru
Do sa do do an eight chain four
Singing lawdy lawdy lawdy Miss Clawdy
Swing your corner around and promenade
You like to leave me every morning
Don't come home 'til late at night

SEQUENCE: Opener, Figure twice, Middle break, Figure twice, Ending.

Heads right and left thru
Square thru three quarters round
Separate around one into the middle
Right and left thru
Square thru three quarters round
Do sa do, star thru
Right and left thru, pass thru on to the next
Circle four three quarters round
Dive thru, pass thru, star thru
Right and left thru, pass thru on to the next
Circle four three quarters round
Dive thru, star thru
Circle four three quarters round
Dive thru, star thru
Cross trail thru, left allemande

LADY AROUND TWO, GENT FALL THRU

First old couple bow and swing, Lead right out to the right of the ring.

(First couple with the lady in the lead goes to the right behind couple #2)

Now lady around two and gent fall thru,

(The lady goes around behind two as the gent goes around one, splitting the number two couple. Both come into the center of the square and face left single file with the gent in the lead. The number two couple is not active except to move apart to allow a dancer to pass between them.)

Put the gent in the lead,
Gent around two and the lady fall thru.
Swing 'em on the inside, outside too.
Circle up four and around you go,
Break it all up with a do paso.
Partner by the left, now corner by the right,
Courtesy turn, don't take all night.
Circle to the left, go around the floor,
Now reverse back, go single file.
Number one lady in the lead

(Everybody follow #1 lady)

Lady around two and the gent fall thru

(With #1 lady leading the line, she goes around two while the #1 man falls thru. This puts him in the lead and they start moving to the right to go around the couple again; as they do the #2 lady will go around two and the #2 man will fall thru and immediately follow couple #1. Then the call will continue)

Gent around two and the lady fall thru.

Swing 'em on the inside, outside too.

Circle up six and around you go,

Break it all up with a do paso.

Partner by the left and corner by the right,

Turn that partner and circle up six.

Now circle to the right, go single file.

Number one lady in the lead,

Lady around two and the gent fall thru.

With the gent in the lead, Gent around two and the lady fall thru. Swing 'em at home and you're not thru, Allemande left, etc.

Gremlins reap their havoc on calls, as you may have noted in Ray Orme's call in the October issue. Here's how it should have been.

Three and four ladies chain
Number one lady cross the square
Circle three with number three
Gent break with the left to a line of three
Two and four cross trail thru
Separate around one, make lines
Go forward up and back that way
Ends star thru and circle eight
Four men go forward and back
Cross trail thru
Around one and circle eight
Everybody California twirl
Left allemande

SINGING CALL ADAPTATION

TOP OF THE WORLD

Adapted by Bill Litchman, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Record: Hi Hat 431

OPENER, MIDDLE BREAK, ENDING Four little ladies chain across I say - -

Join your hands and circle left around that

The ladies in the men sashay, you circle left that way -

Ladies in the men sashay, left allemande (weave the ring)

I'm on the - top of the world looking - down on creation

You'll do sa do and then you'll promenade - The love that I've found, ever since you've
been around

Has put me on the top of the world - - -

FIGURE

Head (side) two couples promenade halfway - - - Down the middle right and left thru don't take all day - -

Four ladies chain across the hall you turn them on around you all

The girls star right go back home (do paso) - You turn your corner with the right hand
'round, your partner with the left hand
'round

Swing that corner girl and promenade - - -

The love that I've found, ever since you've been around

Has put me on the top of the world - - -

SEQUENCE: Opener, figure twice, middle break, figure twice, ending

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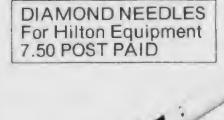
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CALLER of the MONTH



Lem Smith - Victoria, Texas

In the Spotlight this month is Lem Smith, whose caller-run club in his home town of Victoria, Texas, is called "Lem's Lemons" (love it!). Lem first saw the light of day in Kearney, Nebraska, and was raised in several small towns in Iowa. Upon graduation from high school, Lem joined the Marines and served for four years.

Shortly after having learned to square dance in Duncan, Oklahoma, in 1955, Lem became interested in calling. With the help of his club caller he began working on patter and later singing calls and attended several two and three-day caller clinics. He started actively calling in 1957.

Lem has served on the caller staff in Red River, New Mexico, for Lewis Ranch, Lonesome Pine Lodge, and served as caller and director of the Community Center for several sessions. He was staff caller for "Coffee College" for over seven years, formed "Sooner Seminar" and was staff caller and round dance instructor for two years at Lake Murray Lodge, Oklahoma.

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tion and CALLERLAB, is a LEGACY trustee and was just recently elected President of the Texas Callers Association.

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in Corpus Christi.

