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Many who read of the recent barbecue on the White House lawn for Carter's Georgia campaigners and Congressional families may not realize that this was the affair to which 48 Georgian club dancers were invited. (See page 6, August issue, and "News" this issue).

Time magazine and our local papers made much of the clowns, juggler, Jimmy's popsicle-eating and just managed to mention that there was square dancing at this barbecue party.

We think this says something to the many dancers who hoped that the "image" of square dancing would be enhanced because our country's president was a dancer. Rather, it would appear that in the words of sophisticated Washington reporters, the "image" of Jimmy Carter is downgraded by such down-home activies, rather than the reverse being true.

No sudden great turn-around in people's minds concerning square dancing should be anticipated. Thousands, perhaps millions, including most busy reporters, still think of square dancing as a country recreation or as a sixth-grade physical education activity.

Jimmy Carter is not going to change this. He has other things to do, of some small import to the world's well-being.

Who is going to do it? We are. Every single dancer among us.

How can it be done? With more publicity projects similar to the imaginative Bicentennial exhibitions, demonstrations, community dances, floats, TV and radio shows, store window and mall displays.

Why did much of this promotion cease? We all expected the Bicentennial surge in dancers to continue on its own, filling our classes and clubs with excited new devotees. But this was not the case. Now we need to recoup — to plan some special promotions for fall classes, workshops and clubs, to increase the numbers of those who know what square dancing is and where it can be found.

Were there some reports on the Carter picnic which pictured the dancers? We'd like to have copies from any area where the square dancing outshone the clowns, juggler, magician and barbecued food.



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Thanks again for sending copies to my students. They really appreciated it. A good square dancer really needs goo inside information......

Bill & Kay Franck San Antonio, Texas

Please send a gift subscription to our club presidents from us....Was surprised and pleased to see our fan club badge listed on your "Sequel to the Sequel" page. This badge was designed and made by the past presidents of our club, Memorial Squares. They bought plastic and pins and cut the badge out in one of their garages. They had the decals made where on of them works. Then they set up a "production line" around their dining room table and put them together. When they run out of badges they get together and make more. We are really proud of "our club." George Horn Tulsa, Oklahoma

We do so much appreciate the great honor you gave us by featuring us on the front of American Squaredance. We do not feel that we deserve so much. What little we do for square dancing, we do because we love square dancers and want to see dancing get bigger and better in every way. From the depths of our hearts, we say "Thank you both." If at any time we can ever do anything to help you, please call on us.....

Mac & Virginia McDonald Macon, Georgia I certainly enjoyed the July issue of American Squaredance magazine. he cover picture and article speak well of Georgia and I appreciate the article about me in your "Steal A Little Peek" column.

But there's one favor I would like to ask. One sentence was left out of the article: In 1973 the Y Squares asked me to be their club caller and I still call club dances for them ever second and fourth Friday. Most of the club members have asked why I left out the Y-Squares and I have explained that it was not intentional. So, if there's anyway you can add this tidbit to your next issue, I will certainly appreciate it.

Jim Tyler Macon, Georgia

Please renew my subscription for another two years. I enjoy your magazine so much and I eagerly await its arrival each month. After it arrives, however, I am somewhat disappointed; only because I know I must wait another whole month before I can receive the next issue.

Your magazine brings a lot of pleasure and enjoyment to dancers and leaders all over the world. Keep up the good work!

Pamela Bennett Alexandria, Virginia

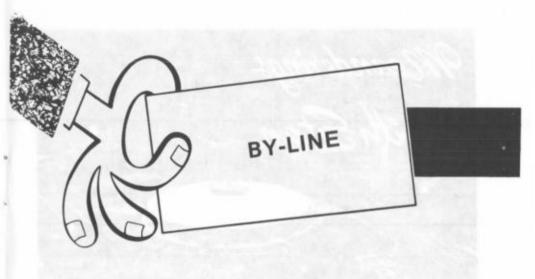
I picked up the June issue of American Squaredance at the National Square Dance Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and enjoyed reading it so am enclosing \$10. for a two year subscription.

My wife and I have subscribed to SIO since we first graduated from a square dance class in 1969. Your magazines are very helpful in so many ways especially for us as we travel and can dance along the way.

Looking forward to the next issue.

Fred Harbourn Pekin, Illinois





Thanks to **Don Hanhurst**, who has reviewed square dance records for *American Squaredance* for several years. Don did a fine job of incorporating his years of calling expertise with dancers' comments. His copy was always submitted before the deadline, which earns him the heartfelt thanks of the editors. Thanks, **Don**, we appreciate your efforts!

Prolific Al Eblen has written his feelings about square dancing. It's people like Al whose enthusiasm and interest is backed by invested time and effort who keep

square dancing a viable activity.

Joe Pesklo has written a book he hopes to have published, dealing with club

management. This month's article is an excerpt from it.

Ed Foote may be the Isaac Asimov of square dancing. Isaac has 188 books to his credit and is a "write-aholic." We wonder if Ed knows how many articles he has written on dancing tips, teaching, challenge dancing and other topics. He has been published in many area publications.

"Hemline" this month is a reprint from the New England Caller of any article by Judy Ross Smith. Judy is one of square dancing's foremost "designing women."

and is the author of "Needle Notes."





Once in a while everything really "clicks". Do you know that feeling? It starts with a little touch of personal joy at having overcome some obstacles. Then comes a little luck. Next we sense a receptive environment. Finally, a pinch of determination is added to these ingredients and—whamo!—success all around. Every caller, performer, teacher, speaker knows this sensation. Lots of performances are good, fair, or average, but occasionally one particular one stands out, and you cherish the memory of it on and on.

This is the way it was in Wichita. There had been a world of apprehension about that dance. Exactly a full year before, there had been a sudden cancellation because that club's hall was not available due to a company strike, and an imposed restriction of dancers crossing a picket line. That may have created a little psychological barrier for this year's dance.

Secondly, it was a "loner". Traveling callers know very well the mental torment that occasionally ensues when a full-scale loop tour fails to develop around a certain date, and you wind up with a single booking a thousand miles

from home. There's no way it can be profitable, and in this case it looked like a loser. A mental tug-o'-war then develops. Do you give them a lame excuse and cancel, or do you listen to Dame Conscience and Old Man Ethics inside you, who say "Buddy you're obligated— you made that bed, so ya gotta lie down in it'."

Thirdly, to make matters worse, my travel agent called back the day before the flight from Cleveland to Wichita, and said, "Sorry, Stan, there's nothing available but first class to Wichita, which will cost you forty dollars more than you expected to pay." Woe and double woe!

I'd not heard from the Cessquares Club in almost a year, but I had a contract for the date clutched in my hot little hand, as I phoned them to talk the whole thing over. Maybe another strike was imminent. I ought to check out the possibilities. Maybe they "double-booked" and didn't need me. Maybe Wichita got swallowed up in a giant earthquake. Forgive me, I really wouldn't want that!

Victor Hecht assured me the dance was "on" as planned. I mumbled my

flight number and said I'd be there as planned.

The next day my luck began to change for the better. At the airport the clerk was able to "downgrade" me (not a flattering term, but that's airline jargon) from first class to coach.

The minute I landed a pleasant guy, Kay Francis, met me at the gate and whisked me to the motel. (You did say "guy", didn't you?- Co-ed.) I rested, ate, bathed all over, and got whisked to the dance by other fine club reps. Ed and Ruth Soleman. It was a warm, windy Kansas night, and the blast of frigid air in that beautiful big Cessna Company hall felt good as we entered. The outlook looked outwardly "outa sight", especially as dancers started to pour in from every direction- almost thirty squares of 'em! Nothing raises the anticipotentiality (I coined that one) of a caller better than a whoppin' big group to call for.

It was "my kinda people". We started on a good note and ended in a crescendo. (You bombed?- Co-ed.) Rapport was there. (Who's she?-Co-ed.) They seemed to respond well to my tired old gags. (Your gags are so old they'd gag Adam- Co-ed.) My hash material seemed to go over well. (That reminds me- did you take out the garbage last night?- Co-ed.) My singing calls had 'em hummin'. (There you go again, mouthing the called side of a Jerry Haag record- Co-ed.) The dance ended with a standing ovation. (They'd clap for Bozo, the Wonder Dog, and did you expect them to sit?-Co-ed.)

Business-wise, the ledger changed from red to black. Subscriptions sold like a prairie brush fire in a high wind. The officers slipped me a bonus above my fee, bless their hearts. I left Wichita smelling like a rose. (That's an improvement— Co-ed.), and looking forward to my return next year.

Furthermore, I learned a lesson from that episode, namely this:



Never count your eggs before they hatch, Nor count your chicks before they scratch You've cooked your goose, but what you're holdin'

Is its last laid egg, that turned out golden.

So it goes, in the square dance world or in world of other affairs— don't be too quick to predict disaster— a quick twist of fate can turn it to success.

As Josh Billings said, "Success is not always a sure sign of merit, but it is a first-rate way to succeed."

(And as Paul Eldridge said— more or less— "Some pseudo-successful people think they're wearing a beautiful crown of wisdom and achievement, but it is only an inverted golden chamberpot, worn with an air of ludicrous majesty.")



Let's take a fast look at some places I've skipped through lately, previously unreported, but significant.....

Memphis, Tennessee (actually Germantown) where another ASD dance was cooked up by good friends Eddie and Sally Ramsey and the Spurs 'n Saddles Club Hardy, Arkansas, where Ozark Acres was the lovely site again for an afternoon ASD dance. followed by an evening dance further north at Mountain Home (Thanks, Twin Lakes Funtimers and Murel and Almedia Partee)....then Siloam Springs (say "Silo" and add an "m") with the Ark-oma Whirlaways, thanks to Dub and Maggie Hays.... followed by Grenada, Mississippi for a three-part program (leader clinic, caller clinic and ASD dance) all on one Saturday. The

best part was the fourth part — dinner at the Lee's home. On to **Dillard**, **Georgia** for a "fantabulous" tasty trout dinner and ASD dance at Jerry and Becky Cope's growing square dance resort, Andy's Trout Farm.

Next Johnny and Lib Jones of Kingsport, Tennessee worked out a fine subscription dance for us. Nice to get

back to that Tri-cities area.

Finally, there was Hanover, Indiana, not far from Louisville where the crowd was a little sparse but the quaint college town dancemanship of the Clifty Swingers was a pleasure.

Once again I have to thank all you good fellow collectors out there for sending your favorite bridge to me. I've literally got a RAFT of them so far. If you haven't sent me your own area's distinctive bridge, wrap it up, timbers notwithstanding, and ship it off to me. One of these days it may appear in print.

It finally happened. It's gone. Kaput. Done. Finished. Remember the old blue "bomber" I used to talk about in this column so often? That's the 1970 Ford Galaxie station wagon that accompanied me on so many trips (See ASD, Jan. '75; May, '76, p. 7; etc.). Way back in '75 I said it was soon to be laid to rest in favor of a new little Pinto. Truly, I got the Pinto, but.....

Plans changed a wee bit. My son was given the bomber for trips to and from college a few dozen miles away. That seemed safe enough for an old "workhorse" on its last radials. Meanwhile I drove the Pinto and quickly chalked up over 100,000 miles on its odometer. It still gets me where I want to go — mostly to the Cleveland airport and back, since most trips are by air

these days.
So the other day my son wanted to ditch the old buggy, now showing 270,000 miles on its gauge. I told him to go ahead, as I patted its rusty hood with a faint feeling of affection. I even accompanied Paul to the old car "graveyard" where he exchanged "Old Blue" for a mere \$60. cash, hardly a lucrative deal, but fair enough, considering all the obtuse and obese angles.

