

# CO-EDITORIAL



Let's keep our perspective— a twohundred year one— on the Bicentennial. Commemorations and special events are regular occurrences now that the Bicentennial year is really here. (See Feb. cover.)

We've recently been involved in a church-oriented Bicentennial study of patriotism, the country and the "commemoration of a revolution". Most of the discussion centers on the thought that since the USA has so many flaws, there is nothing to celebrate. We disagree so strongly that we just had to editorialize about it.

We may be in the "cynical 70's", but we don't have to give in to total pessimism. Square dancers are fortunate in having a happy heritage to celebrate. Our programs will commemorate the fellowship, togetherness and fun that all of our forefathers (and foremothers) found in musical motion. It's difficult to imagine George and

Martha with their heavy responsibilities and elaborate clothing really having fun dancing, but when historians tell us the "Sir Roger de Coverly" really turned George on, one can become a believer. It's easier to imagine the westward-moving pioneers gathering for a social evening and kicking up their heels. And we know that even the staid New Englanders had their kitchen junkets! So let's be happy and joyous and celebrate the USA's 200th Birthday together in harmony of motion and spirit.

We can still seriously consider our duties and responsibilities as citizens but let's not ''flutter the bellows'' (new basic?) to put a damper on the festivities.

Maybe this is easier for those who get goosebumps when a band plays "Stars And Stripes Forever" or a floor of dancers is ssh-ssh-sshing right with the beat of a banjo-plunkin' Grand Old Flag. We do— and we're glad to have a happy share in the American heritage. Rejoice!

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I want to thank you for using my article on "Can Styling Be Taught". Perhaps someone will receive something from the article. It was composed of ideas that Dave and I feel very strongly about but so often a hands off subject.

We want to wish you continued success on your new round dance poll and we find it very interesting.

Dave & Shirley Fleck Toledo, Ohio

We received the Square Dance magazine copies for our new square dancers. I hope they will find this copy interesting and it will help them in square dancing. Maybe each will send for a subscription. The Janesville Swingin' Squares would like to thank you for these copies.

Milburn Hammer Janesville, Wisconsin

We are new square dancers, just graduated. Please find a check enclosed for a subscription to your magazine. We read the December issue and found so many things in it that were helpful to us. We need all the help we can get!

It's such fun, and all the little tips help us to understand the things that we

are doing better.

Mrs. Kenneth E. Hulett Kansas City, Missouri

Thanks so much for the article concerning Jean and me, and I especially thank you for your comments at the bottom of the page.

I often give thanks for the countless hours of enjoyment that square dancing has brought me and only regret that time won't allow me to give more time to such a wonderful recreation.

In last month's issue of your magazine .... a lady wrote that if her caller made her wear square dance clothes as a helper in class, she would feel he was a dictator and would not be part of square dancing. How can we who are devoted to square dancing find words to tell her that in class part of our teaching is styling and it is impossible to learn skirt work in a pair of slacks? I am a part of square dancing yet I cannot find words to express my feeling that square dance clothes are a part of our great recreation and we should be proud to wear them. Am I being a dictator because I love the eye-catching costumes that flow through a series of movements? Non-square dancers are very aware of our clothes and their eyes follow us when we are in pubic.

Am I a dictator because I teach that square dancing is a flowing series of movements and that gimmicks destroy much of this flow? My pleasure derives from my ability to take steps with the beat of the music and the proper amount of steps per movement. If we walk to this beat, how many steps to a movement doesn't have to be known. Perhaps gimmicks will always be a part of square dancing but I don't believe those of us who refrain from them are dictating anything other than the fact that we treasure the beauty of flowing

movements.

Bill Burleson Minerva, Ohio

Thank you for the certificate for the square dance magazine. I have pleasure in returning it herewith together with the necessary draft.

Tom Shakespeare Warwickshire, England

Many thanks for the fine cover art work and article about the Swinging Eights in your February issue. Your consideration of the wholesome efforts of all clubs and dancers rather than the petty differences that do crop up from time to time because of the human element is extremely refreshig and enjoyable. We look forward to each issue and wish you continued good luck.

Perry & Rheta Barnes Palm Harbor, Florida

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Sandwiched between my England adventure, Panamanian party, and Hawaiian holiday were some other significant square squirrel scrambles, most noteworthy of which was the GREAT SOUTHWESTERN ADVENTURE. I'm sure the telling of it will be enough to make Venus bust, Midas touch, and Vitas dance.

Actually, it involved two oceans within eleven lively days—both the silver Atlantic and the blue Pacific—plus that beautiful arid, rocky, craggy, crusty, crystallized, curious, incredulous southwestern United States, from Texas to California.

I flew on a dozen or more of those giant birds again (the only way to travel for busy callers these days). For the California segment (from Eureka on the north to Santa Maria on the south) I rented a car that was handy for extracurricular coastal exploration. Previous trips had afforded an opportunity for me to touch down in a half-dozen points between 'Frisco and L. A., but to explore that great Redwood country laying north of the Golden Gate for hundreds of miles, was a special picnic.

But let's get down to the nitty-gritty of the little willy-nilly SCOOT and RAM-BLE (... and forget some of the witty

ditties, please - co-ed).

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. A good place to start, in that temperate tidewater area on the eastern shores, in mid-January, where the fabulous dancers outdid themselves and BROKE ALL RECORDS for a subscription dance, with FORTY SQUARES turned out. It was a mini-festival. Last year, 30; this year, 40; next year—50? We'll see. Thanks to

Larry & Mary Lawson (also to local caller Jim Horton and Mollye).

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.— Another location where an association owns its own hall. It's the "Barn" and it is controlled by the Albuquerque S/D Club, Inc. I called for the Allemanders. Nice crowd, in spite of a conflicting event in Tucson. Plans are underway to build a new square dance hall, according to Stan Howard. Watch these pages for further word.



WESLACO, TX. - Now my Ohio-based bones could really warm up, down on the Rio Grande in perpetual summer weather. It was a treat to come back to the "Valley" and be hosted by Charlie & Dot Lillagore, and call another subscription dance with "Van" Vandever. A new wrinkle was added this year, and I did a leadership clinic for the Magic Valley Association of that area. I won't soon forget that special Mexican dinner where I tasted some innocentlooking sauce and then peeled myself off the ceiling. I carried off some of those juicy grapefruits that lasted through two more stops. Nice to visit "Big Ray" Smith briefly in "Sun 'n Fun" mobile home park, as he taught a huge beginner class.



CORPUS CHRISTI, TX.— Flights didn't match my schedule in southern Texas, so I used a rental car down here also. After a lovely dinner with Ken & Judy Curtis (he's a fine caller) in Kingsville (you've heard of the King Ranch, huh, po'dner?) we worked with some of Ken's sharp workshop bunch at an invitational dance. Then I stayed

over in the home of Don and Jacque Bommer (of Jacque's Originals fame—see double page ad, any issue of ASD) and visited his impressive shop and offices on the outskirts of town. I daresay, for fashions, it is hard to beat Jacque's (see also Product Line, this issue). It was nice to see Lem & Mary Jo Smith at the dance— I'll be back with them May 2.



RENO, NV.— Famed for its "one armed bandits" and other gambling devices, Reno was a special spot for me, because it looked for a time as if I might never get to this ALMOST-LAST state in my quest to call in the full fifty, but it happened, and I'll soon have my BIG BLAST (with bubbly 7-up and all) almost as you read this, after I've chalked off Hawaii and Delaware.

Meanwhile, back to Reno. Earl Rich is the area caller. "Red" Kittell made me feel welcome, as president of the Merry Mixers. I lost a few coins in the "slots", but won some friends, I reckon, when we all got into the right square dance "groove" together.



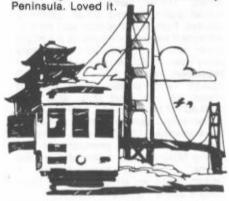
EUREKA, CA.— Eureka! I found the land where dreams are made, away up yonder in northern Cal., where the magnificent redwoods make man feel like an ant borrowing a moment from antiquity. It's a long drive by rental car up ''101'' from 'Frisco, but it's a delight to do it. More callers came to my dance

than in any other area (a stage full), and the whole deal was cooked up by Al and Connie Whitfield (she's the caller, he's the cuer) who are well liked up there. Like your very average wide-eyed tourist, I had to visit the "Tree House" and stand in awe at the 250-foot, 4000

year old giant.

SANTA MARIA, CA.- The longest drive of the trip took place today, from Eureka to Santa Maria- ten hours on the road, but it was worth every mile for the fun of calling to Dave Hoffman's fine bunch in the mid-coastal region. Dave and Ruth have surely got a lot going over thataway, squarewise. And a plunge in their heated pool wasn't hard to take in late January, either.

SALINAS, CA.- Next stop was a splendid visit with John & Evelyn Strong (he's the publisher of a good sensible note service- see ad) and a dance in Salinas, hardly a white-crested wave length from the storied Monterey



SAN FRANCISCO, GA .- I can't thank the jovial Butch and Thula Carr enough for coming to my rescue and, with hardly a month's notice, hatching a successful dance in the cable car city, to dissipate my anguish at having been cancelled out on that Saturday night on short notice by a club in Stockton, due to "conflicts". The "busy-as-beavers" pair are wholly-dedicated editors of the local S/D bulletin DANCER DIGGINS.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA- Time to regroup, recoup, repack, and return! I surrendered the rental car at the San Fran airport and flew one of those puddle-jumping airlines, Swiftaire, back down to the San Luis and Santa Maria area where I was met by "Mac" McCullar (veteran caller, like me, and producer of Scope Records) for an enjoyable coastal city tour before the Contra Clinic that night for the Central Coast Callers Ass'n. We saw the Modonna Estate, the Inn (... something else!). Morro Bay, State College arounds, etc.

Right here I want to say a word (you never said JUST a word- co-ed) about those mountains in central California. Every state has distinctive mountains. They're high and flat in Montana. They swoop and roll in Wyoming. They're craggy and peaked in Arizona. In West Virginia they're steep and pointed, as if to mimic the hillbilly haystacks. The Adirondacks of upstate New York are

like sleeping giants.

But in California, I swear, you've got an endless series of high-rising walnuts on the half-shell, laid end to end, composed of one main HUMP for each, and lots of itty-bitty HUMPLETS all radiating downwards from the top to completely CORRUGATE the surface. Kinda beautiful, in its own way.



PHOENIX, ARIZ .- It was hard saying goodbye to sunny California, but it was time to sprout wings again, like an errant moth in gay gambler's garb, to start the trek eastward.

Phoenix is unique in many ways. Home of Mobile home parks aplenty. Home of outstanding "resident" callers who keep busy with clubs, classes and workshops every day and night. Home of those unusual limited basic multiplecaller hoedowns with live music. They dance all summer in a torrid land where one wouldn't think one would.

Bill & Ruth Horstmeyer (he's also a veteran caller) were my hosts and the dance was pure pleasure. Texas, Arizona and California certainly produce "career dancers" as well as career callers- and good ones.

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by Bette Hesse Hamilton, Ohlo

#### A STORY ABOUT NOTHING

There once were four men whose names were Fred Somebody, Thomas Everybody, Peter Anybody and Joe Nobody, and they were neighbors, but they were not like you or me. They were odd people and most difficult to understand. The way they lived was very strange, even a bit shameful. All four belonged to the same square dance club, and what a club that was!

EVERYBODY wanted a time now and then that he might go fishing, or on a picnic, or just visit friends. So SOME-BODY was missing time after time. Sometimes EVERYBODY seemed to be missing! When ANYBODY wanted to go to a square dance, he was afraid that SOMEBODY would talk about him or make fun of him; NOBODY really wanted to go.

But NOBODY was the really decent one of the four. NOBODY did the visitation. NOBODY cleaned the square dance hall, and NOBODY made the arrangements for the dance. NOBODY helped the club officers and NOBODY helped with the coffee.

When they needed a club President, EVERYBODY thought ANYBODY would do that, and SOMEBODY thought EVERYBODY would want to do that. And guess who really did it? That's right— NOBODY, so with NOBODY as a President, there was no club.

It happened once that a new neighbor moved into the same neighborhood. He was a non-square dancer. EVERYBODY thought SOMEBODY would try to win him to a new class. ANYBODY could have at least made the effort. But guess who finally started him? That's right—NOBODY! So, there were no new members.

When the square dance hall needed to be painted, EVERYBODY talked about it. ANYBODY could have organized the group into a painting crew, and SOMEBODY could have gone after the paint and brushes. But guess what happened. You're right again— NOBODY painted the hall, and it became such a dilapidated and weather-beaten place that EVERYBODY was ashamed to have ANYBODY come and even if SOMEBODY would have wanted to come, NOBODY would have been there to dance with him.

So ask yourself— what kind of a square square dance group would your club be if everyone was a member just like me?

EVERYBODY must have a different attitude.

SOMEBODY must get the work organized.

ANYBODY can do some of the work of the club.

NOBODY has the right to leave any job left undone.

# BADGES - BADGES



It all started in the mid-1950s when Ray and Marrian Lang of Bothell. Washington, and several of their square dancing friends journeyed over 100 miles one way to attend a square dance one evening. They travelled on a bus, a full two squares of them, and enjoyed the trip as much as the dance itself. They found it great fun to meet the people at the dance and they spoke of their enjoyable experience for some time thereafter. Only a bunch of foolish knotheads would travel 100 miles one way just to go to a dance! That's what they told themselves and their friends. And pretty soon many of their dancing friends were referring to them in jest as "the knotheads".

Getting into the spirit of things, the group of travellers then decided to do something more about it. Marrian and Ray Lang took knots of wood from lumber, burned the data of their trip into the knots, and thus established a sort of loosely-organized club known as the Knotheads. The idea appealed to many people and spread very quickly. not only through the state of Washington, but all over the country. A set of rules for becoming Knotheads was soon created and orders for Knothead badges began to pour in. As the idea spread Ray and Marrian were unable to keep producing the real lumber knots and so they turned to simple wooden circles which contained an outline of the state where feasible to reproduce, or simply linked squares with the initials of the state and the names of the travellers burned into the wood. On the reverse side the date the trip took place was recorded. The entire idea caught fire and with added advertising in the national square dance magazines, business just boomed. In one week alone in June, 1958, the Langs received 900 orders for Knothead badges! At one dollar each (minus commissions), business was not bad at all.