Lem and Mary Jo live on a small cattle ranch just south of Victoria, along the San Antonio River. They travel regularly through Kansas, Louisiana, Georgia, Tennessee, Arkansas and Texas as Lem calls for various festivals and area dances.

The Smiths have a son and daughter and a two-year old granddaughter, Lori.

(**LETTERS**, continued from page 3)

even in a "longer" short dress.) Leave the short dresses to the cute little young ones and let's have more of our pretty ladies wearing the real traditional long dresses again. One can still be vivacious and lively while looking and feeling graceful, lovely and ladylike. I wore a long dress (amid the short ones) recently, and do you want to know from whom the compliments came? From the gentlemen. They liked it, ladies!

Name Withheld by Request

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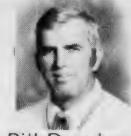
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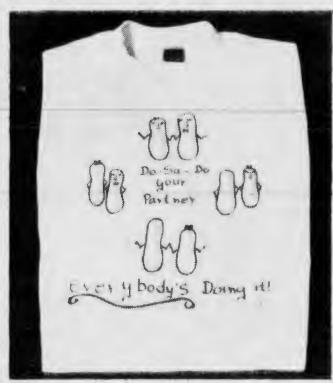
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Dear Editor:

Things here are going "great." Lots of callers, clubs, and dances and I am sure getting my share of them. One thing that is worrying me to some extent is that I feel we are going too great - like the government -- we're taking care of the poor and the rich but we are forgetting the middle class. By that I mean we

have, I think, (in our area) outstanding beginners' classes, great Mainstream Plus Experimentals and Advanced dancing - but we are neglecting the majority (the middle class) who want to dance once or twice a month. Really, we don't have a club in the area that sticks with the Basic Mainstream Program (without the experimentals). Our Callers Association is soon to correct this situation and I think we will be doing a great service in the area by providing a place for Mr. Average Dancer to go and dance and enjoy. I feel that CALLERLAB should put



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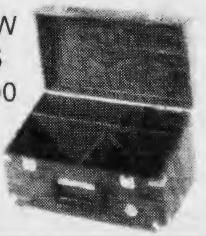
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Dear Editor:

We would like to apologize for not getting your questionnaire (see SQUARE DANCING, November, 1977) back to you by the deadline.... We just want you to know that we certainly think square dancing is heading in a healthy direction thanks, we believe, in great measure to LEGACY and CALLERLAB. We appreciate all you have done and are doing to

help make them a success. We don't have a crystal ball but just hope by the year 2000 people of all ages will get as much pleasure out of square dancing as we have over the past 26 years. The perfect square dance activity is just to keep them dancing and keep them happy all ages and all levels. How to do it we are not quite sure. We hope our 1st National next year will lead to a Canada-wide organization further than that we can only hope.

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Larry and Eileen Perotti Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dear Editor:

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Gordon Hoyt Santa Maria, California

Dear Editor:

The following is from the "Letters From the People" column in our local paper. "I think Milwaukee should know the comments made by workers at the Auditorium during the State Square Dance Convention. I was a spectator, and a woman in a blue uniform sat next to me and remarked that it was a pleasure to serve the crowd because the washrooms were left clean. Around the concession stands a remark was made that the conventioneers really knew where the rubbish belonged because there was no litter around. At the Summerfest site where square dancers parked their trailers, a worker said it had been left so clean they did not even find cigarette butts. The National Square Dance

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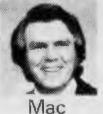
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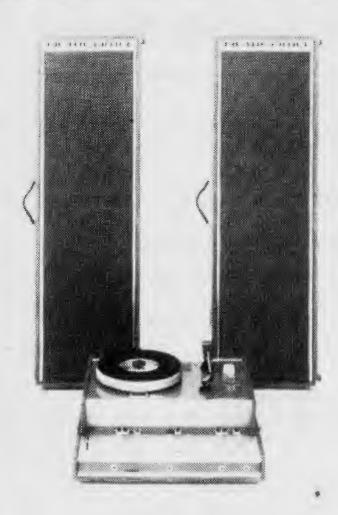
Convention will be held here in 1979. Let's give them a great welcome. Milwaukeeans, who take pride in a clean city, should also be proud to have a group who leaves it that way. (signed) Irma Haas." I think square dancers should be proud of this.