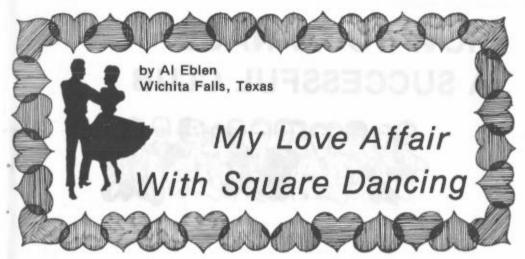
As we left the place in my Pinto, I couldn't help but glance back at the tired, faded, blue collection of bent bumpers and broken bolts, with a nostalgic sigh. Goodbye, "bomber." You came a long way, baby! Thanks for the "trip to the moon" and a little bit further! Paul wasted no time — he scurried about and bought himself another used car — you guessed it — another Pinto. So we've still got two little "horses" in the drive, plus a van and an Opel. Who needs an old (choke!) "Bomber" anyway?

Perhaps you expected to see something scribbled this month about our trip to the South Pacific, since it is now a historical fact, but you'll just have to wait one more month — there's so much to report we're dedicating a whole issue to the trip — October is the month.

It's a well-known axiom that you can't teach an old dog new tricks, but it's also true that even an old dog can pick up a new WRINKLE now and then! (You're an old ROVER — you ought to know. Co-ed.)

Even the best of 'em — callers like Marshall Flippo — will tell you that a guy in this business can learn something new at every dance (even just to pick up a tiny new wrinkle), so I'm certainly going to try to apply lessons like the Wichita fate turnabout as I em-BARK on future trips and very soon HOUND your haunts, wherever you are!





How far has it come, how far has it to go! How many beautiful dresses skimming along, like wide-winged gulls skimming over the levels of the sea! How many smiling faces singing along and floating around the square! How many singing hearts carrying out the intricacies of the caller's cues! Sometimes stooping low and sometimes stepping high. How many smiling faces, smiling and happy with hands a-clapping! Happy is the caller to whom every dancer is a friend, who loves him, sympathizes with him in his brave struggle to bring happy, fun-filled nights to the swirling, surging currents, and movements of the happy dancers!

Great callers widespread over the earth's continents and lands! Unnumbered movements and calls, yet seemingly all dancers accomplish the caller's intricate cues. In many lands and in many languages, a call to *left allemande* results in the same beautiful flowing movement.

I often wonder what we will do with square dancing. Will we care for it, and feed it, and preserve it, so that our children and their children can enjoy the same beautiful friendships, fellowships and the happy times that we have known? This activity, set to human poetry and song! Could a man be more handsome, or a lady more attractive, than while stepping lightly through the commands of the caller, wearing the colorful attire that makes western

square dancing so beautiful.

As we watch happy dancers toiling in the churning treadmills of the square, we see God's beauty in the happy smiling faces. We gaze happily through a euphoric fog at the beautiful girls and the handsome men, the proud grandfathers and their comely granddaughters, happily skimming along in the same square. How wonderful, your heart pulses!

How many unselfish people work in the background to make others happy! How many people make the coffee, take the donations, welcome dancers, sweep the floor, carry out the caller's equipment, and do the myriad of duties it takes to make the dances so enjoyable.

A new square dance comes again, hallowed with the deeds of the dancers, a tranquil scene, free from care and full of healthful exercise. Tell me what you will about your spectator sports, football, baseball and basketball, Tell me about the joys of fishing, the pleasure of the golf course, your card games, and even reading a good book. I know our bodies were made to thrive on pure air and exercise. We need these things as a sunflower needs sunshine and rain. The most wonderful, healthful recreation of all could be none other than square dancing. My only regret is that so few people really know about the enjoyment, the beauty, the fellowship and the pure joy of this tremendous activity.

HOW TO MANAGE A SUCCESSFUL CLUB



by Joe Pesklo

Each year a few square dance clubs close, victims of poor management, faulty structure and bad policies. Often these clubs fold with only a vague idea of the many factors which contributed to their downfall. Many other clubs operate under great difficulties handicapped by bad policies and faulty structure. Often the full effects of these handicaps are not understood.

The question "What is a bad policy or faulty structure" must be asked? Why can one club survive and even thrive on policies that have closed many other clubs? There is no general answer to these questions, for the terms "bad" and "faulty" must be defined by each individual club according to its existing structure. A good policy for one club can cause ruin to another. A solution to a problem when used by one club can compound the problem when used by another. A problem which is major in one club can be trivial in another or impossible to have in a third. No one answer can solve a problem when it applies to more than one club. This is because the reasons and causes of these problems are all different. Many of these causes have started because of your club's very structure.

It is not the purpose of this article to give you pat solutions to your problems, but rather to present to you information on the true nature of your problems and the relationship between your club structure and the type of problems

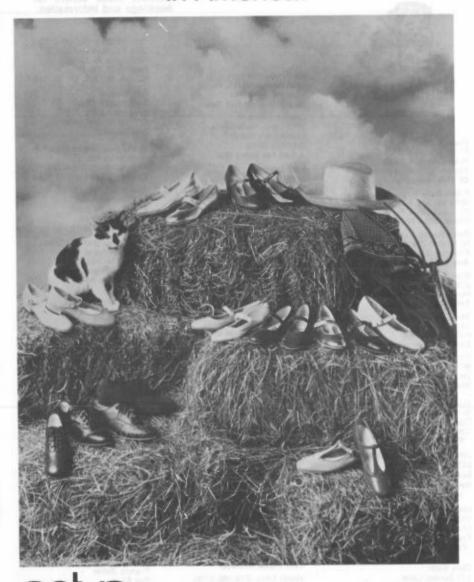
which it can create. It will show why certain club structures are more vulnerable to specific problems and why others are seemingly immune. Most important of all, it will define your club's structure in terms of the many factors involved in its makeup. Once all these factors are understood, a good working solution to a specific problem can be found, based on your particular club's structure. In addition, solutions used by other clubs in solving their problems can be better understood. Where their structure is similar to yours, their solutions to their problems may be applied to your club, while solutions where the structural factors are different can be ignored.

Most square dance clubs are formed by a caller and a new graduating class of dancers. Since most of the members are new at dancing, the club caller is usually largely responsible for the club's initial policy and structure. As time passes, the club modifies and solidifies its policies and structure. Its membership changes as new classes and experienced dancers join the club, while some older members stop dancing or join other clubs.

The type of structure which finally emerges is largely determined by the club's popularity, which in turn is dependent upon the membership and the caller. In extremely popular clubs, many experienced dancers join, bring-

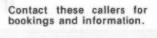
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Clubs which do not have a large guest attendance acquire a somewhat different structure. Experienced dancers do not join the club and rarely attend the dances. Club growth is heavily dependent on classes. Experience and knowledge remains with the club caller and a very inbred executive committee, who often determine the club's policy. Contact with other clubs is avoided since this brings a sharp comparison between the two clubs. The club rapidly acquires a large inactive membership who enjoy the social aspects of the club but do not enjoy the dancing. Members generally, through lack of experience and interest, have little voice determining club policy and structure. This type of club often functions as a closed or semi-closed organization keeping guests at a minimum.

The structure of closed clubs is radically different from that of open ones. The club is often formed to enjoy dancing in circumstances not found in the local dances. It might be formed to do advanced dancing, elementary dancing, to serve as a social gathering for a social group or any other reason which will not give it support from the square dance public. Their main advantage is that the club can function exactly to suit itself, for it is completely independent of any outside support. Policies, methods and structure which cannot survive in an open dance can be readily used to satisfy the members' desires. The club structure is usually stable since there is usually little, if any, disturbing influence from outside the club affecting the membership. Classes enter the club fully indoctrinated in the club's principles while experienced dancers must fully agree with club policies before joining.

These same advantages can be disadvantages in many circumstances. With few guests, the financial burden on members is great and can easily

become excessive. Pre-payment of dances will drive the less active and inactive members from the club and its dances, thereby decreasing the club's income still further. High dues, commonly found in many closed clubs, may also stop experienced dancers from joining the club. Often classes are the only source of acquiring new members. This can lead to problems if there is not a constant source of beginners for classes. Since contact with other clubs is slight, good, new ideas often find difficulty in being introduced into the club. Experience and knowledge of club management is limited to few individuals and often the club is managed for the benefit of these few

A closed club usually has the least regard for changing the club's policies. Members often adopt the attitude that the club will exist by "these" principles or the club will not exist at all. This type of club is highly vulnerable to structural problems for it cannot adapt to any change.

Most clubs fall somewhere in between these extreme types of structures but may suffer from the problems of all of them. This is particularly true when the original policies of the club must be changed due to a turnover in its membership. It may want to change its dance level, methods of acquiring new members or make any change which effects its structure. This is a highly critical point in a club's life. Many of the older members of the club still retain the original goals and policies of the club. These members in many instances, are now on the executive committee and may refuse to change club policy, regardless of the members' demands. This type of situation often leads to an inter-club conflict. Improperly handled, it can completely destroy a club.

When this point is reached in a club, it remains for the executive committee to completely re-evaluate the club's structure. It should determine its members' wants and the desires of their club supporters, be they members or guests. Inactive members, often retaining the original goals of the club, should not be able to dictate future club policy for they no longer support the club. The

limitations of the club should be considered and evaluated. Long term effects as well as the consequences of all action should be considered and understood.

All clubs are different; each catering to a different type of dancer. Some clubs cater to the traditional conservative dancer, others to an enthusiastic kicking type. One club may cater to the whims of its members, ignoring all others. Another may cater to its caller, ignoring its membership. Some clubs cater to teenagers; others only to adults. Some do only high level dancing; others only low level dancing. Some clubs want round dancing; some do not. Some clubs have good sound; others poor sound. Some halls are large, others are small.

All these factors, and many more, make up the structure of a club. Each combination of factors offers a specific set of advantages, disadvantages and limitations. Yet many limitations of a club are not apparent or even mentioned because they exist by choice and are desired by the membership, i.e., a club which does advanced dancing does not enjoy dancing with people who cannot dance at their own level. A club which dances in a traditional conservative manner does not enjoy dancing with enthusiastic dancers who spin, whoop and kick.

These desired limitations exist because clubs are not formed for dancing alone but also for social reasons. People support a club because it meets their needs. Their wants fall basically into two categories; they like to dance and they like to socialize. If socializing is their primary need, they will select a club who's membership is compatible. If dancing is more important, they will support a club with an appropriate level. Each club satisfies the needs of its supporters and seeks others of the same interests. So long as there are a sufficient number of dancers who support your particular structure, your club will continue to grow and prosper. For this reason there are usually many clubs in an area, rather then just one, each catering to the needs of its members and presenting its own image to the square dance world.

This image is reflected in a club's reputation. This is a club's biggest intangible asset or liability. It cannot be bought or sold but must be earned. Many, if not most, new dancers' first impressions of your club comes from its reputation. On hearsay alone, they will often visit your club. From these visits come your guests and from your guests come your future experienced dancers and members. A good reputation today insures a full guest attendance tomorrow. Conversely a bad reputation will keep guests away from your club, thereby decreasing your future membership.