The popularity of the new nation-wide fad continued to spread and the Langs were thrust into a full-blown badge business. Eventually Ray even helped a manufacturer create a machine that did most of the work for the production of the badges. By 1960 the Langs had moved to Gig Harbor, Washington, and had an organization which boasted representatives in 39 states, plus one each in British Columbia, Ontario, Australia, England, and Japan. Unfortunately Ray suffered a serious illness and, although he seemed to recover, he died on July 10, 1961, much to the regret and deep sorrow of his many friends. Marrian carried on with the production of the Knothead badges, but it was a difficult task, even though she received help from her daughter, Phyllis, and son-in-law, Rod Rever. In November 1961, after retirement from the Navy, Rod and Phyllis took over the business and have been pleasing the square dance public ever since then.

The Knothead badge was the beginning of a national badge craze in square dancing that is still going strong, although not in the proportions of the early and mid-1960's. There is no doubt that the Lang's success inspired others to try their hand at the badge producing business. And so Art and Metha Gibbs of Portland, Oregon, operating under the trade name Armeta, entered the field with a real charmer; they created the Idiots badge. The idea called for a square of dancers to go to the home of a caller after midnight, wake him up, and have him call a tip right there on the spot. There were no stipulations: a

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#### By PAUL HARTMAN Wheaton, Maryland



minimum of a square had to go on such an adventurous undertaking and every participant had to be dressed in sleeping attire. While the dancers had a hilarious time, Armeta collected a minimum of \$8.00 per square for ten badges (the caller and his taw got their badges free of charge). The badges are of a simple plastic lamination and contain a picture of a pair of pajamas hanging on a clothesline. The date of the nocturnal visitation is inscribed on the reverse side. Thousands of these badges have been sold and they, in turn, inspired the imaginative Art and Metha Gibbs to come up with a whole lot of additional ideas, most of them requiring a square of dancers perform under some sort of unusual-at times, even outlandish-circumstance, location, or setting. And each time the dancers had to ante up \$1.00 per badge (with the caller and his taw getting their badges gratis most of the time). While some of the ideas were silly and too far-fetched, most of them were quite humorous and enhanced the fun and fellowship in square dancing.

For example: the caller's revenge for being woken up at midnight by a bunch of Idiots was for the caller and his taw to go out in their night clothes and wake up a minimum of four different couples of dancers. The caller would then call a tip for them and they would qualify to be known as Cuckoos-and, of course, buy and wear the appropriate badge. The Square Duck badge was earned by four or more couples who danced a tip in the water, whereas four or more couples who danced a tip in the snow could get Snow Bunny badges. Believe it or not, there are well over a hundred such different badges that can be purchased under some such similar circumstance.

Among some of the other humorous badges are the Die Hards (who dance five nights in a row), the Night Owls (who dance more or less all night long), the Jail Birds (who dance a tip in a jail). the Sand Fleas (who dance a tip in the

sand), etc.

One of the badges has a name in rather poor taste, although the idea is good and many, many dancers have enjoyed themselves while performing. name is the Goons and the requirement is for eight or more couples to dine at a restaurant after a dance and then dance a tip or more for their own fun as well as for the enjoyment of the other diners and the restaurant employees. Among the badges which are rather outlandish and have far fetched ideas behind them are the Shirt Snatchers (dancers get the shirt off a caller's back, have another one for him to wear, and then present his original shirt to him at a later party); the Pants Snatchers (same idea as before, except that the caller's pants are used); the Siegfried Line (this one, incidentally, originated in Germany). requires dancers to dance on the Siegfried Line; the Radio Squares (dance to the music of a radio); Square Lift (dancers must be lifted onto the floor where they dance); Cloud Hoppers (dancers dance above the clouds); etc. Amont the most hilarious items. however, are the Crack Pots who must dance a tip as a square in a bath room, Lemon Teasers who eat lemons in front of the caller who is trying to call, and the Purple Hearts who dance with three callers in a square.

In order to get the overall flavor of the huge number of various available badges, let's look at some of the names: Square Builders, Sons of the Beaches, Volcanic Squares, Skid Row Squares, Ahoy, People to People, Western Terminus, Islanders, Venus, Jackass Squares, Callers Hauler, Volkwagen Squares, Railroad Cross Ties, Lava Leapers, Square Fins, Earthworm Squares, Caravan, Road Hogs, Trottin' Turkey, Frosty Fourth, Dump Jumpers, Lion Tamers, Wedding Squares, Kitchen Maids, Stinkers, Great Grand Parents, Ambassador Squares, Helldorado, Tar Babies, Nurses Aids, Caller Snatchers, Traffic Stoppers, Rollin' Squares, Ferry Twirlers, Dam Busters, Apple Munchers, Wash and Dry, the Forty-Niners.

Although most of the badges have been produced by Armeta, there have been others who have tried their hand at this enterprise. Johnny and Bee Schultz, a caller and his taw from Phoenix, Arizona, created two badges which, however, generated relatively little interest. The Old Buster Badge required a dancer to dance a ten-minute tip of hot hash in a square without making a single error. The dancers in the square who did make an error were then entitled to the Square Stoppers Badge. Another badge which somehow never really went anywhere, although the idea behind it was great, was the Ladies' Man. The principle here was to give the caller's wife a chance to dance. Any male dancer who danced with a caller's wife could get her to sign a page in a little booklet, stating also the date and place. Fifty such signatures were required to qualify as a Ladies' Man and then get the appropriate badge. Les Gotcher, the master of hash calling in his day, also produced a badge. This one was laminated, had a picture of a donkey on it, and could be obtained by joining the Donkey Club through a secret ceremony and by the purchase of a badge. The badge was quite popular for a while, particularly while Les Gotcher himself was the darling of the go-go dancing crowd. The badge has now become practically extinct. (Les Gotcher also tried his hand at another badge, though this one was not in the fun category. Sometime in the mid-1960's, Les started the International Brotherhood of Square Dance Callers and provided dues-paying members with a badge. But this operation, too, was short-lived and disappeared not too long after its inception.)

A very unique badge was begun by Warren W. Bowser of Phoenix, Arizona, in 1960. Any dancer who danced 1,000 or more miles from home could write his or her experience to Warren and obtain a little silver doggie which could be worn like a badge. The badge is known as the Rover badge and is still being produced by the eightyyear old Warren Bowser. Originally, the little silver dog was handmade of sterling and cost \$1.00. Now, still handmade, but of aluminum, the doggie costs \$1.25 and may be obtained from Warren, 10401-138 Cave Creek Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85020.

This article would not be complete without the mention of a number of badges available in Germany which are unique in design or idea. Among them are the famous "I Danced Behind The Iron Curtain" badge of the Dancing Bears club and the BS (Bavarian Stompers) badge in the form of a footprint. But the badge of all badges, the badge that has endured the test of time and is still going strong, is the Century Club badge. There are very few dancers who are not familiar with the litle gold-covered booklet in which a dancer must collect the signatures of one hundred callers. Each page of the booklet provides space for the date and place of the dance as well as a brief message from each caller. Only three callers per night may be signed, however. Some publicity-minded callers have purchased small photographs of themselves available for just this purpose, photographs with a peel-off sticky back which are of the precise size for pasting onto the message part of the booklet's page.

Although some excessive commercialism has crept into this phase of the square dance and round dance movement, the basic idea was and has remained the enhancement of fun, exuberance, and fellowship. Right now the clamor for the fun badges is quite subdued compared to a decade ago.

But who knows— the way things go in cycles— maybe one day the spark of the fun badge craze may be rekindled and someone may even concoct a special badge for silly square dance callers who burn a lot of midnight oil researching through old papers in order to write articles about square dancing.



# FOLK DANCING IN NORWAY

By MARIAN CLOVER Canton, Ohio

Photo by Frank Clover

Dancing is one of the oldest forms of self-expression, an ancient way of showing intense experiences. In earlier days, folk dancing had powers of magic, as in ritual or cult dances.

Several of the earliest pictures of dancing have been found in Norway. One Stone Age cave painting has been interpreted as a magic hunting dance. Rock carvings from the Bronze Age depict similar prehistoric scenes.

Ring, or round, dances were introduced to Norway in the 13th century. Although influenced by imported steps and patterns from abroad, the Norwegians retain their own national characteristics. In a land of mountains and fjords and valleys, each separate community had little contact with another. Dancing became an important means of encouraging personal development, and was frequently connected with events like weddings, and festivals. Some dances

were held in the open in front of the church to the accompaniment of religious songs about saints!

The orginal magic dances performed as a ceremony have occasionally evolved into play dances for children, as well as adults, like the line dance "The Woman With The Staff." Originally, it was a ceremony where the bride was danced out of the ranks of the maidens.

While attending a performance of Norwegian dancing at the Fano Folklore festivities, a woman from Bergen said, "We don't do the old dances. We do the waltz, and the two-step. That's why it's good to preserve the old dances here."

"Here" was a paneled lodge in the Hardanger Valley where a group of teen-agers and children learn the old patterns, studying all winter, as one of several hundred government-supported courses

After a meal of flatbrød, cured mutton, apple juice and rømmegrøt, the

festive porridge, the fiddler took his place in front of the fire. The dancers lined up in a colorful procession - boys in breeches and black vests, girls in long black skirts, white aprons and blouses and red weskits.

The audience at the trestle tables was enthralled with the spirited dances. They began with the oldest and most honored, the gangar, where the dancers circle in pairs, the women walking sedately and the men leaping and quite acrobatic. The origin of the gangar is a Scottish reel. When a group of Scots came in search of hunting falcons, they taught the Norwegians their dance, and it was promptly modified.

Another embellished import is the Polish pols, with a strong Norwegian three-quarter beat. There are echoes of the Renaissance in the pirouettes and foot stamping. All over Norway it is a pair dance, except for the Fanaspringar, danced at Fano.

Here two girls dance with a boy in the center. They compete for his smiles, flirting to get his attention, while he teases them. The girls were blond, dimpled and quite persuasive for being only six years old!

Couples from the audience are invited up to dance with one of the girls in another dance, providing enjoyment for the onlookers as well as the participants.

No explanation of Norwegian dancing is complete without mentioning the fiddler. A good one is expected to know two to three hundred tunes, and be able to compose on the spot. They learn from each other, keeping the traditional songs alive.

The Hardanger fiddle is special. It has an additional row of strings for resonance, beneath the main strings.

The Hardanger fiddle has a unique sound. It is said the men who play it learned their craft from the watersprites who live in the waterfalls in the region. To some listeners, it is more wail than music.

As our hostess said, "The Hardanger fiddle is one of the reasons the Vikings left our valley. Most violins use only catgut. The Hardanger uses the whole cat!"

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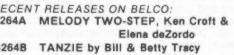
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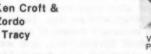
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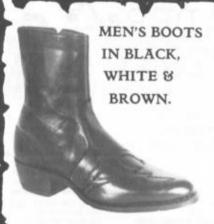
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#### by Allen Conroy, M.D.

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## How Not To Run A S/D Party

This was prompted by an anonymous letter to DANCERS' DIGGINS, in which the writer was complaining about his pet peeve at hoedowns- the time-consuming way in which door prizes were awarded. There is a feeling in some circles that prizes are unnecessary, if the caller can pull in the crowd, but to discontinue them would overlook human cupidity and the competitive spirit of clubs that want to "keep up with the Joneses". Double rounds have been condemned as time wasters and the same has been said of sit-down refreshments. Let's look at the real faults of hoedown management:

Planning: Start out by forgetting to put your ad in your local magazine. That is a sure-fire way to get a small crowd. (Who wants a mob, anyway? Besides, we can raise our dues if the treasury runs in the red.) Another boo-boo is to ignore your neighboring club's parties and still hope they will come en masse to yours. Particularly effective is not distributing flyers at other dances. If the dancers have no reminders to carry home, they won't clutter up your hall at your hoedowns.

Decorations: Nothing like creating An Evening in Paris or a replica of the Royal Hawaiian, or a State Fair, in order to drive your own members into a clubwith simpler ideas about what's important at a hoedown. (Why burden a non-artistic bunch with a chore that

after caller popularity, club friendliness, good food, etc.?)

Frequency: By all means, have a hoedown every month, or even twice a

comes in at tenth place in importance

month, if you want to drive your lady members into a frenzy of cooking and salad and sandwich making. As we implied before, if the funds are low and a lot quit because of the duties, you can raise the monthly dues.

Registration: Here's where a talent for foul-ups can really do you in. Why does everyone have to line up to sign in? Are we just a bunch of Russians at a meat market, that we have to que up, lest we not get inside? On a blustery January night, why not have a member wave everyone inside and over to the coat racks first? We trust our people to make their donations, so there's no rush about that. A really embarrassing situation occurs at the door if there is no one there to greet the visiting callers and VIPs. (Callers still do not make a donation and should be acknowledged by the MC.)

A little craftiness is creeping into the sign-up book, too. Most such registries are pre-numbered, and if a couple registers separately on two lines they double their chances at the door prizes.

(At our latest party we numbered everyone individually after all had arrived, thus giving each dancer an equal chance at the drawing, as is the case where duplicate tickets are used to give out the prizes.)

Rounds: Best way to irritate fun-loving square dances is to have "double rounds" with the usual break before them, without any explanation. But, double rounds can have a place if they use up the first part of the break and are announced to the dancers in advance. If the hot-shot rounders are to be

encouraged to attend by double rounds, do not increase the total length of the break beyond ten minutes, or whatever is your normal time. Then, us plain old square dancers will get in just as much

square dancing as ever.

Refreshment time: This can be a real "turn-off" if you use a little carelessness. In spite of arguments in favor of continuous serving, us older dancers still prefer a sit-down break for refreshments. If your own caller isn't there to relieve your guest caller, you can do the latter a disservice with continuous serving. He deserves a rest too!

The worst time-wasters of the evening are wrapped up in the serving line methods. When you have 25 to 35 squares (200 to 280 people) lining up as couples, passing along one 24-foot table of goodies with a coffee pot at the end, you're begging for a slow and irritated bunch of dancers.

Look at it this way. You present them with six potato salads, ten jello salads, eighteen trays of mysterious sandwiches, eight compotes of pickles and olives, six giant bowls of assorted chips

and four super-giant bowls of tossed salad, plus other odds and ends. No wonder they take forever to make their choices. And at the end of the line is the clot of people, all wanting their coffee a different way, and a couple of gals cleaning spills off their lovely dresses. Two drastic steps are needed to cure these problems:

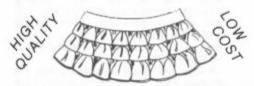
 Have two shorter tables, with half as many dishes of each kind of food.