Elsie Peters Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Editor:

I am at a loss to whom to direct this inquiry and wondered if you could either pass this letter on or send me an address to contact for the information. I intend visiting the U.S.A. during your next summer (1978) and wish to hire a camper van/mobile home to suit a young married couple to visit the Oklahoma and the Canadian National Conventions, commencing the hire on the West Coast and returning it there upon completion. Do you know if any square dancers rent mobile homes for a business or could you recommend a firm to which I could direct an inquiry? Should you know of any square dancers who will not be using their mobile home over the period June through

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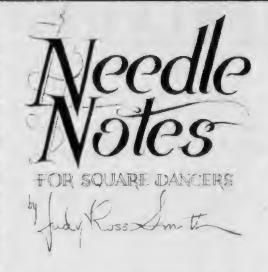


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Anyone have information which might be of help to Richard? We've included his address so that he can be contacted by persons in a position to give him assistance.—Editor

Dear Editor:

Hi - I do like the magazine! And, I do like the Annual Directory. But, a suggestion. Publish the Directory in June, if possible. Seems like every summer we take off with last year's Directory and find this year's at home upon return.

B.J. Dennis San Rafael, California

Many associations hold elections in May and August allows us time to update. The current Directory is good through July, '78 — Editor.

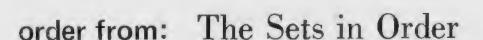
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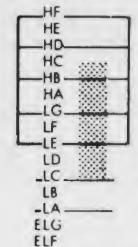
Synopsis: (Break) Circle left — walk around corner — see saw own — men star right — left allemande — swing — promenade (Figure) Heads pass thru — partner trade — reverse the flutter — roll it around the ring — sweep a quarter — right and left thru — pass thru — right and left thru — outside two — veer to left — half tag — walk and dodge — partner trade — reverse the flutter — promenade.

Comment: Figure choreography is different and danceable but dancers will have to keep on their toes and move. Nice job by Jay. Scope does fine job on instrumental.

Rating: ☆☆+

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To get the best possible analysis all singing calls are checked and rated by two sources. First, a rating is made by a square of dancers that actually dances to each record. The records are then sent to another reviewer who rates them on recording quality, instrumentation, clarity of commands, and body mechanics. The final 'star' rating is based on a consensus of the reports from both. In all cases and unless otherwise noted, it may be assumed that singing calls are recorded in a medium range. In the case of hoedowns the key will be included.



Each report gives an analysis of the record and the dance. The shaded area in the chart indicates the voice range used by most recording companies. By comparing the voice range letters in each analysis with those on the chart, you should be able to determine the record's suitability to your voice. Occasionally a report will be starred (*) in which case you will find the call reproduced in the Workshop section of the same issue.

Some of the square dance records reported will have rating symbols at the end of the 'Comment' section. These represent the opinion of the reviewing committee. Symbols used indicate as follows: Average, AAAbove Average, AAExceptional, AAAOutstanding.

LUCILLE - Red Boot Star 1237

Key: A Tempo: 130 Range: HA Caller: Elmer Sheffield LA

Synopsis: (Break) Circle left — left allemande corner — swing — promenade (Figure) Heads promenade three quarters round — sides right and left thru — pass thru — do sa do — swing thru — turn thru — left allemande — walk by one — swing next — left allemande — come back — promenade.

Comment: At least two companies have released this tune this month. One will naturally not do as well as the other. This instrumental is good. Very easy figure for dancers. Nothing outstanding but solid release.

Rating: \$\times \times\$

KELLY KEEP THE LIGHTS ABURNING — Circle D 209

Key: G & A Tempo: 128 Range: HC Sharp Caller: Les Main LD

Synopsis: (Break) Circle — left allemande — do sa do own — gents star by left — turn partner by right — left allemande — do sa do — promenade (Figure) Heads square thru four hands — corner do sa do — curlique — walk and dodge — partner trade — right and left thru — pass the ocean — recycle — swing corner — promenade.

Comment: Good rhythm on this release. Nothing outstanding or different in figure that hasn't been overworked. Seems very

danceable. Easy for callers to use.

Rating: 公立

Y'ALL COME BACK SALOON - D & R 122 Key: D Tempo: 130 Range: HB Caller: Ron Russell LA

Synopsis: (Break) Four ladies promenade inside

— home join hands circle eight — left
allemande corner — weave ring — do sa do —
promenade (Figure) Heads rollaway — to
middle and back — star thru — right and left
thru — pass thru — trade by — do sa do —
girls trade — recycle once around — dive thru
— square thru three quarters — swing corner
— promenade.

Comment: Lots of words in this call that callers will have to work on. Music adequate as well as figure. Metering of words is questionable as well as last sentence of call being used in a square dance release. Rating: ☆+

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Key: A Flat Tempo: 130 Range: HE Flat Caller: Mary Ann Nicholas LE Flat

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Comment: Good instrumental on a label seldom seen. Figure can be called to any group as it uses easy dancing. Metering may have to be adjusted for some callers. Think callers Rating: ☆☆ will enjoy this instrumental.