The reason why dancers join a club can sometimes create problems within a club. Members who join a club primarily for social reasons may not wish to extend their dancing ability and may bring friends into the club with similar tastes. Conversely, members who join primarily for the dancing structure may wish to intensify this

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structure neglecting the social aspects of the club. In both cases the club may be forced with the problem of changing its structure.

Any change in your club's policy, methods or procedure, will affect your club structure to some extent. Some of the effects are immediate and are readily visible. Others, however, are more subtle, occurring over a long period of time. These long term effects often have a much greater impact on your club, for they change your members' attitudes, desires and needs. These changes in your members can someday erupt into a demand for a change in your club structure.

When people first start dancing, they know little of any square dance activities and readily accept the club's ideas as their own. As they come in contact with other clubs and dancers. they get exposed to different viewpoints, ideas and other ways of enjoying square dancing. With this new information, their needs and desires are more clearly defined. Sometimes there is no clear definition of what they want, only the feeling that something is lacking. Square dancing has stopped being fun. If this attitude is acquired by many members, it can dampen the enthusiasm of the dances and take much of the enjoyment out of them.

Friendship and fellowship, if present to a large degree among your membership, can also cause an attitude of indifference towards your guests. This can stop your guests and future members from enjoying your dances. It can also give your club the reputation of being a cold group composed of clicks. This can readily decrease your future guest attendance and membership.

The attitude of your membership often determines the social atmosphere of your dances. At the beginning of every dance, the atmosphere is usually tense. People come to your dance concerned with their everyday problems and bring with them the social reserve and aloofness found in our society. New dancers are afraid to mingle with experienced dancers. Guests, who are strangers to your club, remain apart from all groups. Members and personal friends gather together in small groups, with little socializing between groups. and many more anti-social factions are present at the start of every dance. With the start of the first tip, dancers are forced to mix as they form squares. As the tip progresses, dancers gain enthusiasm, forget their everyday problems, lose their normal reserve, relax and become more sociable. At the break people tend to mingle and socialize in a friendly relaxed manner. This socializing is further enhanced by a receptive enthusiastic group which sweeps all in attendance into a feeling of friendship and fellowship.

To a large extent your club's structure reflects your clubs attitude. To a smaller extent, it helps create it. Soft lighting and decorations are more relaxing then plain bare walls. Tables and chairs strategically placed will foster socializing among the crowd. Too low a dance level will bore your

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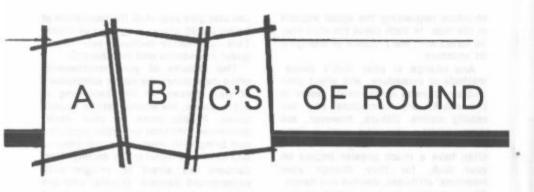
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on our activity for ego satisfaction contributing nothing but division and dissension in their selfish quest to gain a feeling of importance. Avoid selfish interest groups.

If the urge to compete is so strong in your nature, why not try an activity where points are scored?

Just having exposure to a great number of dances is not the significant factor of your ability as a dancer. How well you look, how well you execute dance fundamentals are far more worthwhile goals of achievement. Quality over quantity always.

Kibitzers in dancing, are as obnoxious as we find them to be in other areas.

Loyalty to your teacher, club and friends earmarks you as a person of character and wins for you the respect of others.

Measure the long range effect of current trends, fads, and departure from tradition before plunging headlong into agreement with the vocal few who are constantly seeking to satisfy their restive natures.

Never risk offending others by any word, act or condition. You will be happier and more popular for it.

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have an endless job within ourselves.

Punctuality is no doubt one of the most admired of virtues. How pleasing it is to the teacher or program chairman to start proceedings with a sizable group of enthusiastic dancers! How it sets the stage for a more successful affair! Leaving early is to be avoided if at all possible. It leaves a feeling of doubt as to whether or not one's efforts were appreciated.

Question during the course of a "teach" if there are points not completely clear to you; others will benefit as a result and the teacher is better assured of a successful presenta-

Rest if you must. No one is expected to dance them all. Do remove yourself from the proximity of the person cueing. Overheard snatches of conversation can be guite distracting to him.

Spacing of the circle is one of the prime responsibilities assumed upon entering the circle. Should you find yourself gaining upon the couple ahead, move toward the outside of the circle. Should you find distance growing ahead, move toward the inside. Spacing should be provided at the outset of the dance, then carefully maintained throughout.

Thank the teacher before leaving for the pleasure he has afforded you. Thank club officers and members if visiting. Thank your partner if you have exchanged a dance, and by all means escort her to her own partner and thank

Uniformity is an objective in group dancing such as round dancing happens to be. The beauty of round dancing lies in the symmetry achieved as each couple executes the same figure at the same time. Every effort should be made to avoid attention getting actions that would detract from the overall uniformity of the circle.

Very few clubs would be in existence today if all dancers assumed their obligation to be fulfilled merely by paying the fee each time they chose to attend a dance. It is only fair to say every dancer should feel conscience-bound to loyally support at least one club.

Wear clothing that is appropriate to the activity. Simply stated, avoid wearing attire conspicuously different from other dancers.

"Xpect" no more than a pleasant few hours of dancing when starting out. Why search for slights to the ego or things to criticize?

You'll get out of dancing just about what you put in. Give it the respect and attention it deserves and your harvest will be bountiful. Approach it as merely "something to do" and you are almost certain to find disappointment.

Zest and enthusiasm are contagious. Were you to contribute no more, your contribution is nothing less than generous.



WESTERN SWINGERS

The Western Swingers are a versatile group of musicians who play western swing throughout Colorado on a full and part time basis. With caller Al Horn, they manage to work out a few special live-orchestra square dances throughout a five state area each year. The dances are all sold out at dance time and the dancers always call for more and for more dances each year, but due to the tight professional schedule and the caller's schedule, it's fortunate that even a few can be planned.

Last year the Western Swingers and

Al set the all time attendance record at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The dance was cut live and made into a best selling LP on Prairie Records. Approximately 500 have been sold. After the Denver dance, twelve clubs requested the group to play for anniversaries and specials but not one date would work out due to prior bookings. A lead guitar is played by Elmer Swartwood of Pueblo, Colo.; bass player and vocalist is Boots Langdon of Pueblo, Colo., who started big in country-western before her family started growing; five string

banjo is played by Kelly Bryarly of Colorado Springs, and drums alternate between Bill Jermance of Canon City, Colo., and Rollie Robson of Florence, Colo. who played with several bands of yesteryear in the big band era. Boots adds to intermission with pleasant vocals.

Adding a special flair and different attraction, the group is the talk of the square dance community wherever they play with the added bounce and feel of live music. Much out of state work is restricted due to high cost of traveling and having to cancel other bookings (getting a replacement in western swing), but only one dance in ten years was not a sell-out due to a mix-up in dates. One mix-up was averted in Vail, Colo. last summer when the group played with Al Horn calling for a State Nurses Convention.

The dimensions of the hall allowed approximately fifty squares. Due to the relatively remote location of Vail, high in the Colorado Rockies, no tickets were sold ahead-figuring there would be no

problem with space. Alas, the hall proved to be only half the size needed and the overflow crowd danced right outside in the street with the good sound coming out of the doors and windows. A rain storm hit (the same night as the big Thompson flood in Colorado, July 31st, 1976). Never have so many dancers danced in such a small space. Nobody would sit out!



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THE NEW DANCER

It's September and this year's square dance class opens next week. What kind of preparations has your club made?

Have the officers set some goals for the new dancers? Are they persons who are joining in the fun or "warm bodies" whose fees will increase the club treasury? Are club members delegated to act as hosts for the opening sessions, providing refreshments, fellowship and help for the newcomers? Will some of these continue as "angels"?

How about the caller? Do the officers and the caller agree on the length of the lesson series? Do the officers understand what the caller is teaching — i.e., the Callerlab Mainstream list — and will they support him when he tells an eager beaver, "Coordinate is not included in the list and will not be taught in the lessons."

Will the dancers be taught styling, heritage and square dance courtesy as well as basics?

If your class is starting with no communication among club officers, caller and class members, it's still not too late to meet and talk these things over.

Most classes are taught by experi-

enced callers who have imaginative ideas for dancer fun and know how to use good teaching techniques. Some classes, however, are taught by newer callers to gain experience and these callers and their class members need much unobtrusive assistance — friendly words, helpful hints and good example.

This brings us to the subject of "angels." Most callers appreciate club members who help the new dancers but some caution must be used.

Focus in on the new dancer. Class nights are for them. Undermining their confidence of that of the caller destroys rapport within the group. Criticism, implied or overt, should never be spoken before the group. Neither should difficulties or problems be pointed out during a dance. A quiet word to an officer or the caller is always better. If group discussion is necessary, the stage can be set for it when appropriate.

New dancers *must* be treated as people, not machines. Each has come because of a personal need or wish, and these goals will all be different. Club members and the caller should make an effort to *know* the learners. (Sometimes the caller's wife is invaluable here — she picks up personal information that

helps the caller understand the new dancers' problems.)

Dance quality is important and the ideal situation is one where the learners progress at their own speed, mastering each basic thoroughly, no matter how long it takes. Callers often must be willing to help a few slower dancers before or after classes.

More important than the basic figures, though, is the fun of dancing together. Couples should be mixed up occasionally. Teaching may be done

from a circle; it's easy to keep an eye on the whole group. No dancer need be singled out or embarrassed. It's the caller's job to make the new dancers look good, and keep them interested in dancing by using variety in music, tempo, and choreography. Rounds, mixers and contras will help.

The caller must be a salesperson — selling square dancing, himself and his club constantly. Dancers should end lessons feeling their caller and club are the best!

Attention needs to focus on the plight of the graduate dancer who drops out before ever joining a club. Two years ago at Callerlab, Earl Johnston and Dick Jones chaired a discussion on the cultivation of

THE TWO YEAR DANCER

Here are excerpts:

Earl Johnston commented that in his area dancers are lost before the second year because there is no place for them to dance in the summer. Only special dances are held and there is no place for a beginner in his set-up. The beginner is out of the habit by fall and may have forgotten what he knew. A program should be set up with a follow-through for these dancers.

Dick Jones offered these comments: There are too many terms to learn in a short time and the beginner lacks experience. He needs to go over and over a call with time to digest it. Each action is a thought. The caller must keep a light attitude. Don't be firm; keep the activity fun. Dick then presented the program he uses for total square dancing in his area. Following lessons, the graduates are able to attend "A" level dances and immediately continue lessons in the "AA" level workshop. When the dancers feel they are ready, they may attend the "AA" level dance. Sheets are distributed listing the calls and what to expect at each level. There are three callers in this program and the dancers never know who will call for their group. In this way, the dancer doesn't become accustomed to only one caller. With this program the dancer may dance where he feels most comfortable and the caller doesn't have to lower the level for the few who can't dance.

The three callers also teach the class. The classes and workshops are held in the same gym with a dividing wall. During the last time all dancers dance together.

These classes do not "make money."
This is an investment in building a program for the future. Dancers do pay for all the lessons at once; they are more apt to stay until the end.

When second year dancers drop out, they seldom come back. When they stay they are a source of beginners for the next class. Dancers also tend to stay in dancing if their class has been a close-knit group and they feel at home in it.

One of our main goals in square dancing must be the maintaining of the dancers who pass through beginners classes. Too much time, money and effort has gone into their initial year in dancing to be wasted. Dancers join classes to have fun, to recreate. When this goal is not met, they try another hobby activity. When it is met, dancers will stay in the activity for years, helpng to recruit others each year.