2. Serve the coffee at a location away from the food line or serve the coffee and tea at the tables with pitchers carried to the seated dancers. (Just don't keep them waiting too long for it.)

Right away you more than halve the time in line because you've cut down on the indecisions that go with too many choices. With four lines moving, even forty squares should be seated within fifteen minutes.

Prize giving: This can be a terrible ordeal, as the letter writer said. It really is cruel and unusual punishment to make these presentations or any multiple announcements after the dancers are all squared up for the next tip. There need be no objection to giving out

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the whole process has to be repeated. And it can go on for eight or nine times! Another delightful way to prolong the agony is to wait till the previous winner is at least fifty feet away before booming out the request for the next number.

It is hard to understand why one innocent-looking child cannot pick out all the prize numbers, should you be using the duplicate tickets for this purpose instead of the ineffective way of getting a succession of people up to pick

out the tickets from the box.

Well, we're not all perfect. On a recent occasion this writer lost complete control of his wits. After seven announcements of upcoming dances by various protagonists of their club's good name, following a fumbling attempt to decide which group of visitors had the most dancers there to win the coffee prize, three wonderful articles had been drawn in the raffle and the first five of nine door prizes had been given out, when one impatient dancer brought me back to earth with, "Come on, Doc, let's dance!"

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# The Care and Feeding of CALLERS

BY WALT COLE Ogden, Utah

The Odden Area Callers Council has always accepted and trained any person wanting to learn to become a caller. This training has been and continued to be on a one-to-one basis; i.e., apprentice/instructor. The instructor must be an active club caller and member of the callers' council for certification of that apprentice. The apprentice must have been a dancer for at least one and a half years, and his caller-apprenticeship will last for at least one year or until the instructor deems him capable. Acceptance into the council and recognition as a caller come by vote of the majority of the council members, after the apprentice has conducted an audition and performance before the council.

The one-to-one basis is fine, with the exception that the apprentice gains only the experience and training of one caller, his instructor. With this in mind, and because of the recent increase in number of persons wanting an apprenticeship, the Ogden Area Caller Council approved the following course outline as developed by the author. The caller course runs thirty weeks, is held two hours every Saturday morning, with subject matter being presented by assigned callers from the council, providing for each caller a chance to present material with which he is skilled. This course is in addition to the one-to-one apprentice/instructor training. Thus the apprentice and instructor have a chance to evaluate and continue the course material in greater depth.

In our case, we have in attendance six square and two round dance apprentices. Yes, the round dance apprentices are in attendance and learning choreography, styling and timing as applied to their field as well as the square dance

apprentices are learning the basics involved in round dance. Also, the fine points of contra are included in this program. With that, let's look at the outline - it's here for your use, modification and change for your particular area, association or procedures. The chapter assignments listed are taken from the Callers Notebook of SIOASDS. The two-hour session is divided into two sections: First Hour devoted to lecture and demonstration by the instructor; Second Hour devoted to the apprentice actually performing the task at hand or the assignment from the previous week.

LESSON 1:A. On being a caller, caller's responsibility, motivation, hazards-hardships-rewards; this course will not teach you to read cards; effective self-practice techniques and evaluation; personal attributes, dress, appearance, ethics, two-way activity.

B. Audition—All Council members / instructors should be present. Apprentices perform, are taped and evaluated (See Stan Bryan's article, American Squaredance, January, 1976). This assignment given at Callers' Council meeting prior to the class. Tapes and evaluations to be filed for replay half-way and final day of course.

Assignment: Chapters 1,2,5, and 28. Write out what you think are your own strong points, weak points and where you need help. Why do you want to call?

LESSON 2: A. On being a caller's wife (husband); viewpoints from a caller, a dancer, a wife (husband); use of unspoken cues, evaluator, friend, unseen leadership. History, heritage, traditions.

B. Reports of evaluations, goals for

each apprentice, obvious strong/weak points and where work will be needed.

Assignment: Chapters 2,3,4,18. Write out and practice phrasing/timing and definitions of movement, command, figures, timing, fill-ins, beat and phrase.

LESSON 3: A. Music: Structure, time, chords, rhythm, tempo, melody, phrase. Voice: Care of, breath control, clarity, command, quality, vocal techniques.

 B. Techniques of command, rhythm, phrasing, practice and demonstration of

#2 assignment.

Assignment: Practice scales, rhythm, pronunciation-enunciation. Chapter 2 and 13 for help with practice at home.

**LESSON 4:**A. The art of timing, phrasing, commands, rhythm, figure execution time (beats).

B. Techniques of timing, practice;

evaluation session.

Assignment: Chapter 17. Construct a "beat" list of basics assigned.

LESSON 5: A. What are choreography, body mechanics, flow, selection of material? Dancing/calling with the phrase of the music.

B. Demonstrations of good/bad choreography; evaluation sessions.

Assignment: Construct a dance pattern using 15-20 basics of the first 50. Review Chapter 17.

**LESSON 6:** A. More on choreography, position dancing, hand sequences, execution.

B. Call sequences developed from Lesson 5's assignment.

Assignment: "Jazz up" assigned sequence (rearrange); same basics, different order.

LESSON 7: A. More on choreography; ''chicken-plucker'' routines; adding equivalents to these routines. Introduction to set-ups and get-outs.

B. Demonstrate above lecture.

Assignment: Chapter 10. Develop list of "x" number of equivalents for overworked basics.

LESSON 8: A. Set-ups and get-outs; more on equivalents; intro to zeros.

B. Use of zeros, adding them to "chicken-plucker" routines.

Assignment: Chapter 10, 36. Construct "x" numbers of zeros using "x" number of basics.

**LESSON 9:** A. Jazzing up 'chicken plucker' with zeros and equivalents; more on zeros, introduction to sight calling and sight timing.

B. Demonstrate use of zeros and

equivalents in calling session.

Assignment: Construct set-ups for box, lines, waves, two-faced lines, eight-chain thru formations.

LESSON 10: A. Constructing dance patterns and introduction to "new" movements to zero/equivalent (startend of new movement).

B. Demonstration and practice sightcalling using zeros and equivalents, use

of memory, all work to date.

Assignment: Construct get-outs from above lesson; prepare a singing call. Chapter 30.

LESSON 11: A. Singing Calls: selection, adaptation, presentation, construction.

B. Practice get-outs, present singing call (taped). Review music structure, identify music time, timing of movement in singing call.

Assignment: Reconstruct figure of

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LESSON 12: A. Singing calls: goofs, cover-ups, substituting sequences.

B. What makes a good/bad singing call; how to get the most out of a singing call; present singing call (reconstructed).

Assignment: Chapter 8; bring several sound systems, including the mikes.

LESSON 13: A. Sound: mikes, phonographs/turntables, amplifiers, speaker phasing, wiring, monitors.

 B. Practice session using previously worked up material; adjusting sound

and mike with acoustics.

Assignment: Continue Chapter 8; continue practicing calling.

LESSON 14: A. Sound: acoustical problems, sounding a hall, balancing voice/music, care of equipment.

B. Sounding a hall (all aspects);
 adjusting sound and mike with acoustics.

Assignment: Bring as many different brands of mikes as possible; read Square Dancing, October 1975, on mikes. Prepare a patter and a singing call for half-way evaluation session.

LESSON 15: A. Mike technique. Presentation (memory, sight, mental imagery) (endings, starts) (changing singing calls) (floor generalship); which mike to use?

B. Practice with each mike, work out session singing/patter per mike. Review sight calling, patter, to date. Second taping and evaluation session.

Assignment: Chapters 7, 14; prepare

a basic "teach".

LESSON 16: A. Techniques of teaching a class, enthusiasm, keep 'em dancing, trouble spots, recruitment.

B. Demonstration of teaching a basic.

Assignment: Chapter 21; prepare a lesson plan.

LESSON 17: A. More on teaching techniques, the lesson plan; key word usage; style early.

B. Critique teaching technique.

Assignment: Round dance articles from past American Squaredance and Square Dancing magazines on teaching round dance to square dancers.

LESSON 18: A. On teaching and cueing rounds; value of rounds; use in square dance; the basic (but happy) two-step; tricks of trade in teaching; terminology.

B. Continue teaching of basics from

lessons 16 and 17.

Assignment: Chapters 15 and 23. Bring a round to teach and/or cue.

LESSON 19: A. Prompting contras, their use, the when, where and why values; prompts; music, jigs, reels, hornpipes, definitions of contra language; quadrilles.

B. Present assigned round.

Assignment: Prepare a contra for presentation. Chapters 25 and 37.

**LESSON 20:** A. Workshopping; challenge, purpose of, use of, tip or club; position dancing.

B. Present assigned contra; try sight

calling contra.

Assignment: Write out and prepare a "workshop" or new figure tip.

**LESSON 21:** A. One-night stands; developing the night; materials; presentation and selling square dancing.

B. Be prepared to do any one of an on-the-spot tip request. Learning to

"lift" the floor (or not).

Assignment: Chapters 32 and 33.

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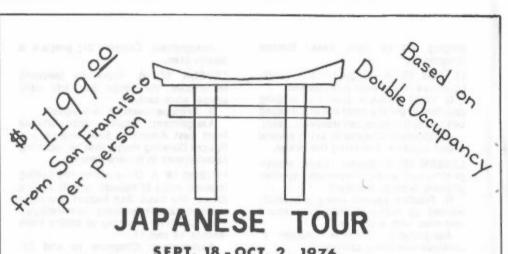
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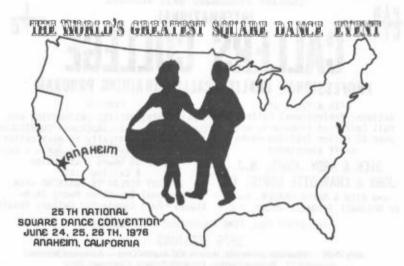
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First, square dance attire must be worn in all square dance halls by all dancers regardless of age. So pack your favorite square dance clothes and join the fun.

For activities outside the square dance halls, the dress is casual. Everything from slacks and tops to long dresses for the gals, T-shirts and Levis and leisure suits for the guys are equally appropriate in most places. Dressier apparel is the rule at the fancier restaurants.

The weather in Southern California may differ slightly from what might be expected. Mornings bring low clouds, burning off at mid-morning with sunshine the rule for the greater part of the afternoon. About four or five o'clock it is time to don a sweater, if you're not accustomed to the cool coastal breezes.

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# FEEDBACK

I have read and reread the Open Letter about Taping in the December 1974 Issue. The article is by Hugh Macey, Grenn Records.

Hugh states that the taping of music on records reduces the sales of the

records.

I have done some taping of callers at square dances pretty much all over the states. I must say that my equipment will not separate the caller's voice from the music. To tape one I have to take both. The oney reason I tape is to be able to practice the movements that the caller is using. Really the music he is using is secondary. In fact when he turns the music off and walks the new movement, it is preferred.

It is my belief that the music the caller is using is his own choice for the movements he has worked up for the dance or workshop. I am fully convinced the better the dancers are able to do the calls, the more the callers will use a certain record of music and this will

increase sales of the record.

I know a very large number of dancers who would drop out of the program if it were not possible to practice to their club caller and/or

traveling callers.

Square dancing is a form of sport people do because they want to and not because they have to. No one is going to force dancers to practice from a record that is called by an unknown to the dancer. I am under the impression that all or most music recordings for dancing have one side with a caller doing his thing, and music on the opposite side.

Hugh states present sales of dance records do not justify the cost of

recording the music.

I see nothing incorrect with a club paying for the assigned club caller's records that he uses in that club. This alone would increase the sales of the really good and desired records. The other kind will never sell and taping or not taping would make no difference in sales of this type recording.

James. E. Ewing San Antonio, Texas

Although I am leaving on a ten day tour today, I just had to get a letter off to you to comment on an article that was printed in your magazine this past month! The article is titled, "Let's Redo the Way we Review". It is so gratifying to people like myself to see someone else take the ball with their well chosen words and observations! I would suggest that everyone in the recording field and those who are considering it. read that article not once but two or three times. In the many articles that I have personally written on the subject, I couldn't say it better. The one thing that I would like to add to their article is the fact that easy records should be rated on the same basis as the more difficult ones. The quality should be considered to be foremost, along with the timing of basics that are used, and the flow of the dance itself! My congratulations to the ones who wrote the letter, found on page 44 in your magazine!

Dick Leger Bristol, Rhode Island

#### CORRECTION:

The authors of "Feedback," February 1976, were inadvertently omitted. Shirley and Burnley Nickerson of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, were the authors who related their experiences in running a callers' school.



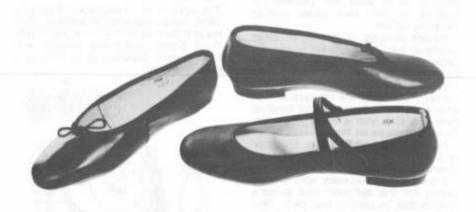
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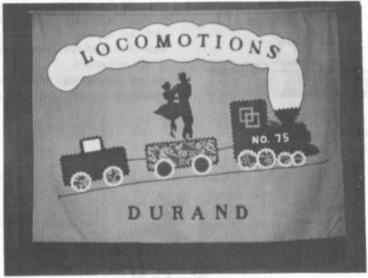


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by Shirley Polen

The Locomotions is a new square dance club in Durand, Michigan. Although only four months old and consisting of ten member couples, the club is very active, has lots of fun and comes up with many imaginative ideas.

Locomotions dancers are proud of their "coordinated" badge, banner and travel outfits. About halfway through square dance lessons in the summer of 1975, the would-be members put on their thinking caps to come up with a name for the club. Since Durand was in the past noted for being a railroad town, the dancers decided on a railroad theme. From this point, the group began to "coordinate!" A train engine design was submitted and made into red and white badges, with dangles for the Conductor (president), Engineer (vice-president), Fireman (secretary). Brakeman (treasurer) and Yardmaster (caller). Travel outfits were designed using a combination of railroad stripes and red bandana print. The ladies' outfits are of individual design, with the only requirement being to use red bandana material. The men wear red bandana shirts with a railroad stripe vest. A large red engine adorns the back of the vests. These outfits were started while classes were still in session, and were ready to travel at the start of the fall season. Also ready for the fall season were the club's eye-catching banner and traveling banners, made of railroad stripe background with a red train. A square dance couple is riding on the flatcar, and the word Locomotions is coming out of the smokestack. To make the scene complete, our caller's taw made a cover for the equipment table duplicating the banner design. Not to be outdone, the caller came up with a club theme song, "Engine No. 9," with terminology adapted to suit the club.