LUCKENBACH, TEXAS - Rhythm Records 112

Tempo: 132 Range: HD Key: G & A Caller: Bob Baier

Synopsis: (Break) Sides face grand square — left allemande – weave ring – do sa do – promenade (Figure) Heads promenade halfway — down middle square thru four hands right and left thru - veer to left - ferris wheel - centers square thru three quarters swing corner — promenade.

Comment: Real western feeling in this release. Phrasing has to be adjusted for some callers but should present no problem. Easy dance figure using ferris wheel. Nothing unusual in release but could be sleeper. Rating: ☆☆

HOW COME YOU DO ME LIKE YOU DO -Longhorn 1020

Tempo: 132 Key: G Range: HB Caller: Rick Smith

Synopsis: (Break) Four ladies chain across chain back - join hands circle left - left allemande - weave ring - do sa do promenade (Figure) Heads square thru four hands — do sa do corner — swing thru — girls fold - peel the top - right and left thru square thru three quarters - corner swing promenade.

Comment: This dance features peel the top. The music is very adequate and has a nice feel. The tune is well established and most Rating: ☆☆ callers can use.



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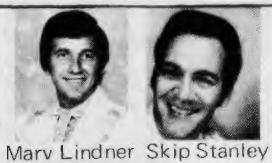
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Tempo: 132 Range: HC Sharp Key: A Caller: Ron Hunter

Synopsis: (Break) Allemande — do sa do — left allemande – weave ring – do sa do – promenade home - (Figure) Head ladies chain - same pair square thru four hands do sa do - swing thru - boys trade - run to right - half tag trade and roll - pass thru swing - promenade.

Comment: One of the better releases for this company. Many callers can have enjoyment using this one. Recording may seem thin but can be adjusted by callers to suit individual

response. Nothing outstanding with the Rating: 公公 choreography.

TEXAS IN MY SOUL — Swinging Stars 111 Tempo: 128 Range: HE Key: C

Caller: Lee Schmidt Synopsis: (Break) Circle left - walk around corner - see saw own - men star right once around - left allemande - weave ring promenade (Figure) Head two couples promenade halfway - sides move into middle - square thru four hands - right and left thru - dive thru - pass thru - swing thru men trade - swing corner - left allemande

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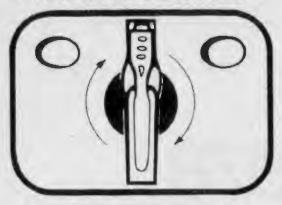
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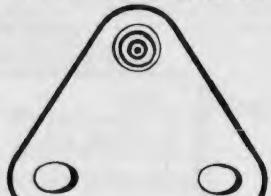
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Comment: Key for Lee seems lower than usual. Dance figure is average. Music above average. Use of many cities' names gives gimmick that many will enjoy. Tune becomes more enjoyable as you dance it. Rating: 公公

LAST TIME I SAW HER - Kalox 1208

Key: F Tempo: 128 Range: HD Caller: Bill Peters LC

Synopsis: (Break) Four ladies chain three quarters - join hands circle left - roll half sashay - circle left - left allemande - weave ring — do sa do — promenade (Figure)

Head two right and left thru - cross trail round one - line up four - up to middle and back - pass thru - chase right - boys run - star thru - dive thru - square thru three hands — swing corner — promenade.

Comment: Quite an introduction to this record. Choreography features chase right that works nicely. Good Kalox music with steel guitar use. Above average in all respects.

Rating: ☆☆

HELLO LOVE - Kalox 1209

Caller: Joe Lewis

Key: F Tempo: 128

Range: HA LC

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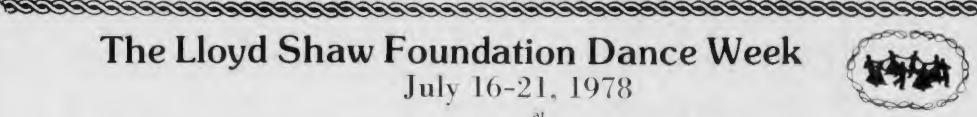
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Comment: "Shades of the past." Joe Lewis has returned to the recording field. Sounds like him; dance is comfortable and fits nicely with Kalox music. A good combination. Could easily have been a Workshop release.

Note the called side is done in key of B Flat as opposed to the instrumental side being recorded in key of F. Rating: ☆☆+

I'LL BET YOU A KANGAROO - Lore 1161 **Tempo: 128** Key: G Range: HB Caller: John Chavis

Synopsis: (Break) Circle left — allemande left corner - do sa do own - men star left once around - meet partner - turn thru allemande left corner - come back swing promenade (Figure) One and three flutter wheel - sweep a quarter more - right and left thru — square thru three quarters — split

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Comment: An unusual record that will be difficult for callers to handle without a lot of practice. Tune to this reviewer becomes tiresome. Nice job by John. Music could be used as hoedown as melody line is practically "nil."