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Levels in Challenge Dancing

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LEVELS IN CHALLENGE DANCING

There are several levels in challenge dancing. This often comes as a surprise to the non-challenge dancer, who usually thinks of all high-level dancing as merely "challenge". But just as there are a variety of levels within club level dancing, so are there a variety of levels within challenge dancing.

Between Club-Level and challenge dancing is:

Advanced dancing. This is an introduction to challenge level and appeals to the dancer who wishes to do more calls than at club-level and enjoys workshop, but does not wish to devote a lot of time to higher level dancing. The additional calls used at this level comprise about 50% of the total calls used at a basic challenge dance, and are found on the list entitled "Advanced Dancing's Basic Calls" (approved by Callerlab). Dancers at this level are not considered challenge dancers, but rather advanced dancers.

Four levels exist at Challenge Dancing:

1. Basic challenge level (C-1). This is the level of a dancer who has taken a workshop of Challenge Dancing's Basic Calls (approved by Callerlab), and is now dancing at this level. He wants to use a lot of material and have it put in interesting combinations, but does not want to go into difficult challenging positions.

Extended challenge level (C-2). This consists of the Extended Challenge Basic Calls (approved by Callerlab), and is for the established challenge dancer who wishes to dance additional calls and be exposed to more difficult positions.

These first two levels have the most number of dancers within the challenge program. It has been estimated that 85 - 90% of all dancers involved in challenge have no interest in going beyond an extended challenge level. There is a lot of material called and a lot of success by the dancer. The caller tries to insure this success by using directional calling as much as possible to help the dancer thru the material.

3. Advanced challenge (C-3). The dancers at this level are looking for very difficult material and additional calls. They usually have a lot of time to devote to challenge dancing as well as great reaction to difficult positions. They can handle about 400 calls, with many of the calls broken into fractions. Tape dancing is considered a necessity at this level, as the dancers want to be able to handle well all the calls used by every challenge caller. Compared to the first two levels of challenge, there are not many dancers at this level; however, some regions of the country have a moderate number of these dancers.

4. Star challenge (C-4). Dancers here are looking for the toughest the caller can give them. They must be able to see and understand unbelievably complex positioning, and also remember challenge calls of long ago that are no longer being

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This variety of levels within challenge dancing gives all dancers interested in higher level dancing a chance to dance at the level they feel most comfortable.



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25 YEARS AGO - September 1952

Editor Rickey Holden singles out five callers in his hometown of San Antonio, Texas, to represent a very special segment of the square dance world. "They typify what to me," Rickey says, "is the best and finest facet of square dancing." Three of the callers rotate calling weekly for the Service Clubs of Brooke Army Hospital; another calls free of charge for a teenagers' church group (in a faith different from his own); and the fifth caller holds dances for the patients at the State Hospital for the Insane. Rickey continues, "Unusual? I don't think so! I think you have one in your town. And I think theirs is the spirit which makes square dancing more than just a way to spend a few pleasant hours. We can't all go out and call for GI's. But every single dancer on the floor can give a little by dancing with the newcomer or the beginner, and making him feel at home. Everyone can extend a clasp of friendship and fellowship to the stranger in the square. There's a lot to get out of square dancing — and there's also a lot to give." What do you give?

The Armstrongs' Goodwill Tour continues into Colorado where they visit with Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Shaw at the Cheyenne Mountain School for a week of instruction and dancing, and a week at Lighted Lantern Camp run by Paul Kermiet on top of Lookout Mountain. In Wichita, Kansas, they danced at Wichita Moose Lodge, the most beautiful square dance hall they visited en route, and then took in a free dance at the local Recreation Department's City Park. "Here again," report the Armstrongs, "we ran into this strange phenomenon which seems so prevalent in the western states – no mixers and no attempt to circulate the crowd." Winding up their tour at an American Squares Summer School in Harrogate, Tennessee, and one final dance in Atlanta with the Collettes. The Armstrongs arrived home in St. Petersburg, Florida, having covered 11,750 miles, 21 states and "danced with thousands of wonderful people."

The Greater St. Louis Folk and Square Dance Federation opens their autumn square dancing season this year, as in the past several years, on the vast deck of the Steamer Admiral on an excursion down the Mississippi River. The large floor accommodates 2000 dancers, and three other decks, open to the breezes, are available for strolling or star-gazing.

10 YEARS AGO - September 1967

The village that square dancing built, Fontana Village, North Carolina, is the home of Fontana Village Resort, the "square dance capital of the Great Smoky Mountains." Its remote location, surrounded by the awe-inspiring peaks of the Smokies, and near the Fontana Dam, one of the tallest in the world, makes this vacation resort, complete with 300 cottages, mountain lodge, cafeteria to serve 800, and shopping center, a desirable vacation retreat for anyone. But the "frosting on the cake" comes with one of the most unique recreation programs to be found in the United States. For square dancers, tops on the considerable list of activities to be enjoyed are the evening square dances, special square dance weekends and festivals planned by Louis Calhoun and his staff. Each year, four week-long square dance festivals are scheduled, and added this year, is Accent on Rounds. The Fontana Ramblers provide live music.

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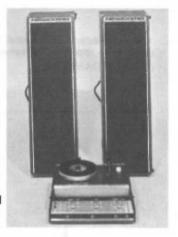


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About nine years ago, David & Jean Johnstone attended their first square dance class in Peterborough Ontario Canada, with the Lift-Lock Squares, Not. unlike the rest of us, they immediately caught the square dance bug. Shortly after their first year, they became involved with the executive and served time in each of the positions, including club presidents. As if this wasn't enough, they again ran for office in 1975-76. Over the years they have headed and worked on too many committees to list here. The many hours that have gone into the "betterment" of square dancing cannot be imagined by any of us, as they are far too numerous to total.

Dave & Jean's square dance interests also spread to Toronto where they joined the Toronto & District Square Dance Association. They very rarely miss the monthly workshop and Dave is also a director for T&D executive. He has just finished the very lengthy job of putting together the past 25 years history of the T&D club and has done a fantastic job. Dave is a LEGACY Trustee.

Some people dance one or two nights a week and think they are really pushing themselves to the limit of time and

exercise but I wonder how many could keep up the pace of these two people. Sunday night is spent in Brooklin with Bill and Irene Morrison's Merry-go-Rounds, dancing advanced level rounds for about four hours. Monday night the Johnstones come out and help the fledgling beginners with rounds and Tuesday is spent with intermediate rounds. Wednesday they drive 160 miles to dance with Art & Betty Fricker's advanced squares, the Toronto Metro Gnomes. Thursday night is spent with Bob & Jane Jaffray and the Lift-Lock Squares, their original club. Friday night they again drive 160 miles to dance challenge squares with the Frickers in Toronto. Saturday night, if they are not tape dancing, they come out to the local special caller dances whether it be club level or class and lend a helping hand.

Their eight years' perfect attendance badges certainly show that they are a real asset to all the clubs to which they belong.

We know they will continue to spread the enthusiasm and good will of square dancing wherever they go, but all of their friends would like to take this opportunity to say how much they appreciate David & Jean and to say thank you.

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We attended our first Convention in Detroit in 1961. We have been dancing continuously ever since, both square and round dancing. Have attended Boyne Highlands, Chula Vista, Wisc., and fourteen separate weeks at Kirkwood Lodge, Mo. However, with the emphasis now being placed on rat-race dancing, and the ever increasing number of complicated, frustrating movements, we have decided that the Sixties were the golden years of square dancing, and are now concentrating on round dancing which we enjoy very much. There is an enthusiastic club in the area...

In our particular area the number of square dance clubs has dropped 30%, and the number of members per club has dwindled.

What's the solution? As a suggestion. the leaders in the square dance world should come to a decision to make it mandatory that there be no new movements for 12 months and then take it up from there. When it arrives at a point where the dancers suffer from mental indigestion and physical frustration endeavoring to keep up with this plethora of inane calls, it is time to question the activity. It is the height of silliness when one caller brings forth a call using the Chinese language.

If this type of never-ending contrived movements keeps being foisted on the club members, square dancers are candidates for the "Endangered Species" list.

With fond memories of square dancing as it used to be, we are

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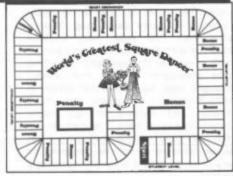
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FEEDBACK

Loved the article by Marilyn Ryan, Madison, Ct. in "Straight Talk", July, 1977, issue.

I'm a supplier of square dance clothing and accessories, and I agree with her, partially. We help many of the "bewildered new dancers" with their first costumes in our store, and the full petticoats and fancy dresses they have seen at lessons, scare the daylights out of a large percentage of them, both from the appearance and the suspected cost. Whenever Glenn and I have helped with lessons, we do wear square dance clothes, but try to keep them as simple as possible, so they can see "proper attire" without being overwhelmed.

I have had ladies come in, at their caller's suggestion, purchase a complete outfit (at no small expense) for their second lesson, only to be unable to continue lessons for various reasons, and who are most unhappy with themselves for having spent the money;

with me, for not refunding money on used clothing; with their caller, and with square dancing in general.

Locally, we have "mini-festivals", which are held about half-way through lessons, involving three or four clubs and their callers, and I believe this should be soon enough for beginners to start thinking about their costumes, and then only for that dance, unless they get something fairly simple for the rest of their lessons.

It gives me great pleasure helping new dancers get outfitted for the first time, some of whom are grandmothers who are not at all sure "women our age ought to look like this", and some are young marrieds in the blue jean set, who are wondering "Do we really have to wear all this garb?" Others, who are really "gung-ho", want some of everything, in assorted colors.

As you said, Marilyn, many may disagree, but that's what makes the



world go around.

Ora D. Carlson Wichita, Kansas

I just finished reading Marilyn Ryan's 'Straight Talk' article. Wow! I am a strong believer in proper square dance attire at all times when the occasion calls for it. I cannot help but agree on some of Marilyn's points, and of course would like to express some of my own thoughts. Regarding the lady in the chiffon dress, the fifty-yard petticoat and matching pettipants, I agree wholeheartedly with Marilyn. It is a ten to one shot she is trying to impress someone, and in the process is no doubt achieving the very effect that Marilyn points out so well.

My wife, Martha, and I have taught a lot of people to square dance, and our approach was always to dress ourselves in more casual western outfits and dresses, without the petticoat and pettipant approach to start and to gradually wear the more "square dancy" outfits as the classes progressed. We always talked about comfortable full dresses and flat shoes

for the ladies, and the only concession we asked of the men was that they wear full-lengh sleeves. We also stressed the deodorant angle from the first lesson. Reason? By so doing, no one need feel that we were taking pot shots at them, as they might if we waited until the third or fourth lesson.

Another angle that we found most useful was to have a style show after or twelve lessons. about ten endeavored to show the less dressy clothing such as cotton prints and perhaps a twenty-yard slip, some type of sissy britches or pettipants for the girls and a modest western-style shirt and pants for the boys. Nothing fancy, but adequate. Later, perhaps just before graduation but in time for the gals to do something about it, we would have another style show and even a bit of a clinic showing the fancier styles. At no time was anyone led to believe one needed all the fancy clothing that most of us love so well in order to be accomplished square dancers. Many of those we taught are still dancing and Continued on Page 88

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Twirling skirts, frills and laces, Performers on the calls rely, As in rhythm changing places Dancing feet go flashing by.