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On a snowy weekend, the Executive Committee met in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. John and Freddie Kaltenthaler, Ed and Alice Colin, Bob and Phyllis Howell, Stan and Cathie Burdick and Charlie Baldwin. Mary and Bill Jenkins were snowed in at their Adirondack home and couldn't attend. One of the reasons this executive group was chosen around a small area was that it was hoped a fall or winter meeting would bring good attendance.

Plans were initiated for the May 1977 meeting, which may be moved to Memphis if arrangements are satisfactory. This will avoid conflict with the Ohio State Convention and give Legacy delegates an opportunity to try another

facility.

Several Mini-Legacy meetings are

scheduled for 1976:

The Prairie Conclave, Lincoln, Nebraska, will be held at the university on April 2-4, in order to "encourage exchange of ideas and develop better ways to achieve the best square and round dancing in your area." Leaders in the eight states between the Mississippi and the Rockies are invited. Coordinators are Dick and Jan Brown, 1812 Pelton Ave., Bellevue, BE 68005.

Harrogate, Tennessee will host a gathering on Nov. 6 and 7 sponsored by the Appalachian Federation of Square and Round Dancers and Callers. Information is available from Dr. and Mrs. Lee Walker, PO Box 42, Harro-

gate, TN 37752.

The North Alabama Square and Round Dance Association held a Mini-Legacy on December 13, 1975, in the form of a panel discussion with each club delegate acting as his club spokesman to present questions and/or problems to a panel composed of Mac Letson, Wilson McCreary, Fred Willingham and Jim Segrages, with John Daniels as moderator. Areas of discus-

sion were length of classes, levels of dancing, teaching techniques, styling, Callerlab, Caller's Association, guest charges for dances, round dancing and square dancing, number of rounds taught, cueing, purposes of state and local associations, objectives for the coming year, public relations, Bicentenial planning, leadership programs, cooperation between associations, incorporation of associations and liability insurance.

Among the items suggested for the 1977 Legacy meeting were: club management, ethical-professional relations, contractual responsibilities, reaffirmation of 1975 resolutions, communications and information, role of National Executive Committee, world-wide square dancing, relationship to Callerlab, round dance leaders meeting, and model programs for Mini-Legacies.

Incorporated in the 1977 meeting plan will be an opportunity to attend a local

club dance.

Plans were made for the establishment of several standing committees to with membership and public relations were made. A plan for rotating the Steering Committee will be instituted in 1979, with those presently on it to continue until that time. Those presently serving are: Bob and Martha McNutt, Angus and Catherine McMorran, Judy and Ed Ross Smith, Hugh and Catie Macey, Ken and Audrey Parker, Pat and Joyce Munn, Carl and Vareen Anderson, Bob and Becky Osgood, Charlie and Bertha Baldwin, Bob and Phyllis Howell, John and Freddie Kaltenthaler, Bill and Mary Jenkins, Ed and Alice Colin, Stan and Cathie Burdick.

Questions about Legacy, items to be considered by the group, and names of suggested leaders may be sent to Legacy Executive Secretaries, Stan and Cathie Burdick, PO Box 788, Sandusky, Ohio 44870. Let us hear from you.



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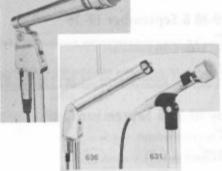
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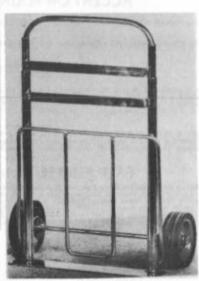
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#### 25 YEARS AGO - March 1951

Square dancers down through the years must have tried everything at least once— here are two ideas you may not have heard.

From a letter to the editor from Clifford Berman of N.Y., "I just came back from Montreal, Canada, and I thought (I'd) let you know how they do square dancing in Montreal. The sets are called for and as soon as they are made, a whistle is blown and the dance is ready to begin. One person in each set calls the dance for that set. That means if you have ten sets on the floor, you can imagine the amount of noise that is made. All in all it gives quite an impression to have ten or more sets. each set doing a different square dance figure. All the calling is done in French."

The All Belles, No Beaus SD Club of Waco, Texas, has no males among its membership of nine squares. All of the couples are women— but half of them wear slacks and dance as "men". Two ladies must join the club as a couple, and one of them must agree to dance all the time as a man. There is one man in the club— the hired caller. After a few false starts and some hard work, the club is a great success, recognized by the community as filling a great need and invited to visit many other clubs and give exhibitions.

10 YEARS AGO - March 1966

Joe Lewis of Dallas, Texas, discussed the subject he knows best— the role of callers as entertainers. He calls entertainment a collection of "bits of happiness". "Entertaining", he says, "is changing the mood of the crowd from a degree of complacency to a degree of elation. At a dance, my aim is to keep changing the mood of the

dancers." Rather than focussing on the personality of the caller as entertainer, Joe uses music, rhythm, tempo changes, and even drill-type dancing to change dancing moods. To all to the entertainment that music can bring, he brings his special accordion- his "one-man band"- to add to the records he uses. "I still depend a great deal on timing", he adds. Joe was one of the first callers to popularize setting dances to hit tunes, forerunners of the present day singing calls. His first hit, 'Alabama Jubilee'' is now a classic. Joe also introduced American square dancing to Australia, laying the groundwork for what has become a major national recreation for the Australian people.

From the three or four square and folk dance 'camps' offered square dancers in the issues of 25 years ago, square dance vacations have grown increasingly in popularity. This month's issue contains a vacation guide post of 24 institutes, tours, and resorts, offering spring through fall opportunities for a square dance vacation of a few days to few weeks.

First on the list of record reviews under Singing Calls is "This Land is Your Land" by Johnny Davis, featuring a multiple star pattern and carrying a "star spangled impact". Maybe we should get it out and dust it off for this bicentennial year.



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Since readers have not had a chance to respond to last month's problem posed in this column (magazines generally arrive by the following month's deadline date), we will present an additional problem to consider or reconsider.

A Columbus, Ohio, newspaper has stressed the point that Americans need to take a good look at some of our long-standing traditions during this Bicentennial Year, toward the idea of updating them for still better acceptability, being careful not to change the concept, but only to lend a modern

touch, as we approach the next 200 years.

The column points out that although our national anthem may be hallowed by history, it is not really *singable* by the majority of people, since it is pitched for sopranos; has too much range for most voices, jumping from one octave to another; and the lyrics are not especially "rememberable." (Can anyone recite the second and third stanzas?) Perhaps it is time to change to a tune such as "America" or "God Bless America" for our national anthem.

Similarly, many readers have written to this magazine, year after year (since our first proposal of the idea, p. 63, April 1973) about changing the name of our hobby, SQUARE DANCE, to a modern name that has no stigma of being "square". Alternates such as Q-Dance, Cue Dance, Cube Dance, etc., have been proposed. The latest to come across our desk was Quad Dance (so named because four couples work in harmony, just as Quad speakers for stereo buffs present a harmonious, all-around sound).

What is your opinion? Do we really have a problem with the name square dance? Do you have a better name?

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by Harold & Lill Bausch

This month permit me to ramble on several topics that come to mind.

Callers often talk of the recordings that are the "best" to come out. It occurs to me that the "best" singing calls are the ones that our dancers request us to call the most often. To eliminate the attraction of newness, I am going to mention no records that are less than five years old. It may surprise you that these most-requested tunes were not necessarily picked as the best of the month when they came out; also you may note that they are not difficult with unusual figures. They are numbers that fit the music, that the dancers can "get into" and enjoy. Here is my list of most requested singing calls: Bogan 1157-Just Another Polka; Keeno 2200-Wooden Heart; Swinging Square 2342-It's A Small World; MacGregor 2051-Summer Sounds; and Kalox 1112-The Grand Colonel Spin. The dancers have spoken; those records stood the test.

We hear a lot about what is good for square dancing and what is not, and we all spend some time thinking about it. However, in all seriousness, do you think that the average dancer is much concerned with the overall problems?

Mostly, I think, the average dancers are concerned with events concerning their own immediate club and their own enjoyment of the dance. I am not finding fault, I merely think that most dancers don't have the time or interest on the broader scale as do many callers. This is why I feel that one of our biggest weaknesses is the fact that most area callers associations are not well organized and are not bringing about the cooperation of area callers. There are exceptions, of course, but usually callers are not working together. The sad thing is that they are the people who can do the most good if they will work together. One of my biggest pleasures is to be involved with a callers association and find that here we have a group really concerned and really working.

Here is another random thought: Recently Lill mentioned that she was finding it difficult to find the energy to maintain the pace we have been keeping. I chided her about the fact that we are both getting older, but then I got to thinking about it. I call about 27 nights a month, either calling or we are teaching rounds, and Lill goes with me at least 95% of the time. Now I ask you fellows, how many of your wives do the housework and desk work, too, and still go to work with you 95% of the time?



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### JUST WHAT ARE THE DANCERS LOOKING FOR? An Editorial from "Gavel And Key" by Bob Osgood

The prime purpose of any of us in a position of leadership is to be of service and to provide the best possible overall square dancing activity for the dancer. It is the dancer who must be considered first in everything we do. Quite frequently we tend to point to a veteran dancer of a high level club and say to the new dancer, "This is the ultimate! The fun starts when you get into advanced club work and finish your class learning period." What a fallacy this is. Fun- pure enjoyment- should exist in every strata of square dancing, but the happiest days in a square dancer's life may well be those within a beginners' group. Then, of course, from that point on the fun should never stop.

We tend to establish levels. We say to a dancer, "You must learn these 100 basics or 200 basics in order to be a really high-level dancer." This brings up a very common problem. Not everyone coming into this activity has the desire to become involved to this extent. Many dancers, folks who are raising a young family and who are involved with Scouts, a growing business, the PTA, service clubs and numerous activities, may find it virtually impossible to devote more than one night a week or two nights a month to square dancing. Even so, doesn't square dancing belong to them just as much as it does to anyone? The fact that a person must, of necessity, limit his dancing to the once-a-week club. Over the years we must have wasted literally tens of thousands of new dancers who. after learning to square dance, have discovered that once having been taught the 75 basics there is still an almost endless amount of material to learn. This may not be the only reason

for people dropping out, but it certainly is one.

It has been said that there is probably no other activity in the world where members work so hard to "sell" the program to a new dancer and then turn right around and work so hard to discourage him. Perhaps right NOW is a good time to look at the program in each of our areas. Are we providing a variety of square dance levels necessary in order to involve the majority of those who come into our classes? Are there places to dance for those who want to progress no further than the 50 basics? Are there clubs for those who want to be involved with the 75 basics and no more? If not, then we may be losing as many as 50% of those who would like to remain as square dancers, but can't,

There is nothing low-level about an in-depth 50 basics club. certainly nothing low level about a club whose members can do the 75 basics from every conceivable setup. Callerlab, the International Association of Square Dance Callers, is presently sampling its caller membership to determine just where the bulk of square dance involvement should lie and what will keep Mr. Average Citizen in square dancing. Do you feel that the answer lies in the challenge dancing w :h several hundred new basics in the program or do you feel that it centers more around the 50 basics, or perhaps at some point in between?

Many people feel that it is the callers' responsibility to plan the programs and keep the dancers happy. However, it is the dancers themselves who organize and run many of these clubs and associations and it is the dancers, as well as the callers, who are concerned when club attendance drops. Callerlab needs the reaction of dancers and dancer-leaders to determine just where the emphasis in square dancing should be placed. If we are not providing the dancers what they want, then the callers must know about it so they can do something about it.



## KEEP 'EM DANCING





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Heads pass thru round one to a line Pass thru, wheel and deal Girls swing thru, turn thru, star thru Promenade, heads wheel around Pass thru, wheel and deal Centers star thru, other two lead right Left allemande.........

Heads pass thru round on to a line Pass thru, wheel and deal Girls left swing thru, left turn thru Curlique, centers trade, swing thru Boys run, promenade Heads wheel around, pass thru Partner trade, left allemande.......

Heads pass thru round one to a line Pass thru, wheel and deal Girls square thru three-quarters Boys courtesy turn them Do a Dixie style to an ocean wave Boys cross run, recycle, pass thru Trade by, left allemande.......

Heads pass thru round one to a line Pass thru, wheel and deal Girls swing thru, turn thru Boys courtesy turn them Do a Dixie style to an ocean wave Girls circulate, boys trade Boys cross run, recycle, dive thru Square thru three-quarters Left allemande.......

Heads pass thru round one to a line Pass thru, wheel and deal Girls turn thru, star thru, boys trade Couples circulate, wheel and deal Square thru three-quarters, trade by Left allemande............

Heads pass thru round one to a line
Pass thru, wheel and deal
Girls left turn thru, curlique
Boys trade, swing thru
Right and left thru, left allemande......

Heads pass thru around one to a line Pass thru, wheel and deal

Girls turn thru, boys courtesy turn them Pass thru, wheel and deal Centers pass thru, pass thru, trade by Star thru, pass thru, wheel and deal Centers pass thru, left allemande......

Heads pass thru round one to a line Pass thru, wheel and deal Girls left turn thru, curlique Split circulate, cast off three-quarters Centers trade, boys trade Centers flutter wheel, sweep a quarter Ends star thru, trade by Square thru four, wheel and deal Centers square thru three-quarters Left allemande......

Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass thru, three-quarter tag Clover and spin the top, step thru Slide thru, wheel and deal Centers pass thru, left allemande......

Heads square thru four, swing thru Boys run, three-quarter tag Clover and swing thru, spin the top Step thru, (Watch out) right and left thru Left allemande..........

Heads swing thru, boys run
Three-quarter tag right
Sweep a quarter, pass thru, circle four
Ladies break to a line, turn thru
Girls fold, curlique, recycle
Sweep a quarter, crosstrail thru
Left allemande..........

Four ladies chain three-quarters
Four ladies lead and flutter wheel
Heads lead right and circle to a line
Centers box the gnat, right and left thru
All pass thru, three-quarter tag
Clover and right and left thru
Bow to your partner, corner, too.......

Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass thru, boys run, three-quarter tag Clover and spin the top, step thru Swing thru, boys run, three-quarter tag Clover and spin the top, step thru
Ocean wave, boys trade, pass thru
Tag the line in, crosstrall thru
Left allemande......

Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass thru, three-quarter tag Clover and cast off three-quarters Walk and dodge, swing thru Girls trade, recycle, dive thru Square thru three-quarters Left allemande.......

Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass thru, three quarter tag right Ends circulate, centers curlique Cast off three-quarters Couples circulate, bend the line Star thru, zoom, Centers square thru three-quarters Left allemande..........

Heads square thru four, swing thru
Boys run, three-quarter tag right
Girls circulate two, boys pass the ocean
Single hinge, boys cross run,
Wheel and deal
Square thru three quarters, trade by
Left allemande.......

Heads square thru four, swing thru Girls run, cast off three-quarters Star thru, trade by, curlique Three-quarter tag right, ends circulate Centers curlique, cast off three-quarters Wheel and deal, pass thru, trade by Star thru, couples circulate Bend the line, crosstrail thru Left allemande......

CORRECTION: In "Keep 'Em Dancing", January issue, the fourth line in the third complete figure of the second column should read "Single hinge" instead of "couples hinge". The same correction should be made in the first and second complete examples on page 41.



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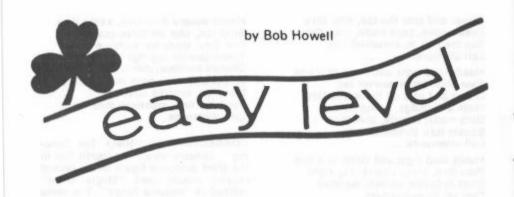
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This little dance for threes was submitted by Lou Hyll of Dayton, Ohio.

### TRIOLET

RECORD: Folkraft F-1508x45

FORMATION: Three facing three around circle.

16 Circle left (little groups of three facing three)

16 Circle right

16 Center persons turn right hands
Right opposite by the left hand
Centers turn with right hand
Left opposite by the left hand and back to place

8 Forward and back

8 Groups promenade past each other single file (passing to the right), clapping hands in rhythm. Lines will end in reverse order, i.e. original outside person becomes inside person. Each group of three continues to face in its original line of direction.

### And here's to the Irish!

### **VEER TO DONEGAL**

RECORD: MacGregor 2026

AUTHOR: Bob Dawson, Sarasota, Florida

### INTRO-BREAK-ENDING:

You allemande left your corner, come home and do-sa-do Men star by the left hand, once around you go Turn your partner by the right, it's once and a half around Girls star by the left hand, once around the town Turn your partner right, your corner allemande Come back and you do the Irish Jig and promenade the land You promenade your lady, go walkin' round the hall You're as welcome as the flowers in May to dear old Donegal.

### FIGURE:

The heads (sides) you bow to your partner, then lead out to the right You circle up four and make a line, go forward and back tonight Star thru, veer left, wheel and deal you do
A right and left thru, turn your girls and then square thru
Three hands around the land, your corner allemande
Pass your partner, swing the next and promenade the land
Shake hands with all your neighbors, and kiss the colleens all
You're as welcome as the flowers in May to dear old Donegal.
SEQUENCE: Intro, Figure twice for heads, Break, Figure twice for sides, Ending.





Here is a little research done for the Bicentennial regarding the dance "Irish washerwoman." [From "Square Dance" by Ralph McNair, Garden City Books, Garden City, NY.]

### THE IRISH WASHERWOMAN

Into the center and everyone shout. Back to your places and circle about.

All the way round to your home you advance and when you get there you are ready to dance

Now it's four gents out to the right of the ring When you get there you balance and swing

When you are done remember my call, it's allemande left and promenade all.

Now it's four gents out to the right of the ring.....

(The entire square repeats call lines 3 to 5)

Now it's four gents out to the right of the ring.......

(The entire square repeats call lines again and each gent gets original partner)
Four gents across to the opposite side; you do-sa-do there with Miss Bridget
McBride

Now you go back to miss Molly Malone; you swing her around because she is your own

Then it's into the center and everyone shout, back to your places and circle about All the way round to your home you advance and when you get there you have finished the dance.

The exact derivation of this dance is obscure, but there are many historical references to "Irish" figures which are interesting. There was a contra dance called the "Irish Washerwoman," descriptions of which can be found as far back as 1798. As danced then it was a short and simple line dance. During the next hundred years, the dance underwent some changes but in versions published in 1890 and 1893 the original figure can still be recognized. However, outside of the title, this dance has little if any similarity to the dance. On the other hand, as early as 1841, there appeared in quadrille books a figure which could very well be the forefunner of the present dance. The figure was described as a jig figure and consisted of the ladies leading four consecutive times to their right-hand gents where they would either balance or swing, depending on which author you read. In later books around 1878, the figure appeared as the fifth figure of the "Irish Quadrille" with the gents, as well as the ladies, leading out to the right.

Mona Cannell of Kettering, Ohio, contributed this beautiful little contra. She states that it was created to teach the Kettering Historical Society Colonial Dancers the 'cast off' progression. Be sure the swing is a two hand swing, not a square dance or buzz-step swing.

### BASICALLY PROPER CONTRA

MUSIC: Any standard reel of moderate speed.

FORMATION: Proper Duple.

Intro: Actives down the outside go

- - - Turn around, come back to place

- - Take the one below, go down in fours

— — — Turn alone, come back

- - - Cast off, circle four to the left

- - - - Circle right

— — — Actives two-hand swing your own

— — — \*Others do-sa-do

- - - Actives down the outside go.......



<sup>\*</sup>This is what Mona calls the Inactives.

# STRAIGHT TALK

There are several good ways one can use to kill a square dance club, or any activity in which one is engaged, which requires the work of volunteers. The quickest way is to refuse to be an officer or to serve on a club council. It is amazing the number of qualified persons who do not seize the opportunity for leadership. When one is asked to serve and refuses, he is essentially saying, "Let George do It; I'm just here for the ride and to enjoy myself dancing." That's what we're all in square dancing for, to have a good time, with good friends, participating in an activity which we all enjoy. We must remember that planning and executing the plans are what make the activities possible. Those of us who do refuse to do our share in planning and leading the activities or in carrying our fair share of the load may one day find that we have run out of "Georges" and that the

activity which we enjoyed because of someone else's planning and caring no longer exists, or it exists at a level with which we are not happy. The quickest way to make the ideas you have go to work is to assume some of the responsibility for planning activities for your club. Fresh, new ideas are always welcome everywhere.

Right now, many clubs have their nominating committees working to get good, competent people to direct the activities of their clubs. Give some thought to the request for your services when you are approached. It's your opportunity to lend your thoughts and efforts to your club's success, when you are approached and you say yes. After all, the committee is looking for the best person available to lead your club - you!

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# Bicentennial Briefs

### "WE, THE PEOPLE," SOUTH CAROLINA

S. C. Gov. James B. Edwards and his staff and General Westmoreland were a part of South Carolina's start for the Bicentennial year as it began with "We The People" at William Bryce stadium in Columbia. Bob Hope hosted the extravaganza

along with Anita Bryant and with Frank Blair announcing.

Amidst antebellum costumes, spectacular fireworks and snappy bands in colonial uniform, nearly 1,000 dancers emerged on the University of South Carolina Gamecock football field with caller Jay D. Bradley escorted by popular Grand Ole Opry star, Minnie Pearl to the toe-tapping music "Bile Them Cabbage Down". Skirts swirled and boots stomped as they do-sa-doed. Fifty thousand spectators looked down on the dancers and cheered wildly. This program was televised and taped for Educational TV.

We were proud of the square dancers' part in a tradition of our country's 200

birthday.

Mrs. Billye Bradley West Columbia, SC

### COLONIAL DANCING in the ADIRONDACKS

A group of dancers in the Minerva, N.Y. area are preparing colonial dances for Bicentennial celebrations.

Some of the contras and quadrilles they have done are:

The Aston Polka Waltz Contra Dumbarton Drums Mayerick Waltz Queen Victoria Terry Lynn's Jig Hills of Habersham Ottawa Special British Sorrow Homosassa Hornpipe Marching to Pretoria The Cayman Island Contra Slaunch to Donegal Broken Sixpence The Quiet Contra Diamond Bar Quadrille Virginia Reel White Water Special The Happy Wanderer Grand Square Quadrille Contra (Behind the Old Briar Patch) Lancaster Reel

Haymakers Jig Canadian Breakdown Reel Contra Mixer Third Hand Contra Ladies and Gentlemen Contra Prim and Proper Contra Banjo Contra Jefferson's Reel All the Way to Galway Inflation Reel Petronella Portland Fancy Thady Your Gander Divorcee's Jig (by Duke Miller) Lady Walpole's Reel Fallen Timber Reel Forest de Bondi Lady of the Lake Dud's Reel Maple Leaf Jig I.O.C.A. Reel Judge's Jig

> Mary Jenkins Minerva, New York

Callers know that it takes a lot of nerve to stand up before a group and call your first square dance. Think back to the first tip you ever called. Remember how your legs shook and your knees knocked? How dry your throat was — that mouth full of cotton — those butterflies in your stomach — that blank mind? Then someone shoved the mike into your hand and panic set in. You could barely hold on to it. Worst of all, it amplified every little voice quiver for all to hear.

About this time you looked out and saw a room full of total strangers staring back. All your friends had disappeared. You realized they were waiting expectantly for you to say something intelligent, and the best you could come up with was a muffled throat-clearing and a strangled "Hi, there!"

You tried to put a record on the turntable. The hole seemed too small and the turntable would-n't stop turning. Finally, it fit in place. You picked up the arm to set the needle on the record and you missed it! There was a terrible scratching sound. You tried again. This time you couldn't find the start of the record and in the process you succeeded in putting a needle gouge clear across the record. This did nothing to build up your confidence!

Contributed by Sharon Golden As Used by Guy & Mildred Wilkinson, Arkansas





Somehow you found the tiny slot between the edge of the record and the grooves. The introductory music filled the air, your memory bank clicked in the nick of time, you opened your mouth and a strange sound flooded the hall.

The voice was strong, filled with confidence and authority. You were playing the wrong side of the record!

You mumbled something apologetically, turned the record over and dropped it in the process.

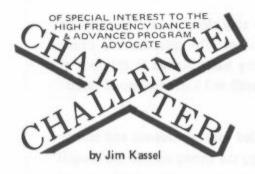
You finally got it all together, and although you aged ten years while it played, the record ended. Through the roar of blood rushing to your head you heard a strange sound — applause! You stumbled off the stage, your voice and hands still shaking.

The applause, a kind word, a handshake, and you're hooked. You went home and practiced, practiced, practiced until your taw and the kids knew the call better than you did. All the while you hoped you'd be asked to call again sometime.

A ham? A nut? A showoff? Perhaps, but only a very special and determined breed has been willing to put up with personal sacrifice, time and money expenditure, and the necessary hours and hours of hard work in order to attain the title of CALLER.

MORE POWER TO YOU!

## THE CALLER



Starting the bicentennial year of '76 makes us more mindful of history. For this year some of the contributed news sent to us is bound to have that flavor. Here is the first example:

### AN ANNIVERSARY

The National Challenge Square Dance Convention began as a series of after-parties at the 1967 National Convention in Philadelphia, because there was no challenge dancing scheduled at the convention.

Six callers provided challenge dancing for people from a variety of states, and it was so successful that in 1968 that Challenge Convention began its own three-day event.

Through 1971 the Convention had four callers who were chosen based on a general consensus among the dancers. Choice of callers was easy because there were very few callers at that time doing challenge calling.

However, at the 1971 convention it was recognized that more callers were becoming involved in challenge calling, and that the fairest way to choose callers in the future would be through voting by challenge dance leaders. Nine dancers were chosen as Advisors to the Convention and they voted on the callers for 1972. Advisors have continued to choose the callers each year.

Advisors generally represent the areas sending the most dancers to the Challenge Convention; they are selected because they are leaders in their home areas and also have knowledge of challenge dancing in other parts of the country. The number of Advisors fluctuates as conditions change; currently there are fourteen. In addition to voting for the callers, the Advisors consider any problems the convention

may have and give recommendations on policy.

The 1976 Challenge Convention will be held in Pittsburgh June 17 to 19 and will have eight staff callers. Attendance is expected to be about twenty-five sets from fourteen states and Canada.

Although the regular National Convention began providing challenge dancing in 1974, it naturally must be a relaxed level of challenge in order to provide for the wide variety of dancers present. The Challenge Convention is for the high frequency challenge dancer; the level is intermediate challenge with special advanced challenge tips, and only dancers able to handle this level may attend.

### **NEW JERSEY**

Opportunities for doing advanced and challenge dancing at all levels are numerous in New Jersey, especially in the northern half of the state. Lee Kopman has a range of clubs at various levels: Colonial Squares every Thursday is advanced level, as is Ramapo Squares two Saturdays a month; Paramus is a club which meets in the town of the same name twice a month with Lee calling easy challenge level; Modified Friday's is Lee's intermediate challenge club which meets twice a month and was moved from Long Island to New Jersey last fall.

In addition there are many tape groups covering every level. Jerry and May Barton and Bill and Joan Mills are tape group leaders who devote much time and effort to promoting and teaching challenge dancing. One tape group, the Once Mores, brings in various challenge callers for advanced challenge.

### MID-OHIO

Swinging Squares is an advanced club which meets every Friday in Columbus with Dewey Hart calling. The club has had a big jump in membership this season due to increased interest in advanced level.

Jack Cochenour, for several years a dance leader in Newark, has become a caller and is workshopping advanced level groups in Newark and Zanesville. Circulators with caller Webb Mills is a new advanced club in Newark.

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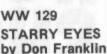
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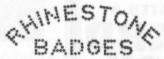
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## CHORE**₹\$**GRAPHY

STAR THRU by Ed Michl, Ohio, 1959

Star thru begins with man facing lady; man raises right hand, lady raises left hand, join upraised hands and exchange places (woman passing in front to man's right) and turn onequarter position (man face right, lady face left) to end as a couple.

Double Star thru: To star thru and face a new couple to ''left'' star thru (all in reverse of a normal star thru) with them. A double star thru equals a pass thru and half sashay with the couple originally faced (a crosstrail thru) to end back to back with them.

Triple star thru: A double star thru, plus another star thru with another couple facing them. Sex identity is always maintained, man's right hand, lady's left hand.