Rating:

☆ +

LUCILLE - Bogan 1298 Key: C Tempo: 130

RB 129

RB 131

Caller: Lem Smith

Range: HC

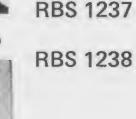
Synopsis: (Break) Walk around corner — come back do paso — partner left — corner right — partner left — allemande thar — boys back up — slip clutch — left allemande — weave ring — do sa do — promenade (Alternate break) Sides face grand square — four ladies promenade — swing partner — promenade home (Figure) One and three square thru four hands — pass the ocean — make a wave — swing thru — boys run right — bend the line — right and left thru — flutter wheel full around — swing — left allemande new corner — promenade.

Comment: One of the two companies releasing

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Rating: \$\text{\phi}\$

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— Swinging Stars 110

Key: D Tempo: 130 Range: HA Caller: Bob Fisk LA

Synopsis: Complete call printed in Workshop. Comment: Easy tune for callers. Bob seems low in his key range but does not alter the release in any way. Figure flows well though

walking into a right and left grand from scoot back makes it difficult. Rating: ☆☆+

OH LONESOME ME - Hi-Hat 484

Key: B Flat Tempo: 130 Range: HC Caller: Dick Waibel LB Flat

Synopsis: (Break) Ladies center — men sashay — circle — ladies center — men sashay — circle — allemande left alamo style — balance — swing thru — turn thru — allemande left — grand right and left — promenade (Figure) Heads rollaway — star thru — swing thru — spin chain thru — boys circulate — count two times — recycle — pass thru — trade by

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Rating: ☆☆

RED HOT SPINNING TOPS — Top 25342

Key: B Tempo: 127 Rating: HB

Caller: Jack O'Leary LB

Synopsis: Complete call printed in Workshop.

Comment: A good release by Top with nice calling by Jack. It's comfortable and dancers should enjoy it. Hope all callers can handle the tune. A good buy for that middle of the evening relaxer.

Rating: ☆☆+

RAMBLIN' FEVER - Hi-Hat 477

Key: F Tempo: 128 Range: HB Flat Caller: Mike Sikorsky LC

Synopsis: (Break) Four men star by the right — turn partner left — do paso — corner by right — partner left — make allemande thar — men wheel into middle back up star — slip the clutch — skip four girls — left allemande

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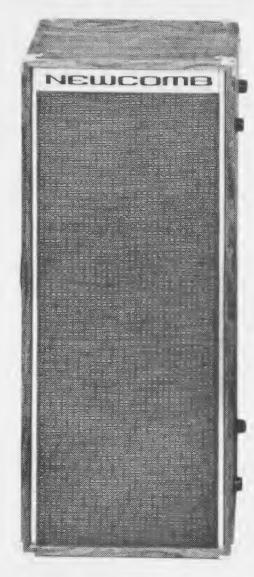
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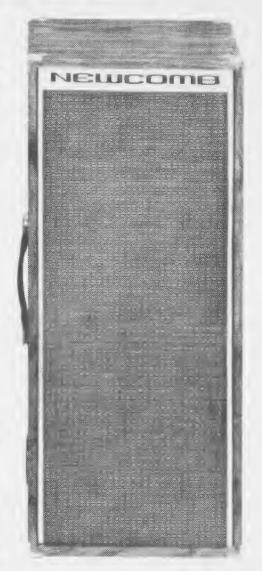
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Comment: An average recording and not one of the better ones by Hi-Hat. The music is montonous. Figure is acceptable and dances nicely. Rating: ☆+

ON THE STREET WHERE YOU LIVE -Bogan 1297

Kev: A Flat **Tempo: 130**

Range: HC Caller: Lem Gravelle LC Synopsis: Complete call printed in Workshop.

Comment: A nice flowing piece of choreography using follow your neighbor. The tune is well established and known by the dancers. Good instrumental verison. One of the better releases recently by Bogan.

Rating: 公公+

LAWDY MISS CLAWDY - Rhythm Records 116

Tempo: 132 Kev: C Range: HC Caller: Wade Driver

Synopsis: Complete call printed in Workshop. Comment: This is well recorded and its popu-

larity will depend on the way it is called by callers. Dancers will need to move on this.