Nimbly stepping fathers, greying, Youngsters on each end of teen; Neatly dressed grandmothers swaying Revelers of all ages seen.

Less or more years do not matter, No distinction is there shown. Assorted voices heard in chatter; None are left to sit alone. The world is rampant with confusion. Old and young views disagree. Calm coexistence an illusion. Each "does his own thing", separately.

But here the scene is one harmonious, None ridicule the others' views, Or proclaim his ways erroneous. They're here to dance, not to abuse.

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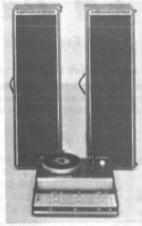
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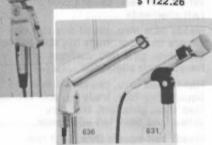
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Wheel and deal, centers turn thru
Left turn thru the outsides
Clover and half square thru
Swing thru, boys run, pass thru
Wheel and deal, centers pass thru
Left allemande.......

Heads pass thru, round one to a line Square thru four, trade by, spin the top Step thru, girls fold, curlique Recycle, left allemande........

Heads pass thru, round one to a line Square thru four, trade by, spin the top Step thru, girls fold, star thru Wheel and deal, left allemande.......

Heads half square thru, split two Line up four, square thru four, trade by Spin the top, right and left thru Pass thru, wheel and deal, zoom Pass thru, left allemande......

Heads half square thru, split two Line up four, square thru four, trade by Spin the top, recycle, half square thru Trade by, square thru three-quarters Trade by, left allemande.......

Heads square thru four, split two Line up four, square thru four Trade by, swing thru, boys run Cast off three-quarters, pass thru Wheel and deal, centers square thru 3/4 Left allemande...........

Heads half square thru, split two Line up four, square thru four, trade by Swing thru, boys run, cast off ¾

Heads lead right and circle to a line
Pass thru, wheel and deal
Centers turn thru
Left turn thru with outsides
Clover and half square thru
Swing thru, boys run, pass thru
Wheel and deal, centers turn thru
Left turn thru the outsides
Clover and half square thru, swing thru
Boys run, left allemande......

Heads pass thru, go round one to a line Pass thru, wheel and deal Centers turn thru Left turn thru the outsides Clover and half square thru Split two, go round one to a line Pass thru, girls crossfold, star thru Wheel and deal, left allemande.......

Heads square thru four, split two
Go round one to a line, pass thru
Wheel and deal, centers turn thru
Left turn thru the outsides
Clover and half square thru, swing thru
Walk and dodge, wheel and deal
Square thru three-quarters
Left allemande........

Heads half square thru, split two
Round one to a line, pass thru
Wheel and deal, centers turn thru
Left turn thru the outsides
Clover and half square thru, swing thru
Walk and dodge, partner trade
Pass thru, wheel and deal, zoom
Pass thru, left allemande............

(Careful here)
Heads slide thru, turn thru, slide thru
Centers turn thru, centers in
Cast off three-quarters, pass thru
Wheel and deal, centers turn thru
Left turn thru the outsides
Clover and half square thru, swing thru

Pass thru, wheel and deal Centers pass thru, left allemande......

Heads pass thru round one to a line Square thru four ,trade by, swing thru Boys run, partner trade Pass thru, wheel and deal Centers square thru three-quarters Left allemande.....

Heads pass thru, round one to a line Square thru four, trade by, swing thru Boys run, centers run Same two star thru, clover and pass thru Star thru, pass thru, wheel and deal Zoom and square thru three-quarters Left allemande.....

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Heads square thru four, split two Line up four, square thru four Trade by, swing thru, right and left thru Square thru three-quarters, trade by Star thru, pass thru, wheel and deal Square thru three-quarters Left allemande.....

Heads half square thru, split two Line up four, square thru four Trade by, swing thru, recycle Left allemande.....

Heads half square thru, split two Line up four, square thru four, trade by Swing 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 Square thru, trade by, spin the top Step thru, tag the line in, pass thru Boys fold, star thru, wheel and deal Right and left thru, left allemande....

Heads pass thru round one to a line Square thru, trade by, spin the top Swing thru, step thru, wheel and deal Centers pass thru, star thru Wheel and deal, square thru 3/4 Trade by, left allemande.....

Heads square thru four, split two Line up four, square thru, trade by Spin the top, recycle, half square thru Trade by, left allemande......

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by Gene Trimmer

Occasionally a monstrous inadequacy rears its ugly head to let me know I need more comprehensive methods of teaching, not only in teaching the basics themselves, but in an assurance that the new dancers understand square positions. For a dancer to know how to execute a basic is not really enough, he or she must also know what position one should assume upon completion of that basic. Goals in teaching far too often fall short of that comprehension and new dancers meld into club level dancing lacking this necessary position knowledge.

Within the list of Mainstream Basics alone, there are at least sixteen basic square positions. These should be understood by club level dancers before they can be expected to execute the Mainstream Basics in an adequate manner with at least a hint of automatic reaction. Give yourselves a little test to determine your own comprehension of the positions of: 1. Static Square, 2. Circle facing In/Out/Right and Left Grand/Wrong Way Grand), 3. Promenade (Couples and Single File/Right and Wrong Way), 4. Alamo Style, 5. Thar Stars (Right and Wrong Way, 6. Eight Chain Thru, 7. Trade By, 8. Double Pass Thru (and completed Double Pass Thru), 9. Ocean Waves (Left and Right Hand), 10. Two-faced lines, 11. Columns, 12. Lines of Four (Facing and Back to Back), 13. Fractional Tags, 14. Centers In/Out Lines, 15. Stars/Star Promenade, 16. Tidal Waves/Lines.

If you are not satisfied with your own knowledge of these positions, then ask your caller to explain them. It is perhaps even better to have a workshop type session on these positions and what leads to them.

Do not form the opinion that I am setting myself up as judge and jury regarding what is right and wrong with teaching and calling methods employed by anyone. I am far from satisfied with my own methods and learn much more with each class or calling session than the dancers learn. What I do maintain is that without an adequate knowledge of position, within the framework of the square, the dance can never really be smooth, comfortable and flowing as it should be.

Let us look at just a couple of examples to emphasize our point. A wheel and deal from two-faced lines should come to an eight chain thru position. From a tidal two-faced line. you will come to facing lines of four. From facing out lines of four, you come to a double pass thru position. From facing lines of four, you end in a completed double pass thru position. From a quarter tag two-faced line, the figure ends in a double pass thru and from a three-quarter tag two-faced line, it comes to a trade by position, and so on. Please note that we have used only one basic here. Try to picture subsequent positions using other basics such as sweep one quarter after a flutterwheel.

It needs to be emphasized here that there is a world of difference between exposing dancers to figures and really teaching them. If this difference didn't exist we would have no need for the term "All Position Dancing" (APD). For a few cases in point, and moving to

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by Stanton Bryan

Standardization, club levels, mainstream program. What do these things mean, and how can we use them for the betterment of square dancing? For years we have talked about better standardization on the part of square dance calling, and now for the first time we have a tool that can make this possible, if we will use it. The tool, of course, is the Callerlab Mainstream Program.

Now that we have the Callerlab Mainstream Program, the big question is, how do we use it? The answer is not as simple as it might seem. In talking with different callers I find many variations in how they intend to use the program, which provides three plateaus for beginner classes and six levels. above that, so there is a well-planned progression from beginners on up to

and including challenge.

I feel that perhaps the first question is, regardless of the level that you are at with your group, what do you do about any other figures, whether old or new. that are not on the list? One caller I talked with, stated that he felt that it was all right to add a few additional calls. O.K., how many are "a few"? Another caller stated that he feels free to add anything, so long as he workshops it before calling it. Another caller feels that he should feel free to workshop anything new at his own club. but just not call it any place else. So, it is plain to see that we do not agree as to how to use the tool at hand.

In considering how much material we can use, let's look at the time element. Just suppose your club is designated Mainstream Plus One, which would mean that would use Mainstream, Callerlab Experimental Figures and Mainstream Plus One, which represent

about ninety figures, many of which have several variations. Now add some various variations of set-ups for figures such as coordinate, track two, etc., and you have quite a few figures at hand. Suppose that your club dances once a week for two hours. Now subtract time for singing calls and rest breaks and you are left with about 45 minutes for all your patter calls. I believe that any time taken away from the above for additional figures would only weaken the dancers' ability to really know the basics.

What about all of the new material that comes out every month in note services and magazines? We can't control it, but as callers we can make a judgment as to whether there is time in our program to use it. How about the people who write new material working on exciting variations within the program? Instead of coming out with a new figure with a new name, bring out new combinations that can be called directionally without giving it a new name. You may say, what is wrong with giving it a name, if the caller can cue the dancers through it? I believe that if a figure has a name and you use it, you should teach it to your dancers so they have the satisfaction of dancing it without a cue.

So now that we have the program, and it will work, we must decide how to use it? I am sure that if any caller were to take a good look at the Mainstream list of the first 68 basics, he or she would find figures not being used. How about using everything in one level before moving on to the next? Your dancers can't dance what you don't call.

It is so easy for a caller to omit a figure that he or she does not especially like, but surely it is the responsibility of every caller to be sure that his dancers have the chance to hear and dance every figure, including the variations that are in the Mainstream list, before going on to more advanced dancing. The 68 basics in the Mainstream program are the foundation of our square dancing program, and to make this foundation as solid as possible will make for better dances and happier dancers.

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GOOD OLD DAYS
RECORD: Hi-Hat 831

With the revival of "Spaghetti Rag" In the round dance field, here is a little gem that Kirby Todd of Marseilles, Illinois, sends along. It is another version of "Good Old Days" that he learned from Vyts Beliajus of Detroit and it is on the flip side of "Spaghetti Rag."

POSITION: Double circle in open position, facing LOD.

FOOTWORK: Identical

1-2 L heel-toe: R heel-toe: Heels out, in, out, in (raise on toes with heels going out, in, etc.)

3-4 Strut, 2, 3, 4

5-8 Repeat 1-4

9-16 Charleston: Step on L, point R fwd; back on R, point L back; Repeat; L heel-toe, R heel-toe, heels out-in-out-in Man rolls back in 4 steps to woman behind, while woman rolls ahead.

Lois Blaine of Richmond Heights, Ohio, presented me with a copy of "Old Square Dances of America" published in 1932, and in it I found one of my old favorites that I hadn't used in several years. September is still a warm month, abundant with butterflies; why not try.......

BUTTERFLY WHIRL

All eight balance and all eight swing Allemande left on the corner of the ring And a grand right and left Meet your honey and do-sa-do Promenade back home you know.

First couple balance and swing Lead right out to the right of the ring Circle up four and two ladies whirl

(As the four circle left, the ladies do a 360° spin, left face to avoid dizziness) Two men whirl (Men repeat ladies' action)

All four whirl with a butterfly whirl (All four repeat the same action)

Then couple #1 lead on to the next.....

Repeat the routine as you visit each couple. Second couple then leads out to repeat sequence.

I vary the dance as follows: After couple #1 has worked with #2, they take couple #2 along with them and circle six hands with couple #3. They then whirl in a six-hand ring. Couple #1 then picks up couple #4 and the routine is done in an eight-hand ring. I follow this with an allemande left, grand right and left and a promenade home. Then couple #2 leads out and involves all the other couples. It is a fun dance.

Chet Jazak of Garfield Heights, Ohio, recalled this simple little old routine one evening recently. It is a quick-teach dance and provides a great deal of fast-moving fun.