HISTORY: While brought to the attention of the square dance world in 1959 with a definite name, Star Thru, the movement had been used in contras

and quadrilles. We especially remember the movement during a demonstration of a Spanish dance on a TV program in the late fifties. Four couples in a circle balanced forward with all hands upraised and as the men backed away, the lady on his left (corner) slipped her left hand into the man's right, turned under the arch in front of him to end up as his new partner in the circle of four as they all backed out. It was repeated four times in order to once more have the original lady as partner, and the dance moved on in its routine.

TEACHING EXAMPLES:
Head couples star thru
Right and left thru, star thru
Right and left thru, crosstrail thru
To corner, left allemande......

Head couples star thru, pass thru
Star thru, right and left thru
Opposite box the gnat, square thru
Count four hands, centers box the gnat
Square thru three-quarters
Outsides turn alone, left allemande.....

Promenade, don't slow down Head couples wheel around, star thru Square thru three-quarters to corner Left allemande......

All four ladies chain across Head couples lead right and circle four Head gents break, two lines of four Star thru, insides arch, dive thru
Pass thru, star thru, crosstrail thru
To the corner, left allemande.......

Head couples half sashay, star thru Do-sa-do the outside two, star thru Pass thru, U-turn back, star thru California twirl, inside arch Dive thru, pass thru, star thru California twirl, face your partner Left allemande......

Forward eight and back with you Face your corner and star thru California twirl and crosstrail To left allemande, skip one girl Right and left grand...........

DOUBLE STAR THRU FIGURES:
Head couples double star thru
Turn right single file, go around two
Line up four, forward eight
Back with you, double star thru
U-turn back, crosstrail thru
To the corner, left allemande.......

Head two gents and corner girl Go forward and back, star thru Split those two around one into middle Double star thru, separate around one Into the middle, box the gnat Change hands, all left allemande......

TRIPLE STAR THRU FIGURES:
Side couples half sashay
Heads pass thru, separate around one
Into the middle, triple star thru
Bend the line, star thru, inside arch
Dive thru, right and left thru
Insides triple star thru
Outsides half sashay, bend the line
Star thru, insides arch, dive thru
Pass thru, left allemande...........

Head coupels star thru, pass thru
Doubel star thru, heads divide
To the other side, behind them star thru
Substitute, triple star thru, bend the line
Star thru, split two around one
In the middle, crosstrail thru
To a left allemande.......

SLIDE THRU

by Harlan Moody, Illinois, 1965 On call to two facing dancers, they pass by each other (right shoulders), men always quarter right, ladies always quarter left immediately.

HISTORY: In the summer of 1965, the author sent the idea to your editor with an example figure using a movement he called "curve thru". The example given was merely a no-hand star thru movement but opened the door for other

possibilities when adhering to the above rule. It also created an opportunity to partially eliminate some "same hand twice in a row" movements like "star thru, left allemande" or "square thru, star thru."

The less confusing name of Slide Thru was coined to indicate a pass thru, men always quarter right face turn while ladies always quarter left face turn. In actual dancing, the dancers start to turn their bodies in the direction they are to face while they do the pass thru. This gives sort of a "sliding by" or "thru" motion and keeps the dancers fairly close to each other as a star would do.

The following observations were made in the use of Slide Thru:

1. Men and ladies always hold their sex identity (no Arky).

2. Intermingling Slide Thrus with Star Thrus eliminates the "Statue of Liberty" feeling of having one's arm up in the air for five calls in a row.

 The dancers already know how to do the movement but use no hands. It later becomes quite a challenge when done from different set-ups of positioned

people.

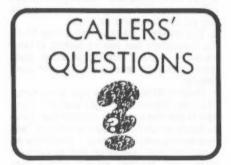
- 4. Double Slide Thru is two slide thrus in a row (equal to a right and left thru) and is not the same as double star thru. 5. From a normal coupled double pass thru formation, the call to "slide thru all eight of you" requires the centers to slide thru, trailing couple slides thru behind them. All are now in another double pass thru formation, but with opposites for partner. This is the same as the Dixie Star thru movement. If couples were half sashayed in the double pass thru set up, the slide thru all eight of you finds the centers doing a slide thru, step forward, so that again the trailing couple can slide thru behind them. All are now in a finished double pass thru formation with opposites for
- 6. From two normal couples facing, the call to "slide thru, make a wave" equals Pass the Ocean.
- 7. Instead of swing star thru, the call can be given to "swing thru, slide thru"; the ladies won't have to fudge into place for the Star Thru. It is also now possible to have the men on the ends of a finished swing thru and then the call to slide thru will position the couples to end facing each other. This

set-up was never successful, using a star thru ending, because the ladies had left hands tied up in the middle.

EXAMPLES by Will Orlich: Head couples slide thru, star thru Slide thru, pass thru to left allemande...

Head couples-promenade, go half way Same head ladies chain straight across Same ladies chain three-quarters Side gents turn 'em and rollaway Forward six and back with you Lonesome boys (head gents) slide thru Left allemande.......

All four couples half sashay
Heads to the middle and back away
Heads slide thru, inside arch, dive thru
Slide thru, separate around one
Line up four, forward eight and back
Star thru, centers slide thru, star thru
Square thru three-quarters around
Left allemande........



RAY MASSEY, Fayetteville, GA.: How can you Tag the line if you're not in a line but in an ocean wave?

ED. NOTE: Translated literally the command could be technically Tag the lineup of even numbered people, etc., and thereby hold to the basic rule/explanation. An ocean "line" is the exact point reached when two couples are passing thru each other to stop shoulder to shoulder. We now have ends and centers in reference to a line. Before and after the pass thru, we have centers, but no ends, in reference to couples. In this later condition as couples, we also have boy/girl position identity which does not hold true in line (waves, two-faced, 3x1, etc.). The wave is a carry-over from the "rocking" command and execution of a balance forward and back. Ever think about trying to "Tag an Alamo"?

BORGER, Hanover, Pennsylvania: How do I resolve this contradiction in the explanation of a Wheel Around?

Burleson #30: Wheel around: As a couple, the person on the left will back up and the person on the right will walk forward halfway, the pivot point being between them. End as a couple facing the opposite direction.

Orlich, "How To Be A Smooth Dancer": From a promenade position, right or wrong way around, the "hub back out, rim goes in" rule always

applies.

ED. NOTE: The encyclopedia rule should read "from a normal couple promenade position." We will spotlight the Wheel Around vs. Backtrack couple movements in a complete breakdown in American Squaredance soon. There is more to this rule of Couples Wheel Around than Harry has quoted. Please see "Mainstream Square Dancing, #30 on Page 16 for a complete explanation. We will furnish concrete examples when the article is published exactly as we would present the idea to a Callers Clinic in person with demonstration.

DESTROY THE LINE or WHEEL AND CYCLE? Neither — later in the S/D

picture!

(Direct quote from National Callers Report) A quick confab among the square dance choreography note services has resolved into the following suggestion: Use Destroy the Line terminology for the time being while it is currently popular. After it fades away a bit later in the year, quietly switch over to calling the idea directionally as a Cycle and Wheel, not as a Wheel and Cycle because we already use the term "Wheel and Anything" (Burleson #201).

We strongly suggest you follow this possible avenue because in spite of some leadership opinions, this idea to dissolve a 3x1 line will not go away, especially while we maintain the use of Recycle in our square dance choreography.





CYCLE-FERRIS WHEEL From a combination of ideas

From parallel 3x1 lines, the couple facing in step forward into a two-faced line to wheel and deal, while the other two recycle to face back in as the trailers of a double pass thru formation. Other variations are possible.

EXAMPLES by Will Orlich:
Heads lead right circle to a line
Pass thru, U-turn back
Head ladies run, cycle-ferris wheel
Center four square thru three-quarters
Slide thru, wheel and deal
Centers pass thru, box the gnat
Right and left grand........

Side couples flutter wheel
Heads go right and circle half
Veer left a two-faced line
Side men run, cycle-ferris wheel
Zoom and turn thru, left allemande....

Heads square thru four hands
Swing thru, ends fold, peel off
Four girls walk and dodge
Cast off three-quarters around
Cycle-ferris wheel, centers square thru
Three quarters, slide thru, spin the top
Four boys walk and dodge
Cast off three-quarters around
Cycle-ferris wheel, double pass thru
Peel off, star thru, zoom and trade
Left allemande..........

Heads lead right circle to a line Turn thru, side men run Cast off three-quarters around (3x1) Cycle-ferris trade and wheel, Double pass thru, peel off, star thru Square thru three-quarters Left allemande.......

Heads square thru three-quarters
Circle half and veer left, side men run
Cycle-ferris half tag, trade and roll
Double pass thru, peel off, box the gnat
Slide thru, left allemande.........

Head couples star thru Double pass thru, peel off, turn thru End ladies run, boys trade

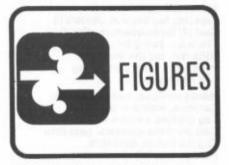
Cycle-ferris and fan the top

Centers bend the line and turn thru

Four boys drift around, pass thru

Star thru, couples circulate

Wheel and deal, left allemande......



FERRIS WHEEL, FERRIS TRADE AND WHEEL by Harold Fleeman, from SCVSDCA Spotlight Heads curlique, boys run, swing thru Boys run, ferris trade and wheel Swing thru, single hinge, boys run Pass thru, partner tag, left allemande...

Sides spin the top, turn thru, Swing thru, boys run Ferris trade and wheel Right and left thru, pass thru Left allemande.....

Heads curlique, walk and dodge Swing thru, eight circulate Swing thru, girls run Ferris trade and wheel Centers pass thru, star thru California twirl, pass thru Wheel and deal, zoom, Centers right and left thru, curlique Left allemande......

Head ladies chain, heads curlique Walk and dodge, circle to a line, pass thru

Half tag trade and roll, swing thru
Centers run, ferris trade and wheel
Centers turn thru, do-sa-do
Turn and left thru, dive thru
Right and left thru, swing thru
Turn thru, left allemande...........

Sides lead right circle to a line Right and left thru, star thru Circle half to a two-faced line, Ferris wheel, centers pass thru Star thru, left allemande......

by Jay Klassen, SCVSDCA Spotlight Heads square thru, swing thru Boys run, tag the line right Wheel and deal, swing thru, girls run Tag the line in, pass thru, tag line left Wheel and deal, dive thru Square thru three-quarters, Left allemande..........

Sides lead right, circle to a line, Pass tru, tag the line, centers in Cast off three-quarters, star thru Trade by, swing thru, boys circulate Girls run, tag the line right Wheel and deal, partner tag Left allemande......

Heads curlique, walk and dodge Curlique, walk and dodge Tag the line, centers in Cast off three-quarters, pass thru Tag the line in, pass thru, Partner tag, left allemande.......

Sides square thru, do-sa-do to a wave Girls trade, swing thru, boys run Tag the line out, wheel and deal Centers pass thru, swing thru Centers run, tag the line in Pass thru, tag the line Leads U-turn back, left allemande.....

Ladies chain three-quarters
Ladies chain, sides roll away
Circle left, girls square thru
Swing thru, centers run
Tag the line left, wheel and deal
Do-sa-do to a wave, centers run
Tag the line in, star thru, trade by
Star thru, partner tag
Right and left grand............

TRADE THE WAVE FIGURES
BY Jay King, Lexington, Massachusetts
Heads square thru, do-sa-do to a wave
Trade the wave, left swing thru
Trade the wave, boys run right
Wheel and deal, pass to the center
Square thru three-quarters
Left allemande.

Heads do-sa-do to a wave, fan the top Trade the wave, boys run left Wheel and deal, pass thru U-turn back, pass thru, slide thru Do-sa-do to a wave, fan the top Trade the wave, boys run left Wheel and deal, pass thru U-turn back, pass thru, trade by Left allemande.......

Four ladies chain three-quarters Four ladies chain, heads swing thru Trade the wave, left swing thru Trade the wave, half square thru Right and left thru, swing thru Trade the wave, left swing thru
Trade the wave, all eight circulate
Do-sa-do, all pass thru, left allemande...

Sides lead right and circle to a line
Pass the ocean, scoot back
Trade the wave, scoot back, lock it
Step thru, bend the line, crosstrail thru
To corner, left allemande.......

Sides lead right and circle to a line Pass thru, boys run right, trade wave Girls run left, cast left one-quarter Tag the line zig zag, trade the wave Boys run left, bend the line Star thru, trade by, pass thru Trade by, square thru three-quarters Left allemande......

Sides lead right and circle to a line
Pass thru, girls run left, trade the wave
Cast off three-quarters, trade the wave
Boys run left, bend the line, slide thru
Left allemande.......

by Andy Cisna, Elkridge, Missourl
Heads square thru four hands, veer left
Ferris and half tag, trade and roll
Pass thru, veer left, ferris and half tag
Trade and roll, pass thru
Left allemande.............

Heads square thru four hands
To an ocean wave, swing thru, boys run
Ferris and half tag, scoot back
Boys run, slide thru, pass thru
Left allemande.......

Heads square thru four hands to a wave Hinge, split circulate once and a half Girls hinge, ferris and boys run Swing thru, chain reaction, boys run Bend the line, slide thru, Left allemande........

Heads lead right circle to a line
Pass the ocean, swing thru, boys run
Ferris and half tag, trade and roll
Centers pass thru, slide thru
Flutter wheel, sweep a quarter
Pass thru, trade by, swing thru
Boys trade and turn thru
Left allemande............

by Ron Bessette, Grand Prairie, Texas
Heads make an ocean wave and lock it
Pass thru, circle up four
Heads break and make a line
Make an ocean wave and lock it
Pass thru, trade by, spin the top
Boys run, bend the line, left allemande.

Heads pass the ocean and lock it Pass thru, separate go round two Make a line, star thru, trade by Swing thru, boys run, half tag, trade Finish the tag, face right, ferris wheel curlique, left allemande.........

Heads pass the ocean, lock it, pass thru Separate go around one into the middle Pass thru, curlique, spin chain thru Centers circulate, boys run right Square thru three hands
Left allemande...........

Heads roll away half sashay, curlique Walk and dodge, make a wave Boys trade, girls trade, centers trade Boys run right around the girl Bend the line, left allemande...........

Heads curlique, walk and dodge Circle up four, make a line, curlique All eight circulate, boys run, veer left Half tag, trade and roll, left allemande...