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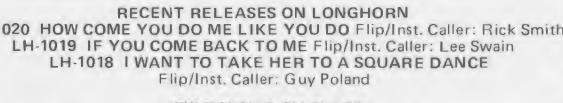
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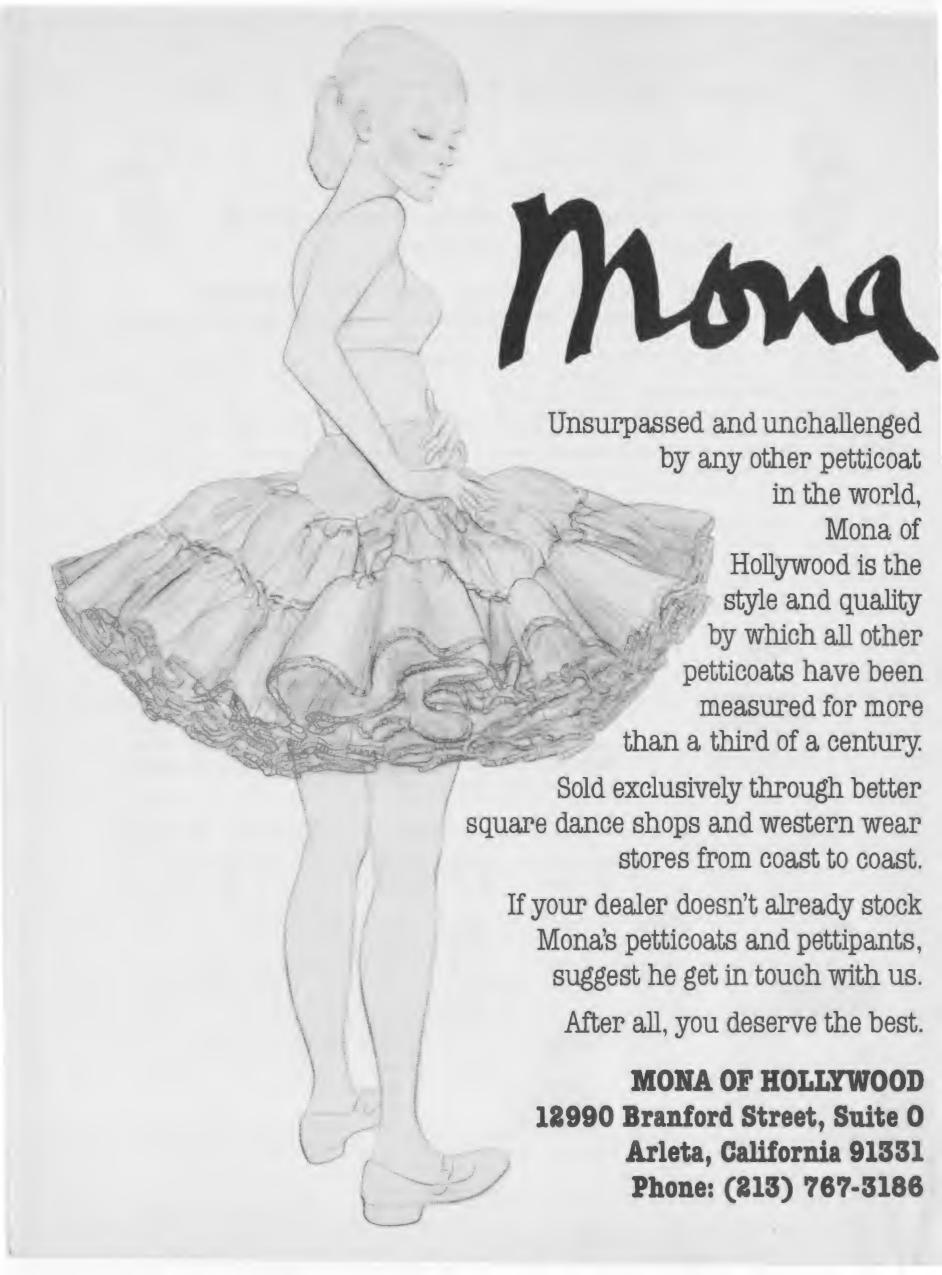
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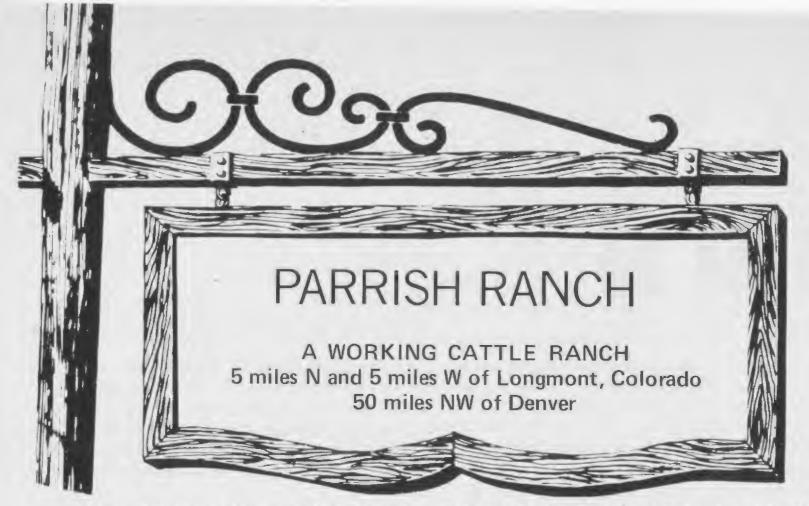