TURN THE RIGHT HAND LADY

All eight bow and all eight swing, promenade, go round the ring Take a little walk with the pretty little thing, then get back home and hear me sing.

First gent lead out to the ring, swing the right hand lady with the right elbow Now the left (original left) hand lady with the left elbow Opposite lady give a two-hand swing, then run away home to your own sweet thing

And give your lady a run-around swing.

Repeat for each gent in the set. The dance can also be done with the ladies in turn.

Ted Sannella of Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts, shared this delightful little contra with all his many friends at the New England after-party at the National Convention in Atlantic City this past June. Ted indeed wrote a smooth-flowing dance.

BICENTENNIAL REEL

Alternate couples active and crossed over.

Right hand star below (8)

Ladies do-sa-do (8)

Circle four to the left (8)

Everybody swing your own in the middle (8)

Both couples down center, turn as a couple (8)

Up center, actives cast and others wheel (8)

Circle left, go half way round (4), pass thru (4)

Do-sa-do the one you meet (8)

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You don't round dance, too?
Somebody wanted to talk to my husband.

I'm glad to sit out between tips. Aren't you?

Oh, no, I love them both, round and square.

Dance a lot?

Mm.

How many nights?

Eight.

A month?

A week. That's a joke. A poor one. Four, sometimes more.

Your husband like it?

We both love it, don't you?

I'm going along with it.

There's so much to enjoy in square dancing.

I'm going along with it because an experienced dancer told me that in square dancing it's the men, the single ones, that are aggressive, chasing the girls.

I hadn't noticed, but it's only for a dance partner. Square dancing is one

thing you can't do alone.

Used to be you couldn't get my husband out of the house for a movie. Plenty movies on TV, he'd say, and fall asleep watching them.

Now he's yelling before you start the dishes, "Aren't you ready yet?"

And, "Why can't you ever get the dishes done in time?"

And you say, "Did you have your supper on time?"

Yeah, and he says, "Why do you always lose time after eating?"

"You eat too much", he says.

"And, that's why you can't do the dishes fast."

"And you oughtn't overstuff yourself before a dance."

Yeah, and before, he'd hit the ceiling if I said I needed a new dress.

"What's in the closet?" he'd say, "Am I buying dresses to fill up the closet?"

Now he says, "C'mon I need a shirt".

And, "I haven't got an orange tie".

Orange?

That's what he said last time.

So you have to get something too.

You have to open your mouth some time.

Besides, you do need a dress.

I sure do.

And shoes to match.

And a petticoat and pettipants.

So he says, "How come every time

we go to the square dance shop we never come out with less than a hundred dollars worth of stuff?"

And he's happy to pay out the money. Gets the cash the day before.

Except he's into the travelers' checks. Us into travelers' checks.

You never know what you can do till you square dance.

And he comes out of that store high.

As if they gave him something for nothing.

Sometimes I think they give him some kind of injection while I'm in the fitting room.

Ever look at his arms, or anything, when you got home?

Since you started square dancing, time to look at your husband? Always going to a dance or coming from a dance, all tuckered out, and you don't even wash your face. I used to put cream and things on my face.

And a chin strap.

I don't need a chin strap.

Curlers in your hair and toilet tissue around them.

And he'd yell, "How do you expect me to sleep next to toilet tissue?"

But now he doesn't notice it.

Dead to the world.

Says he never slept as well as since he started to dance.

On the dance floor you'd never think he yells.

He's so nice to all the girls.

A real cavalier. We used to see our kids on Saturday and Sunday.

Like clockwork.

Now I say to him, "We don't know how our kids are bringing up their kids."

And he says, "They're living their life and I'm living mine."

All he says is, "That's living. We dance in all kinds of weather. Once the snow was snowing up to here, who'd go out in that weather?

You went and everybody else was there.

All the crazies square dance. We used to go to a nice place in the country for his vacation. For thirty years two weeks every year in that place.

Now he breaks up his vacation into little weekends.

For square dancing.

And it takes you half a week to get used to a new bed.

At the children's they have a special bed for me. Say, how do you know all this? Your husband says the same to you?

I say it to him.

You say it to him?

He does the dishes, so I have to hurry him up.

He does the dishes?

He's retired and he'd rather do the dishes than make the supper. Hands too big, he says, 'specially if he has to eat watercress, it's got to be sliced up tiny.

And you're the one says, "Let's go to

the square dance shop."

We don't have to go to the square dance shop.

You're wearing clothes. I see with my own eyes that you are wearing clothes.

He got a sewing machine. Is your husband a man?

He designed this dress. And made it.
And his shirt that matches.

Did he work in a dress factory before he retired?

My husband was a plumber.

And he can design dresses and shirts.

And petticoats and pettipants and ties.

But not bolos.

He's taking a course in jewelry making. In the daytime. There's my husband coming in the door. And just in time, this second round dance is almost over.

That big man with the shirt that matches your dress, with my husband, he uses a sewing machine?

Oh, your husband was the one who wanted to talk to him about a trailer.

A trailer!

That way you can sleep in your own bed all the time. No matter where you are.

A double bed?

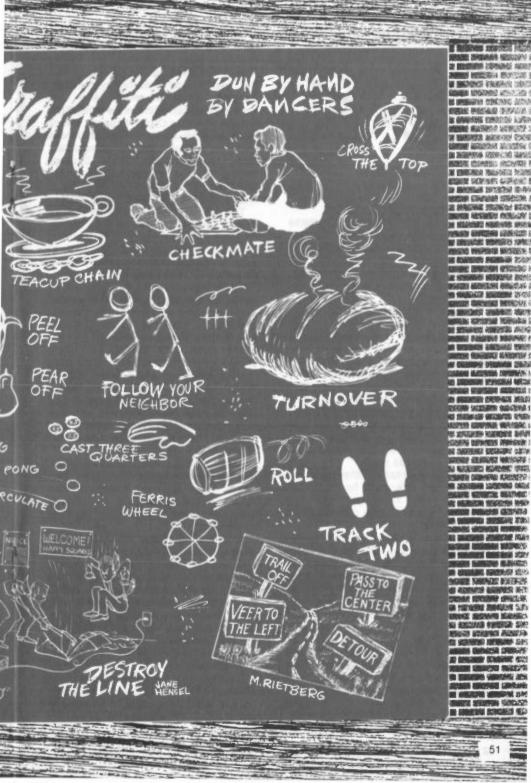
There are no double beds in trailers. You sure?

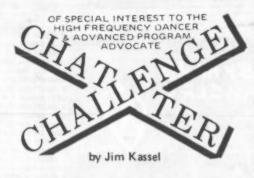
I never saw or heard of a double bed in a trailer.

Okay, let him get a trailer. It'll serve him right.

You, too, maybe. Square dancing is full of surprises.







SUPERSCOPE

While we normally do not endorse specific products in this column, occasionally an item appears which can be very helpful to advanced and challenge dancers and is worth noting. The Superscope cassette recorder fits

this category.

The one characteristic which distinguishes the Superscope from other cassette recorders is a variable speed control, which enables the tape to be speeded up or slowed down. This is a great help to tape groups which have received tapes that are recorded either too fast or two slow, or tapes which may have been recorded correctly but do not play at a proper speed because the tape group's recorder is running at a different speed than the recorder on which the copy was made.

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MINNESOTA

Advanced and challenge dancing has come to the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, thanks to caller Rex Sterns, who moved there three years ago from Chicago. Rex has two groups meeting each week, dancing at an advanced level and working the Basic Challenge calls. Both groups comprise Crown Squares, which combine periodically for larger dances with Rex or guest callers. In addition, many members of Crown Squares belong to tape groups for additional practice.

NAT'L CHALLENGE CONVENTION

The 11th National Challenge Square Dance Convention was held in Butler, Pennsylvania (just north of Pittsburgh) in June. Attendance was the highest ever, with dancers from eighteen states, Canada and Japan attending.

There were twenty-seven hours of challenge provided during the three-day event, and the majority of the dancers attended a trail-end dance the day

before the convention began.

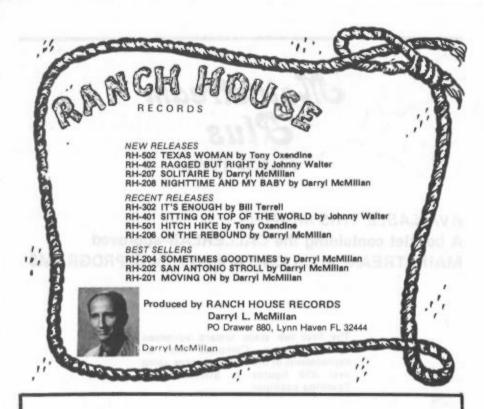
The eight staff callers, who were chosen by a vote of dance leaders from various challenge areas, were: Dewey Berry, Jim Davis, Ed Foote, Keith Gulley, Dave Hodson, Ross Howell, Lee Kopman, and Norm Poisson. In addition, six other challenge callers who attended the event were given the opportunity to call.

Special recognition was give to the four dancers attending from Japan. One was a caller, Kohtaro Nakamori, who regularly calls challenge level in Japan, and he called several tips at the

convention.

A change in caller selection procedure for future Challenge Conventions was announced. All dancers attending the convention will vote on the staff callers for the following year's event. For 1978 the dancers selected the same staff shown above, plus Ron Libby. John Preston was voted associate caller for the convention. The 1978 Convention will be held again in Butler, Pennsylvania.

It was also announced that the Convention will experiment in 1978 with having two halls going continuously, one at a C-2½ level, the other at a C-1½ level.





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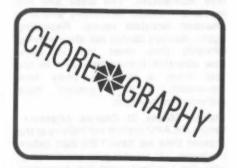
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WORK-SHOP BY WILLARD ORLICH





The term pass in means to "Pass thru and face to the middle." From a line of four people facing another line of four people (Figure # 1, any combo of sex identities), an arky star thru gives us an eight-chain-thru set-up always. If the arky star thru were to be eliminated from use for Mainstream dancing, a pass thru, quarter in would give the same end results. A pass in would result in a double pass thru formation according to definition. (See Figure #2.)

Figure #1
Heads box the gnat, back out and
Circle eight, four boys pass thru
Around one to a line,
(Arky star thru or)
Pass thru and quarter in

Star thru (two-faced lines)
Couples hinge and bend the line
Pass thru to left allemande.......

Figure #2
Head couples star thru
Double pass thru, peel off, pass in
Double pass thru, peel off
Pass thru and quarter in
Pass to center, zoom and turn thru
Left allemande.........

SEQUENCE FINDER BY Mac Parker, Arlington, Virginia

If you ever get lost and don't know whether the men are in or out of sequence, here is a little routine that will enable any caller to determine the sequence. You don't have to know anyone in the square or who are the heads and sides.

(From a promenade)
Heads wheel around, pass thru
Bend the line, couples 1 and 2 half
sashay (if two men are side by side in
the middle of either line, they are out
of sequence; if they are not, the men
are in sequence. Go on..)
Pass thru, boys fold, star thru

Bend the line (Now all are in facing lines of four, each man with same lady in promenade. The last pass thru changed sequence if you needed it)

ONE BIG ZERO

(From any kind of parallel two-faced lines)

Ferris wheel, double pass thru Track two, swing thru, centers run

Example:

Heads lead right and circle half Veer left to a two-faced line *Ferris wheel, double pass thru Track two, swing thru, centers run* Bend the line, left allemande.......