Heads swing thru
Cast off three-quarters, walk and dodge
Swing thru the outside two
Cast off three-quarters, walk and dodge
Bend the line, swing thru
Box the gnat, right and left thru
Swing thru, cast off three-quarters
Girls run, box the gnat, pass to center
Square thru three hands
Left allemande..........

by John Strong, Salinas, California
Heads flutter wheel, star thru, pass thru
Slide thru, pass thru, wheel and deal
Double pass thru, cloverleaf, star thru
Curlique, walk and dodge, curlique
Scoot back, boys run, pass thru
Tag the line, peel off, pass thru
Wheel and deal, zoom, centers pass thru
Left allemande...........

Heads square thru, curlique
Scoot back, boys run, star thru
Pass thru, trade by, swing thru
Girls fold, peel off, wheel and deal
Eight chain four, right and left thru
Pass thru, trade by, left allemande......

Heads curlique, walk and dodge Swing thru, scoot back Right and left thru, star thru, pass thru Tag the line, cloverleaf, box the gnat Pass thru, star thru, crosstrail thru Left allemande......

Heads pass thru, round one to a line Star thru, curlique, walk and dodge Cloverleaf, double pass thru First couple left, second go right Star thru, pass thru, trade by Star thru, pass thru, partner tag Left allemande......

Heads flutter wheel, curlique, boys run Star thru, flutter wheel, sweep a quarter Spin chain thru, boys run, wheel Wheel and deal, pass thru, trade by Left allemande...........

Heads curlique, walk and dodge Swing thru, boys run, boys circulate Couples trade, wheel and deal, Curlique, scoot back, boys run Pass thru, wheel and deal, zoom Centers pass thru, left allemande....

Heads curlique, walk and dodge
Star thru, curlique, single file circulate
Boys run, swing thru, scoot back
Spin chain thru, swing thru
Right and left thru, dive thru, curlique
Walk and dodge, cloverleaf
Square thru three-quarters
Left allemande.........

Sides flutter wheel, heads curlique Walk and dodge, swing thru, boys run, Couples circulate, tag the line right Couples circulate, tag the line right Wheel and deal, pass thru, trade by Left allemande...........

Heads swing thru, spin the top Right and left thru, pass thru Curlique, walk and dodge Partner trade, flutter wheel Sweep a quarter, swing thru, Spin chain thru, boys circulate twice Right and left thru, curlique Walk and dodge, bend the line Flutter wheel, curlique, boys run Left allemande......

Heads star thru, pass thru Circle to a line, star thru Square thru three-quarters, trade by Slide thru, flutter wheel Sweep a quarter, curlique Walk and dodge, bend the line, Star thru, left allemande......

SINGLE FERRIS WHEEL
BY Fred Bailey, Rush City, Minnesota
Heads lead right, circle to a line
Boys run, single ferris wheel
Dixie style to an ocean wave
Slip the clutch, left allemande............

Heads lead right, circle to a line
Boys run right, single ferris wheel
Girls pass thru, star thru
Ferris wheel, centers right and left thru
Flutter wheel, pass thru,
Left allemande.........

Sides square thru full, pass the ocean Spin the top, scoot back, Cast off three-quarters, Single ferris wheel, girls turn thru Star thru, all promenade, don't slow down

Sides (or heads) wheel around Right and left thru, rollaway half sashay Left allemande.....

Sides lead right, circle to a line Boys run right, single ferris wheel Girls pass thru, star thru Couples circulate, bend the line Left allemande......

Heads square thru, swing thru Scoot back, cast off three-quarters Single ferris wheel, two ladies chain Courtesy turn to face that two Forward eight and back you reel Pass thru, wheel and deal,.
Centers pass thru, left allemande.....

Heads square thru, then square thru The outside two, boys run right Single ferris wheel, two gents chain To a left allemande......

Sides square thru, do-sa-do
To an ocean wave, single ferris wheel
Centers pass thru, curlique
Boys run right, go forward eight
And back, rollaway half sashay
Left allemande...........

Heads lead right circle to a line Girls run left, single ferris wheel Boys pass thru, star thru Couples circulate, bend the line Left allemande......

Head ladies chain, sides lead right Circle to a line, girls run left Single ferris wheel, boys pass thru Curlique, ends circulate, centers trade Spin chain thru, ends circulate Turn thru, left allemande.......

Sides lead right, circle to a line Girls run left, single ferris wheel Boys pass thru, curlique, step thru Left allemande......

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KALYUMET PARK CAMPGROUND, near Clarlon, Pennsylvania, off I-80; features weekends for square dancers, NAME callers, May through Oct. Write John Hillard, Kalyumet Park Campground, RD 1. Lucinda PA 16235.

ROYAL HOLIDAY Square/Round Dance weekends — Spring and Fall; National Callers; at Interlaken Resort Village, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. WRITE: Bill & Jacque Blevins, 1257 Franklin Lane, Buffalo Grove, Illinois 60090.

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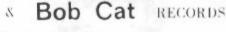
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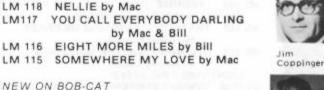
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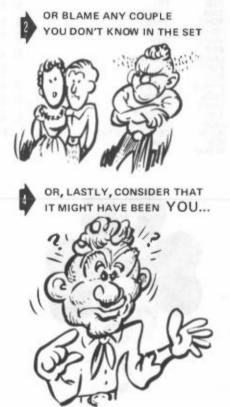
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WHEN THE SQUARE GOOFS UP--







**OVERSEAS DANCERS REUNION** 

The 14th Annual Reunion of Overseas Dancers will be in the Nation's Bicentennial Capitol, August 12, 13, 14, 1976, in the beautiful Empire Room, Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert St. NW, Washington, D. C.

There will be a trail dance, as well as dancing afternoons and evenings, each day, with outstanding callers and round

dance instructors.

Bicentennial tours are planned for those so inclined. Also scheduled are after-parties and special after-after-parties which, are to be attended by all the faithful.

Contact General Chairman Bill and Kathi Higgins, 3231 Plantation Parkway, Fairfax, Va., 22030, Tel. (703) 591-5812.

### CHICAGO AREA NEWS

The Chicago Area Callers Association elected new officers for the coming season: President, Marv. Labahn; Vice-President, Will Mills; Secretary, Johnny May; Treasurer, Swersie Dumetz.

Chuck Riley Chicago, Illinois

### IN MEMORIAM

Tyree Edwards of Raleigh, North Carolina died January 16, 1976 of a heart attack. Tyree and his wife operated a square dancer's clothing store called Pearl's of Raleigh.

### FREEDOM FEST

The 17th Annual Spring Festival, "Freedom Fest", sponsored by the Kentuckiana Square Dance Association, will take place April 9, 10, 11th at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville, Kentucky.

Callers for the 3-day event are: Gary Shoemake and Paul Marcum on Friday night; Bob Vinyard and Stan Burdick on Saturday and Sunday. Bob Vinyard will conduct a High Level Workshop and Dance on Saturday. Rounds will be led by Jerry and Barbara Pierce of Birmingham, Alabama on Saturday and Sunday.

Four exhibition groups will perform on Saturday evening: The Kentuckiana Kloggers, Bluegrass Cloggers, a round dance group and a contra group.

For information contact: George & Lena Hill, 907 Cannons Lane, Louisville, KY 40207, Registration Chairman.

Clyde & Jean Elzy Louisville, Kentucky

### **NEWS FROM NEW ORLEANS**

The New Orleans Callers' Association elected these officers for the year 1976: President: Fred Bouvier; Vice-President: Jim Moore; Secretary: Bob Sams; Treasurer: Bob Parkhurst.

A Caller's Seminar will be held on August 22, 1976 at the Braniff Place Hotel for any caller interested. Jack Lasry and Jerry Helt will be in charge.

Bob Sams New Sarpy, LA

### ARMETA CHANGES MANAGEMENT

Arthur Gibbs, who founded and directed Armeta with his wife, Meta, died in September, 1975. Armeta has been sold to Jennie Lee & Milt Kingsland, P.O. Box 22221, Milwaukee, OR 97222.

### **NEW TEEN CLUB**

The Young Swingers, a new club of teens and young adults, has been formed in central Ohio. The group meets at the YWCA, 65 S. Fourth St, Columbus, and invites any dancers in the area to visit. Callers on the schedule have all volunteered their time to help the group grow. Dances will be: Feb. 8, Bill Huffman; Feb. 29, Eldon Pittenger; March 21, Al Hosmer; April 4, Ted McQuaide; April 25, Bill Huffman; May 2, Dick Loos. For further information, call 846-0568.

### SQUARE DANCE IN BERMUDA

The Mid-Ocean Promenaders, formed this past fall, is Bermuda's first square dance club in many years. Their first class will graduate this spring. Although only three squares strong,

including students, the club has high hopes for the coming years. Club caller is Barry (and Bonnie) Talmage, formerly of Virginia Beach, Virginia. They meet every Wednesday evening aboard the US Naval Air Station at the east end of the island. Barry also has hopes of starting a club at the west end. For information, contact Richard A. Herbison, USNAS CMR Box 2901, FPO New York, NY 09560.

### LEPRECHAUN AWARD

The Shamrock Squares Club of Dublin, Ohio is sponsoring their Third Annual Leprechaun Award Dance on March 14. This award dance honors a person or persons for outstanding service to western square dancing in central Ohio. The award for 1974 went to Mrs. Sara Carrol, Dance Editor of the Columbus Dispatch. The 1975 award was presented to callers Bill Burnside and Bud Swisher.

Ruth & Bob Fouty Columbus, Ohio

### "TAT" ZERO TWO ONE FOUR

This is not a new square dance call. but the number (828-0214) to call in San Antonio to get the latest in square dance information from the Alamo Area S&R/D Association. With the use of a telephone answering device on an incoming-only business line (to reduce cost, as no outgoing calls are made), service is provided twenty-four hours a day. The number will be listed in the next directory in both white and vellow pages. It will be listed as Square and Round Dance Association of the Alamo Area for easy location. Announcements are designed to give the latest club and association regular and special dance information for both local and traveling dancers. The next time you travel through San Antonio, call 828-0214!

John & Vivian McCannon San Antonio, Texas

### SINGLE SQUARE DANCERS USA

For years dancers have asked for a directory of singles clubs. This project has been undertaken and a list of



approximately 200 clubs was compiled and printed in a booklet called 'The Yellowrock.'

Since Single Square Dancers USA is a non-profit club, the proceeds from this book will be used to promote square dancing for the young adult aged 18 to 24. When a young person is ready to step out on his/her own, it is the challenge of a lifetime. The club thought it would be great to motivate teenage dancers to stay with square dancing through this period. It was decided to set up a scholarship fund for young callers who are attending college and continuing their calling.

To make this project a worthy adventure, all square dancers should have an opportunity to participae. Any individual, club or organization may make a donation to the scholarship fund or purchase a "Yellowrock" at \$1. each plus postage. Send a check to Single Square Dancers USA, Attn. Scholarship Fund, 4445 Ferndale Road, Memphis,

Tennessee 38122.

James D. Bell Memphis, Tennessee

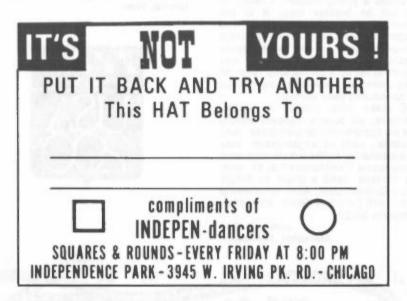
### COVER TALK

The charming old print showing a colonial-times quadrille appears through the courtesy of Jerry Helt of Cincinnati, Ohio. It will also appear soon on a new Blue Star album of quadrilles in recognition of the Bicentennial Year.





## SO DANDY IDEA SO



The problem of the wrong hat being inadvertently switched in public places is an age-old story. So, once more, square dancers have come to the rescue and printed up the cards shown here (slightly adapted) to be inserted inside the inner brim of all men's hats. The extra publicity doesn't hurt, either.

Mike Malek of Chicago sent the idea, cooked up by Ed Paxton of the same club, who is an artist and signmaker. The cards were passed out at a recent Fiesta. Barney Born started the whole thing, as a consistent derby loser. Can you ''Top'' this?





### SINGING CALLS

### by Don Hanhurst

This month's reviews were enlightened by the arrival of a new label and sound out of Houston, Texas. The new label is Rhythm Records and Wade Driver is the inspiration behind this new sound. On the duller side of the reviews this month, there was much duplication of titles and even a duplication of figures on the same label. This is the first time we have experienced this and find it to be an unhappy situation.

YOU RING MY BELL— Rhythm Records 101; Caller: Wade Driver

This is the first release on this new label and we found the unique rhythm patterns in the music, as well as the excellent instrumentation, made this the most enjoyable record to listen to this month. The figure, although not complicated, is interesting and our dancers found it to be timed nicely. This label will bear watching as it develops in the future. FIGURE: Heads promenade half, square thru, right and left thru, slide thru, square thru, trade by, corner swing, promenade.

AMERICA— U.S.A. 506 Caller: Shelby Dawson

Once again, U.S.A. label comes out with a very distinctive sound. When we first read the title, and thought of the melody, we did not think we would be impressed. The music, however, is very fine "bicentennial" music with a flute lead in some places. The beat is excellent and every caller should have one of these in his file for the coming bicentennial and patriotic events. Callers should note there is a key change in the middle break and ending. FIGURE: Heads square thru, do-sa-do corner, swing thru, boys run right, bend the line, right and left thru, flutter wheel, slide thru, swing corner, promenade.

C. B. BLUES— Dance Ranch 632 Caller: Ron Schneider

It was almost inevitable that a CB song would have to eventually become a square dance. This one by Ron is very good but may take a little work, particularly if you are not use to CB terms. The figure is very good and our dancers found it to be over all a very enjoyable dance. FIGURE: Heads promenade half, in the middle slide thru, pass thru, circle four half way, veer to the left, girls trade, ferris wheel, pass thru, right and left thru, swing thru, swing corner, promenade.

I NEVER KNEW— MacGregor 2183
Caller: Monty Wilson

This version of "I Never Knew" is a very good "dixieland" type sound. Although not true dixieland, it has a very different, and at times "nostalgic" sound. FIGURE: Heads promenade half, down the middle right and left thru, star thru, pass thru, circle four with outside two, break to a line, pass the ocean, swing thru, turn thru, left allemande, promenade.