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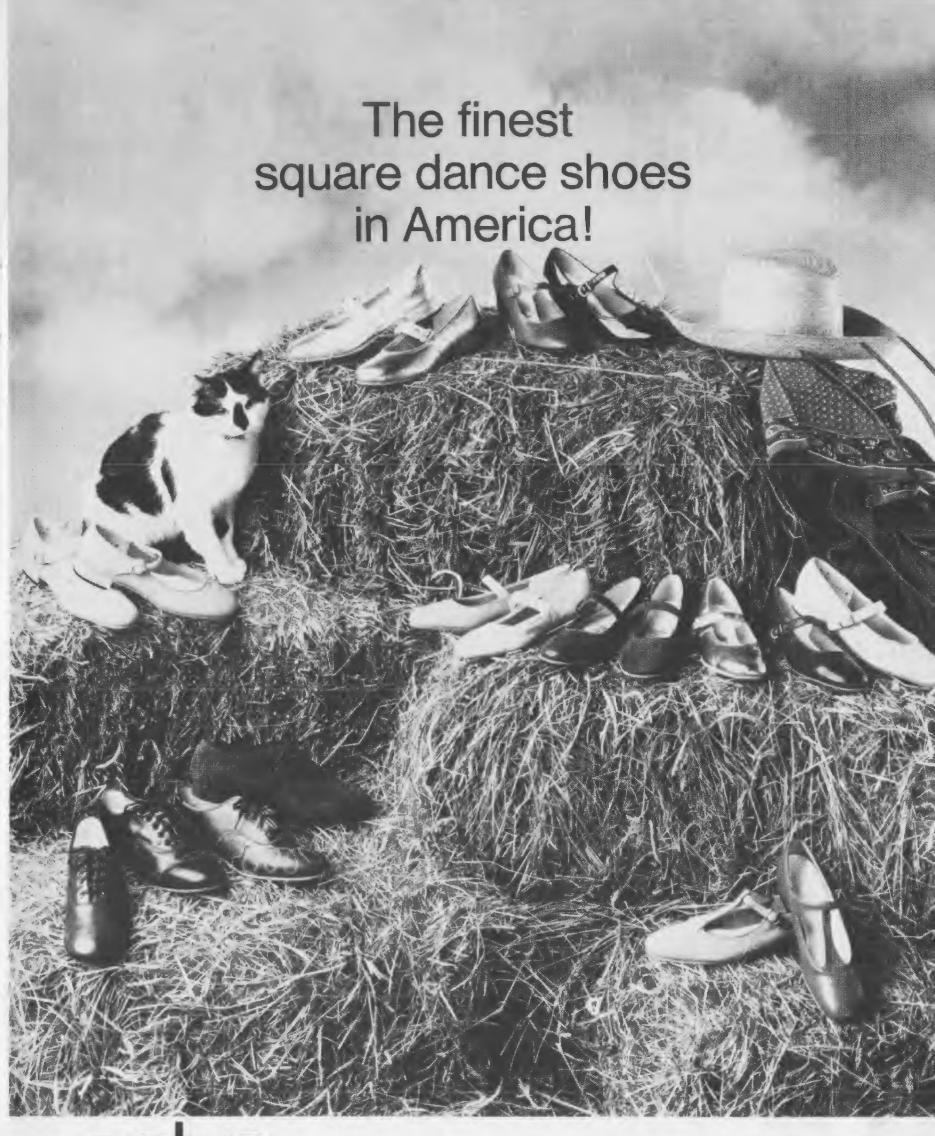
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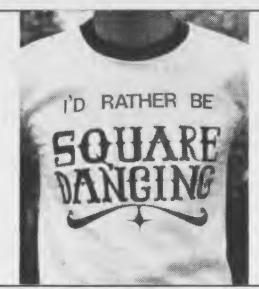
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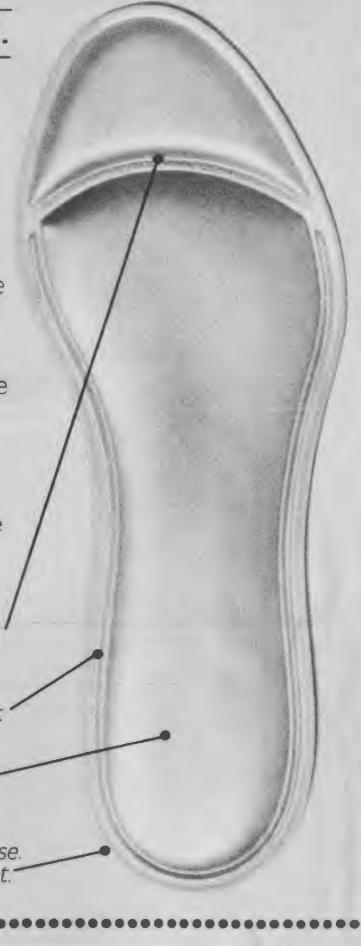