Actually this is a "technical" zero, i.e., dancers are in identical starting positions relating to each other but not on the same standing spot on the dance floor. The five movements must be used in the same sequence but not necessarily with the same starting point. One could start the sequence from any parallel waves, or from a track two start on or any one of five spots. The big Zero is non-sex-oriented (uses centers run) and can thus be used.

Example:

Heads curlique, same girls run (Center couples are half sashayed, trailing couple normal)

Double pass thru, track two, Swing thru, centers run, ferris wheel

(* to * equals technical zero)
Turn thru to left allemande......

The whole idea comes from the geometric rule that things equal to the same thing are equal to each other. Put another way:

Johnny is a preacher. Preachers like chicken.

Therefore, Johnny likes chicken.

All of which is probably incorrect because people don't follow mathematical rules; they are not predictable!

American Squaredance Magazine's Workshop features original material submitted to the editor. New ideas are presented each month. Mail new and creative material to Willard Orlich, Workshop Ed., American Squaredance, PO Box 788, Sandusky OH 44870.



How can you roll after a scootback?

Everybody can't. From parallel waves, on call to scootback and roll, only the "flippers" (into the vacated spots of their neighbors) can roll. They have body flow direction (right or left) after their "flip" into the new spot. The "scooters." those moving into the center for the turn thru (or left turn thru), come back to the wave moving straight ahead with no right or left body flow momentum. The scoot and roll movement should technically end in a phantom circulate set-up. Repeating again, dancers cannot roll after moving forward; they must roll in body flow direction immediately and in the spot from a previous body flow movement. It is a quarter more individual movement.

Eleanor Means, St. Charles, Missouri: I enjoy the APD system but believe at the present time we have "the cart before the horse." In teaching square dancing, why don't callers start the beginners with an All Person Concept?

The first day of a new class, treat each man or woman as an individual, a person. The caller wouldn't have to match males and females into couples or tell some lone women to come back when they could find male partners. Instead, teach them that two persons are a couple. After all, the first definition in the dictionary for couple is: "two of a kind, a pair."

Explain that a couple is composed of a left partner and a right partner. In due time explain the set rules for star thru, slide thru, courtesy turn. For waves, call the outside person an end, the inner person a center.

I believe if the above were taught, 1.

Everyone would be ready for APD, 2. Everyone who wanted to learn could, and most important, 3. This would open up a whole new field of beginners found in schools, scouting, churches, recreation centers, retirement centers, widows, single women and women whose husbands do not care to dance, also any unattached males (a rare species).

This isn't taking sex out of square dancing, just personalizing the square.



SHUTTLE— IN/OUT/RIGHT/LEFT by KIp Garvey, Shrewsbury, Mass. A no-hand command which can be used at Mainstream or advanced level dependent upon the set-up.

From an eight-chain-thru formation, all pass thru, new centers slide thru, while the dancers facing out will remain that way unless directed to take the next command of *in*, out, right (face) or left (face) turn. Thirty different endings are possible from the six possible starting spots.

EXAMPLES by Will Orlich: Heads curlique, boys run, shuttle in Star thru, zoom, centers pass thru Left allemande.......

Heads square thru, square thru ¾
Trade by, shuttle and cloverleaf
Insides pass thru, left allemande.....

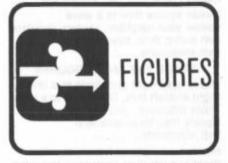
Heads slide thru, turn thru
Shuttle in, half square thru, trade by
Shuttle out, wheel and deal
Girls turn thru, shuttle right
Wheel and deal, everybody half sashay
Left allemande..........

Heads lead right circle to a line
Pass thru, wheel and deal
Double pass thru, peel off, pass thru
Wheel and deal, boys square thru ¾
Shuttle right, pass to center
Swing thru, turn thru, left allemande....

Heads half square thru, shuttle right Center four trade and roll, pass thru Ends pass in and swing thru Turn thru, left allemande......

Heads swing star thru
Circle four to a line, right and left thru
Half square thru, trade by
Shuttle and cloverleaf
All double pass thru, track two
Swing thru, shuttle out, wheel and deal
Girls square thru four, make it five
Shuttle out, boys walk and dodge
Girls crossfold, left allemande.......

Heads curlique, boys run, shuttle
Trade by, boys run, Alamo swing thru
Boys run right, those who can
Square thru, others U-turn back
Shuttle out, bend the line, star thru
Trade by, left allemande.......



FOLLOW YOUR NEIGHBOR FIGURES by Lloyd Priest, Toronto, Canada

Heads half square thru, touch a quarter Follow your neighbor, eight circulate Trade the wave, follow your neighbor Left allemande......

Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass thru, wheel and deal Centers pass thru, curlique Follow your neighbor, left swing thru Girls trade, bend the line Crosstrail thru to left allemande......

Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass thru, wheel and deal Centers pass thru, curlique Follow your neighbor, trade the wave Recycle, slide thru, right and left thru Left allemande.....

Four ladies chain, heads lead right Circle to a line, lines pass thru Wheel and deal, plus two Follow your neighbor, boys trade Left allemande.....

Heads square thru four hands
Follow your neighbor, girls trade
Tag the line in, pass thru
Wheel and deal, zoom, square thru ¾
Left allemande...........

Half square thru, swing thru
Follow your neighbor, split circulate
Follow your neighbor, all eight circulate
Pass to the center, square thru 34
Left allemande..........

Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass thru, wheel and deal plus two Follow your neighbor, boys trade Repeat all to left allemande........

Heads square thru four to a wave Follow your neighbor, boys trade Pass thru, wheel and deal, zoom Centers pass thru, left allemande......

Heads square thru to a wave Follow your neighbor, centers circulate Left swing thru, boys trade Left allemande......

TRADE THE WAVE FIGURES

Heads lead right and circle to a line Right and left thru, Dixie style to a wave Trade the wave, recycle Square thru three-quarters Left allemande............

Heads lead right and circle to a line Right and left thru, Dixie style to a wave Boys trade, trade the wave, girls trade Swing thru, turn thru, left allemande....

Heads lead right and circle to a line Right and left thru, Dixie style to a wave Girls circulate, boys trade Trade the wave, swing thru, boys run Half tag, trade and roll Left allemande.......

Heads square thru four hands Swing thru, spin the top Right and left thru, Dixie style to a wave Girls circulate, boys trade Trade the wave, pass thru Left allemande..........

Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass thru, Bend the line Square thru three-quarters Courtesy turn, Dixie style to a wave Boys trade, left swing thru Trade the wave, boys run, Wheel and deal, pass thru Left allemande...........

Heads square thru four hands
Spin the top, box the gnat
Right and left thru, Dixie style to a wave
Boys trade, left swing thru
Trade the wave, boys run
Bend the line, slide thru
Left allemande..........

Heads rollaway half sashay
Pass thru, around one to a line
Square thru three-quarters
Courtesy turn, Dixie style to a wave
Girls circulate, boys trade
Left swing thru, trade the wave
Boys trade, turn thru
Left allemande..........

Heads square thru four hands
Do-sa-do to a wave, trade the wave
Boys cross run, recycle, dive thru
Square thru three-quarters
Left allemande......

Heads square thru four hands
Do-sa-do to a wave, trade the wave
Boys trade, boys cross run, girls trade
Recycle, left allemande..........

by Deuce Williams, Detroit, Michigan Sides half square thru Swing thru with outside two Spin chain thru, men circulate two Recycle, pass to the center Pass thru, square thru three-quarters Left allemande.......

Heads half square thru, pass to center Swing thru in the middle, extend Single hinge, centers trade Men trade, all pass thru, tag the line Leaders U-turn back Right and left grand............

Heads pass the ocean, same ladies trade Extend, spin chain thru Ladies circulate one, ladies backtrack All promenade, heads wheel around Fan the top, all eight fold Right and left grand............

Sides swing thru and spin the top Heads rollaway half sashay, extend Split circulate, men circulate Ladies backtrack, promenade Heads zoom, promenade......

Sides swing thru, those ladies fold Peel the top, extend, fan the top Ladies run, triple trade Each four half tag the line Men backtrack, right and left grand..... Heads curlique, box circulate double Side men run, coordinate Couples hinge, each four half tag Face in....(1P2P lines facing in)

Heads swing thru, explode the wave Swing thru with the outside two Follow your neighbor, trade the wave Men run, promenade.........

Sides curli-cross, single circle to a wave Centers cross run, all eight circulate Men trade, curli-cross, all partner trade And roll, crosstrail thru

Left allemande...........

HINGE FIGURES by Ken Dibble, SCVSDCA Notes

Heads lead right, veer left Couples hinge, wheel and deal Left allemande......

Heads lead right and circle to a line Tag the line, partner hinge Single hinge, boys run and roll Girls quarter in, pass thru Bend the line......1P2P

Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass thru, wheel and deal Swing thru, single hinge and roll Pass thru, left allemande.......

Heads square thru, pass thru Partner hinge, single hinge Coordinate, girls circulate double Bend the line......1P2P

Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass thru, half tag, single hinge Extend, centers single hinge and roll Outsides partner trade Centers pass thru Circle to a line of four.....1P2P

Heads lead right and circle to a line Touch a quarter, single hinge and roll Star thru, couples hinge, girls trade Ferris trade and wheel, pass thru Left allemande.......

Heads square thru four hands Swing thru, girls circulate, boys trade Single hinge, boys run......1P2P

Heads lead right, circle to a line Pass thru, chase right, single hinge Girls run, wheel and deal, touch Single hinge, walk and dodge Backtrack, left allemande......

Heads lead right and circle to a line Square thru three-quarters Courtesy turn, flutterwheel, pass thru Chase right, centers trade Single hinge, extend, Centers single hinge, walk and dodge Outsides partner tag, centers arch Ends duck in, centers pass thru Outsides California twirl Left allemande.......

Heads square thru four to a wave Recycle, outsides partner trade Pass thru, spin the top, boys run Couples hinge, girls trade Circulate double, bend the line Left allemande...........

Heads lead right and circle to a line Touch a quarter, single hinge and roll Star thru, couples hinge, girls trade Ferris trade and wheel, pass thru Left allemande...........

Heads square thru four hands
Pass to the center, zoom
Centers swing thru, single hinge
And roll, double pass thru
First couple right, next left.....1P2P

Heads lead right circle to a line Slide thru, touch a quarter Centers trade, single hinge Walk and dodge, partner hinge Boys run......1P2P

Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass the ocean, single hinge Centers trade, single hinge Walk and dodge, partner hinge Single hinge, girls circulate Recycle, dive thru, square thru 34 Left allemande.......

Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass the ocean, swing thru, boys run Couples hinge and roll, girls pass thru Touch a quarter, boys run Couples hinge, ferris trade and wheel Pass thru, left allemande.......

Heads square thru four hands, touch Extend, centers single hinge Walk and dodge, outsides cloverleaf All spin the top, boys run Couples hinge, girls trade Bend the line, left allemande......

Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass thru, partner hinge, recycle Pass to center, pass thru Right and left thru, swing thru Turn thru, left allemande......

Heads square thru four, touch
All circulate once and a half
Single hinge to Alamo ring, boys run
Partner tag, left allemande.........

COVER TALK

We've got a lot of people to thank for the outstanding color cover of square dancers this month. Some of you will recognize the scene as the one printed on the jacket of Betty Casey's book, 'The Complete Book of Square Dancing,' and we wish to thank Betty, first of all, for her quality project. Thanks to the publisher, Doubleday, in New York, for permission to use it, as well as the photographer, Shelly Katz, and the photographer's agent, Black Star.