HERE I AM IN DALLAS— Rhythm Records 103; Caller: Wade Driver

This is another fine example of the great music that we can expect to hear from this new label. The rhythm change at the end of each figure makes it quite distinctive and the instruments are crisp and well blended. FIGURE: Heads promenade half, down the middle right and left thru, flutter wheel, sweep a quarter, pass thru, do-sa-do, swing thru, boys trade, turn thru, left allemande, promenade.

GARDEN PARTY - Red Boot 197

Caller: Lee Kopman

This is the first singing call put out by the "Master of Challenge". The delivery is smooth and our dancers found that the intro was the exception rather than the rule in this month's releases, in that the promenade was timed perfectly with no wait at home, as is the case in most newer releases. The music is interesting, smooth flowing, and is easy to work with. FIGURE: Heads square thru, with corner swing thru, boys run right, ferris wheel, in the middle right and left thru, rollaway, turn thru, swing corner, left allemande, promenade.

LIVING WITH THE SHADES PULLED DOWN— Ranch House 203; Caller:

Darryl L. McMillan

This newest release on Ranch House follows true to the concept started by the first releases. The music and arrangement are above average and the

intro features a very unique alternating. strong and weaker, 8 beat phrases. FIGURE: Heads pass thru, partner trade, square thru, do-sa-do, swing thru, boys run, ferris wheel, centers square thru 34, swing corner, promenade.

IT'S GONNA BE A HAPPY DAY - Lore

1152: Caller: Stan Reubell

This is a very relaxing dance with good music; our dancers enjoyed this one. FIGURE: Heads square thru, corner do-sa-do, make a wave, swing thru, boys run, couples circulate, wheel and deal, pass thru, trade by, corner swing, promenade.

PICK ME UP ON YOUR WAY DOWN- Red Boot 198; Caller: Johnny Jones

On this release of Red Boot, we hear the tremendous diversity that Red Boot is capable of delivering. This release has almost a "traditional" sound at the start and then blends with a modern synthesizer. The vocal side is very clear and a smooth delivery by Johnny. FIGURE: Heads square thru, do-sa-do, curlique, scoot back, boys run, right and left thru, slide thru, swing corner, promenade.

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HELP YOURSELF TO ME— Rhythm Records 102; Caller: Pat Barbour

Very good music with a beat that the dancers were able to easily get with. The figure, although not unusual, was pleasant and enjoyable in combination

with the music. FIGURE: Heads promenade half, lead right circle to a line, star thru, do-sa-do, spin chain thru, girls circulate two times, swing corner, promenade.

TONIGHT YOUR BABY'S COMING HOME— MacGregor 2182; Caller: Norm Phaneuf

This melody was released long ago on Wagon Wheel as "Lonesome Highway". This is a good version of the melody. FIGURE: Heads square thru, do-sa-do, swing thru, boys run, half tag, trade and roll, right and left thru, swing corner, left allemande, promenade.

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### WHAT TIME OF DAY- Red Boot 194 Caller: Elmer Sheffield

This is a fine piece of Red Boot music with a little different metronome beat in it. Our dancers were disappointed to find that this release and Red Boot 199. "Living With The Shades Pulled Down'', had exactly the same figure and for this reason they were less impressed. FIGURE: Heads lead right circle four to a line, pass thru, tag the line, face in, curlique, boys run, eight chain four, pass thru, swing corner, promenade.

LIVING WITH THE SHADES PULLED DOWN- Red Boot 199: Caller Don Williamson

This is the second version of this melody and in our estimation, not quite as good. The duplication of figures, with the above record, did not help. FIGURE: Heads lead right circle four to a line, pass thru, tag the line, face in, curlique, boys run, eight chain four, pass thru, swing corner, promenade.

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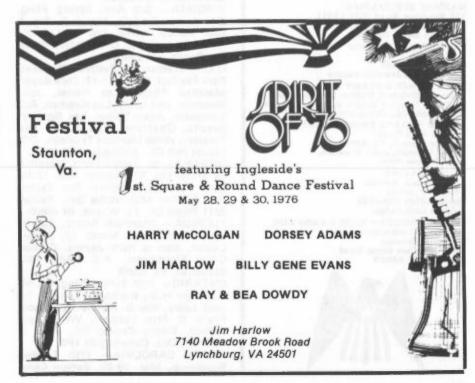
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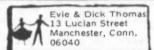
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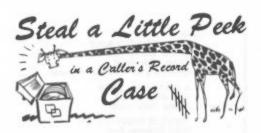
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Mary's hobby is sewing and she has made many club dresses for the "Y"

Squares in Macon.

She and her husband, Harold, are chairmen of the Georgia State Square Dance Convention which will be held in Macon, September 16, 17 and 18.

They are presidents of the Heart Of Georgia Federation which consists of twelve clubs in the middle-Georgia area.

At present they are working with the 4-H Clubs in Georgia, teaching square dance and square dance dress. Mary is writing an article on square dance dress and what judges look for in square

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We find it very interesting to tabulate this poll each month.

We had predictions that "Drift Around" was "up and coming" and from the results this month, they were certainly right.

MAINSTREAM See List. p. 30. June, '75, or buy "Mainstream 75" book for \$4 from this magazine.

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#### PULSE POLL EXPERIMENTALS

- 1. Drift Around
- 2. Grand Parade
- 3. Destroy the Line
- 4. Chain Reaction
- 5. Cloverflo
- 6. Checkmate
- 7. Spin Chain the Gears
- 8. Relay the Shadow
- 9. Scoot and Flutter
- 10. Fascinate
- 11. Kick Off
- 12. Right On



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#### Round Dance

## PULSE POLL



Response to this poll is still terrific. Is your favorite listed? Let us know what you are dancing.

#### **ROUND DANCERS ROUNDS**

- 1. Patricia
- 2. Stay A Little Longer
- 3. Arrivederci Roma
- 4. Charade '75
- 5. Singing the Blues
- 6. Lisbon Antiqua
- 7. Tennessee Saturday Night
- 8. Adoration Waltz
- 9. Alice Blue Gown
- 10. Domino

#### **SQUARE DANCERS ROUNDS**

- 1. Tips Of My Fingers
- 2. Walk Right Back
- 3. Tic Toc

- 4. Gozo
- 5. Take One Stap
- 6. My Wife's House
- 7. All American Girl
- 8. Struttin' Around
- 9. Country Gal
- 10. Shake Me, I Rattle

#### CLASSICS

- 1. Birth Of The Blues
- 2. Dancing Shadows
- 3. Spaghetti Rag
- 4. Dream Awhile
- 5. Feelin'
- 6. Neopolitan Waltz
- 7. Arms Of Love
- 8. Folsom Prison Blues
- 9. Tango Mannita
- 10. 3 A. M.



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RB189 SAY YOU LOVE ME AGAIN by Ralph Silvius RB190 BANDY, THE RODEO CLOWN by Elmer Sheffield, Jr. RB193 PLEASE MR. PLEASE by Bob Vinyard

by Lee Kopman

RB194 WHAT TIME OF DAY by Elmer Sheffield, Jr.

RB198 PICK ME UP ON YOUR WAY DOWN by Johnny Jones

JK6013 RHINESTONE COWBOY by Red Bates

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B. Simulated club dance night;

evaluations

Assignment: Program a festival and club night. Develop a theme. Chapters 9, 29 and 31. Prepare an introduction for your favorite caller (not so favorite and a known good and/or poor caller, an apprentice about to do a guest tip).

LESSON 23: A. The caller as a performer, showmanship, humor, emceeing, introducing styling to the club or group.

B. Introduce good/poor apprentice (assignment); have the introduced perform after a good/poor introduction (note effect of stress on mental outlook).

Assignment: Be prepared to do any one on-the-spot request after an introduction (good or bad). Chapter 24.

LESSON 24: A. Building a repertoire. variety, resource aids.

B. Present on-the-spot request to determine ability and repertoire at this time.

Assignment: Chapters 6 and 11.

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LESSON 25: A. Leadership, dealing with club problems, organizations, the role as "advisor."

B. "True confessions;" case histories, problems; discussion period; evaluation of apprentice choice.

Assignment: Chapters 20, 26, 27.

LESSON 26: A. Judgment: more on human relations, public relations, developing attitudes in dancers.

B. Situations/Solutions; apprentice

calling choice.

Assignment: Chapter 22.

LESSON 27: A. Adjusting to different groups; furthering the square dance

activity, selling, ethics.

B. Simulating examples, apprentice choice. Prepare for final examinations; write out and plan a complete club night dance including all that has been presented to date, i.e., variety, challenge, workshop, rounds, contra, teach, etc. Be prepared to call any part of this program. Apprentices and callers will use Bryan's evaluation system.

Assignment: Chapter 19.





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LESSON 28: A. The business side of calling, contracts, ethics, tax deductions, recordings.

B. Continue critiques of apprentices' choice.

Assignment: Chapters 12, 34, 35. Finals.

LESSON 29: Final examinations begin and last through as many more weeks as needed. Review and compare tapes and evaluations made during Lessons 1 and 15. Include evaluations as to further work needed by apprentice, course of action needed to be taken certification?

#### CHALLENGE CHATTER, Continued CONNECTICUT

Two well-known callers, Red Bates and Jerry Schatzer, are calling advanced level workshops this year. Red's group is in Hartford and Jerry's is in Meriden. Basic advanced material is being presented, and these programs have sparked interest in advanced dancing in the state.

#### **EVENTS**, Continued

ILLINOIS— 3rd Ann. Spring Festival, Mar. 27-28, So. III. Univ., Carbondale; Bob Vinyard, Jim Booton, Bob Yerington. Write Dick & Louise Runge, RR 3, Box 5, Carterville, IL 62918.

KANSAS— 26th Ann. SW Kansas S/D Festival, April 2-3, Dodge City Civic Center; Lem Gravelle, Dave & Nita Smith. Write Les & Betty Houser, 2211— 3rd Ave., Dodge City, KS 67801. OKLAHOMA— Spring Festival, SW District, April 3, Hollis; Al Horn. Write Mildred & Bill Cowart, Box 116, Cheyenne, OK 73628.

VIRGINIA— 22nd Ann. S/D Festival of the Virginia Reelers, Charlottesville, April 3; Stan Burdick, Carter Ackerman, Billy Jean Evans, Irv. & Betty Easterday. Write Bill & Barbara Isaacs, 713 Park St., Charlottesville, VA 22901. NEW YORK— 5th Flac-Fest, Finger Lakes Area Council, Elmira; April 3; Randy Anderson, Curly Custer, Bob Dewey, Dick Schweitzer, Leverne & Doris Reilly. Write Bill Tonkin, RD1, Hornell, NY 14843.







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#### **BEST CLUB TRICK, Continued**

Night, and Santa's Shindig. The group enjoys decorating and strives to come up with something out of the ordinary for each dance. Santa was on hand at Santa's Shindig to pass out treats, and the committee members made felt Christmas stockings for the club members, decorated of course with bandana print and railroad stripes! Every dance throughout the season has a special theme, but the big one of the year will be the first annual Boxcar Dance.

The club not only thinks of its own enjoyment but took the time to dance at an area convalescent center at Halloween. The patients found the evening so pleasant that the club has been invited back as soon as possible The *Locomotions* also have

plans to become active in the Durand Area Bicentennial celebration.

Caller Ken Fellows and his wife, Elaine, have been an inspiration to the club with their excellent leadership and dedication. They drive 100 miles round trip to each club and class function and do many things above and beyond the call of duty. Ken does an exceptional job of presenting the basics in a challenging and fun manner, as well as keeping the dancers up to date on the latest movements. All members are cooperative, willing to assume responsibilities and very helpful with the current square dance classes. According to many guests, the *Locomotions* have earned the reputation of being a friendly club with no signs of cliques. Their goal for the future is to maintain this reputation and do all they can to promote square dancing in the Durand area.





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5064 MELODY OF LOVE by Dick Parrish

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FIGURE: Heads square thru four, sides right hand star, heads star left once around, with corner do-sa-do. lock it. square thru 3/4, swing corner, promenade.

I'M STILL IN LOVE WITH YOU-River Boat 108: Caller: Keith Gylfe

FIGURE: Heads right and left thru, flutter wheel, sweep a quarter, pass thru, star thru, right and left thru, flutter wheel, sweep a quarter, pass thru, trade by, swing corner, prome-

LITTLE HEARTACHE- Bogan 1279

Caller: Lem Smith

FIGURE: Heads promenade half, lead right circle four to a line, right and left thru, curlique, circulate, boys run, swing corner, left allemande, promenade.

DON'T GIVE YOUR LOVE TO A RAMBLIN MAN- Mustang 169; Caller: Chuck Bryant

FIGURE: Heads square thru, do-sa-do, spin chain thru, girls circulate two times, turn thru, left allemande, walk by one, swing next, promenade.

C B HANDLE SONG- Rockin' A 1364 Caller: Joe Sorrell

The melody on this release is the same as "I'll Take Your Word For It Baby". The dancers disliked the double Grand Square in the introduction, FIGURE: Heads square thru, do-sa-do corner, swing thru, men run, couples trade, wheel and deal, dive thru, square thru 34, swing corner, promenade.

CAJON BABY -- Cow Town 1-104

Caller: Svi Horwald

FIGURE: Heads promenade half, down the middle, star thru, california twirl, swing thru, boys run, wheel and deal, right and left thru, pass thru, trade by, corner swing, left allemande, promenade.

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ATLANTA, GA; Thursday, January 13, 1977 Contact: Dean Baldwin

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#### MEANDERINGS, Continued

Doggone! My "jig" was up, and it was time to return to prepare for the Hawaiian fly-in, which I'll LEI on you next month.

Apologies for cutting short my accounts of visits to Huntsville, Ala. (Keep making those good records, "Mac" Letson); Macon, Ga. (Jim Tyler calls 'em good down there); W. Chester, Pa. (Philly area, where Jean Yates, wife of caller Spencer, makes fantastic chili); Williamsport, Pa. (Hugh Walker has generated a generation of dancers); Sardinia, N.Y. (Denny Fox got it together, the Van Slykes were hosts); Lynchburg, Va. (thanks again to good friends Phil & Carolyn Dellwo plus Paul & Nancy Childers); Valdosta, Ga. (Bob & Vivian Bennett- "Have mike, will hike' - are great hosts); West Palm Beach, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Clearwater (see Feb. cover), and on and on and on... Love ya!

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About this time you looked out and saw a room full of total strangers staring back. All your friends had disappeared. You realized they were waiting expectantly for you to say something intelligent, and the best you could come up with was a muffled throat-clearing and a strangled "Hi, there!"

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