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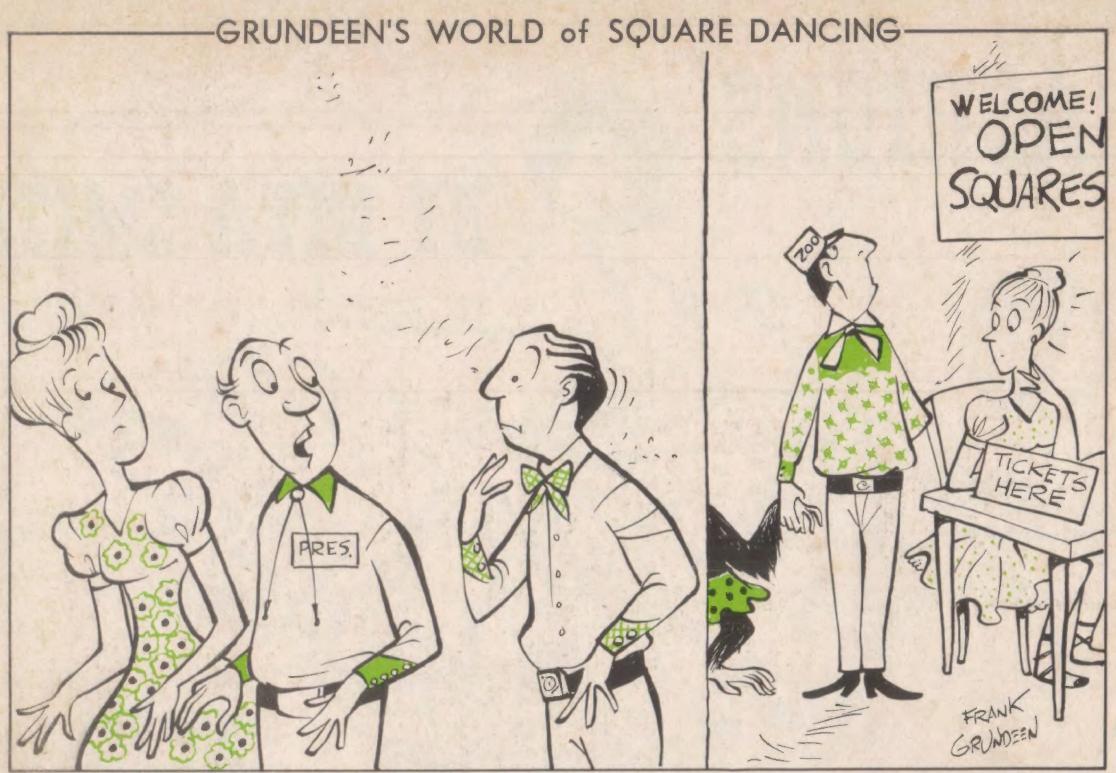
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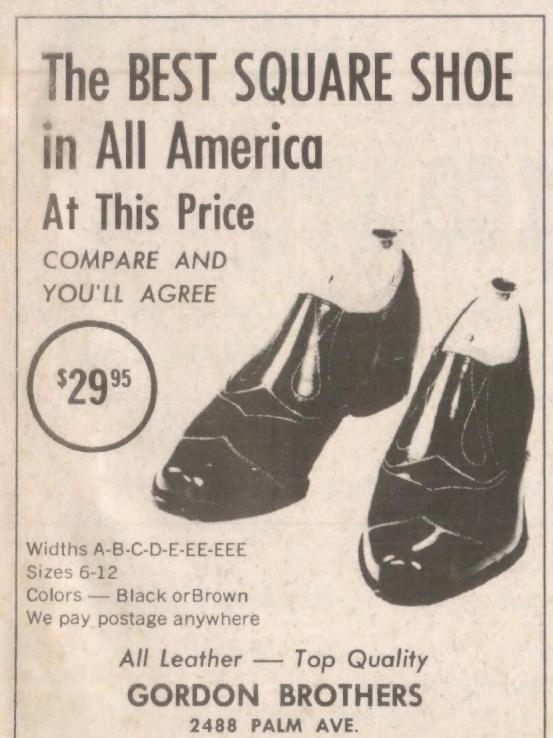
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