ENCORE, Continued

The 16th Naitonal S/D Convention held in Philadelphia was attended by 9,729 dancers from 44 states, Canada and several foreign countries. See you next year in Omaha.

What's being round danced? Reports from over the country indicate the most popular rounds during the summer months — those being danced in the most areas by the most people — are "Ballin' the Jack," "Lara," "Tango Mannita," "Road Runner Two-Step," and "In The Arms of Love." Others in the top ten are "Silver Dollar," "Mexicali Rose," "Pennsylvania Polka," "Darling," and "Spaghetti Rag."



LEGACY, Continued

square dance world. However, its more than 200 active members agree that the accomplishments to date are "only the beginning."

The LEGACY idea is catching on. To date there have been three international biannual LEGACY meetings. The first two were in Cleveland, Ohio; the most recent, this past May, in Memphis, Tennessee. The next convention, which is slated for Louisville, Kentucky, will be in May 1079.

be in May, 1979.

The LEGACY idea expands far beyond these once-every-other year meetings. Mini-LEGACIES are being sponsored by LEGACY members all across North America. A Mini-LEGACY quite frequently follows the format of the international meetings, but it is geared more to the needs of the immediate area and involves square dance leaders in every phase of the activity within an accessible geographical radius. Those interested in setting up Mini-LEGACIES may get Information by writing to the Burdicks.

DANCING TIPS, Continued

experimental figures, just try a coordinate after first getting the dancers into columns with the boys leading. Try crossfire from a tidal two-faced line or a chase right from a trade by position. To argue that these positions and associated body flow can be taught in classes alone is sheer folly. Classes are the starting points, to be sure, and position should be taught there but the process Position Comprehension continue through at least the first year of post-graduate dancing and quite probably much further than that. It is most certainly one of the prerequisites of automatic reaction that is the experienced dancers' trademark.

During the process of discussing and learning these figures and their related positions, if you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours.....





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PEASANT BLOUSES IN THE PATTERN BOOKS

For a long time the pattern books have had so little to offer us square dancers, except for Simplicity's one good S/D dress, and the Bicentennial patterns. There still are no new fitted dress bodices to offer, so we still must go back to our old patterns of other years to find a flattering snug fitting bodice. However, this does seem to be the year of the peasant blouse. Every book shows many variations and adaptations. Many offer embroidery transfers with the patterns, and the majority have long sleeves, which seems to be a definite trend in our square dance dresses today. If you want to make an easy blouse, here is your chance

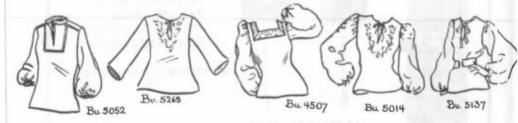
The main feature that makes a blouse "peasant" seems to be that it fits very loosely, and that it looks home-made. Embroidery enhances it, and can be crude or delicate. The Indian cottons

available in the fabric stores today are ideal for these blouses, as they have a home-woven look and are very comfortable to wear.

Whatever you purchase for fabric or trim, please pre-wash. Today's materials do shrink and that includes polyesters and dacrons. Nylon is the only fabric in which I have found no shrinkage. I would also suggest you dry these fabrics in the dryer at this time if you plan to dry the finished article that way later. The few times I have not followed my own advise on this, I have been sorry.

As I thumbed thru the pattern books, here are some of the blouses I found:

Butterick #5265, a very simple blouse with a drawstring effect, and a transfer embroidery pattern included. Number 5137 has a tie neck and a good pattern for a very full sleeve, and also includes patterns for vest, skirt, shawl, and belt. Number 5052 includes four different versions; one with a hood. Number 4507 is the classic square neck peasant blouse, the neck edge of which could be done in wide braid or coarse lace. Number 5014 is nice and simple and includes a four color iron-on transfer. Others noted but not sketched include: #4491 which is long sleeved and collared, #5152 another blouse with set-in sleeve, and includes a vest, skirt, and stole, #5209 more of a tunic, and includes skirt and pants. And there are more.

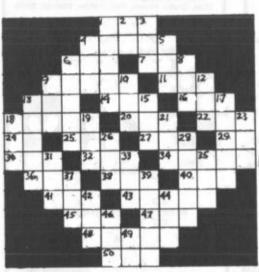


McCall's #5392 is a good peasant style, with decorative trim shown, and includes patterns for skirt, pants and shorts (try the shorts made to match your S/D dress and use as sissy britches). Number 5246 is a variation on the peasant style— more than one version included. Number 5236 is a

variation on the peasant style— more than one version included. Number 5236 can look peasant or non-peasant, depending on how you trim it. Number 5021 offers three others as well as the one shown, and includes an embroidery transfer.

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Puzzle Page





- "Bunny ---"
- No. of dancers in a set
- 6. Swing your ---
- Eletrified particle
- 11. "-- Goes the Weasel"
- 13. Another kind of caller
- 14. --- s turn in
- 16. "I Don't Know ---"
- 18. "When the Red Red ---- Comes Bob-bob-bobbin' Along"
- 20. Heavy drinker
- 22. Comparative suffix
- 24. Do -- allemande than
- 25. Central Illinois Squares (Abbr.)
- Two or three square dances 27.
- 29. Two-toed sloth
- "I've --- Rhythm"
- 32. "I Only Want A Buddy Not A ---
- 34. Adjective for petticoats
- 36. "--- River Valley"
- 38. Astrological sign
- 40. Have refreshments
- "I Only Want A Buddy --- A Pal"
- 43. "Sailing Down the Old ---- River
- 45. Caller --- Trainor 47. Caller --- Franklin
- 48. Actor David ----
- 50. "Yes--- That's My Baby"

- ---- and trade
- Pots fo etisoppo
- Greek letter
- Sense of hearing
- Spin the ---
- "Puff the ---- Dragon"
- "--- Is The Hour'
- Caller --- Fisk
- See #3 12
- 13. ---- your partner
- 15 "Polka --- Bikini"
- 17. Leavening agent
- "A ---, A Bone & A hank of Hair 18
- --- and tuck 19
- 21. Nervous twitch
- 23 --- and snort
- "My Gal ---
- Dress for the dance
- "--- Little Indians" 31.
- 33. What we dance with (sing.)
- 35. Man's name (Scots)
- 37. Girl's nickname
- 39 Sets in ----42. "Sixteen ---s"
- Long time
- Mid-Indiana Squares (Abbr.)
- 49. Six (Roman)

People

IN THE NEWS

Bob Howell, genial ASD "Easy Level" editor, has resigned his career as principal of Monticello Junior High School in Cleveland to embark on a new full time career of calling, dancing and relaxing, he says.

Johnny Davidson of Hannon, Ontario Canada, phoned our offices the other day to say he had applied and received from the government of Ontario a grant to put square dancing before the public via books, tapes, records and educational material in libraries, as well as other projects. Congratulations, Johnny. Perhaps this will open the door to other such government grants.

Ann Calhoun, wife of the late Louis Calhoun of Madisonville, Kentucky, is involved in business as a health and weight-reduction consultant for Sevforth Laboratories, producers of the well-known Slender-Now products. Her address is 635 Suthard Dr., Madisonville KY 42431. Cal Golden is also a part-time representative of the same company.

The Choctaw Plain Dealer reports that Helen Fulgham of Ackerman, Mississippi, has created quite a stir in a wide area with her original square dance dress designs, which she creates from ordinary window curtains. A large Outlet store in Ackerman, Ashley's, has taken such an interest in the dresses that they are helping her promote sales via posters and fashion shows not only in the Ackerman store but in a number of their 140 stores elsewhere in the USA. Congratulations on your enterprise, Helen.

Bob and Mary Brennan of Livonia, Michigan, LEGACY trustees, are going



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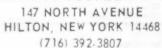
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W.H. Crane of San Antonio, Texas, sends us another clipping, this time from the San Antonio Express, dated July 14, describing the success story of Stanley R. Winn, president of Selva Shoes, an advertiser in this magazine. Presently Mr. Winn has 175 people working for him making shoes of all kinds, including square dance shoes at the sprawling Selva factory across the East River into Long Island City. One of the reasons Mr. Winn bought the 52-year-old, family-owned Selva company a few years ago, he said, is because "An estimated five million (people) get all dressed up in western clothes, square up and spend several hours at a time 'allemande left-ing' just for the fun of it and people are dancing these days like they never danced before." We'll agree with that toe-tapping statement!

Roy and Lena Anders of Danville, Illinois, have volunteered to pass on information about dancing in their area to travelers and anyone interested. They are past presidents of the Illinois Square Dance Federation. Contact them at 210 So. State St., Danville, IL 61832 or phone (217) 442-3083.



SOONER SHOWCASE

People planning to attend the 27th Annual National Square Dance Convention, June 22-24, 1978 will have the opportunity to visit many Oklahoma sites of historical interest. Those driving and coming via Interstate Highway 35 will want to visit one of this nation's most famous mansions along with the well known statue of the Pioneer woman.

The home, known as the Marland Mansion, was constructed in 1928 at a cost of over one and one-half million dollars. The owner was E. W. Marland. founder of what is today, Continental Oil Company, It was Mr. Marland's dream to live in a palace and thus the "Palace on the Prairie", designed by John Duncan Forsyth, came into being. It is fashioned on the Davanzati Palace located in Florence, Italy, with formal gardens designed to resemble the famous Hampton Court in England and the Palace of Versailles of France.

Craftsmen from Europe and America lived at the mansion during its construction, while installing ceilings of Chinese Chippendale and hand cut walnut panels in the formal dining room. This entire home, with its famous ballroom, spacious living quarters, as well as the grounds is open to the public, Tuesday through Sunday, at a nominal charge.

To reach the Marland Mansion and Pioneer Woman statue, you should exit 1-35 at U.S. Highway 60, proceeding east just 12 miles to Ponca City, Oklahoma. Directional signs will lead visitors to this attraction. The Pioneer

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The first home of E. W. Marland. now known as Ponca City's Cultural Center, is located nearby.

IN MEMORIAM

Square & round dancers throughout Florida and Georgia were saddened by the untimely death of Mariann Hidding, caller of Jacksonville, Florida, Mariann, along with Tom, husband and caller, called regularly in Northeast Florida. They were callers for Drift-A-Round Squares, camping club NSDCA Chapter 093. Mariann will be missed by all who knew her.

Fred Christopher of St. Petersburg, Florida, suffered a fatal heart attack on July 24. Chris was a caller of some forty years standing, the last twenty-two in the Golden Triangle area of Florida, St. Petersbury, Tampa and Clearwater, He was featured in the January, 1969, issue of American Squaredance, when one of his dancers lauded the fun and fellowship at his Florida dances.

OFFICIAL DANCE OF OREGON

The Oregon legislature gave final approval to SCR 8 on July 1 and made the square dance the "official dance" for the state of Oregon. Square dancing automatically goes in the Oregon Blue Book, where it will be listed with the Oregon tree, animal, fish, motto and other state symbols.

This "first" for Oregon has brought inquiries from other states, according to Chuck McDonald of Eugene who is

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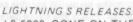
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president of the Oregon Federation. State Senator Blaine Whipple introduced the bill, and the promotion project was coordinated by Ed and Mary Warmoth, state publicity chairmen. Promotional efforts included dances in the state rotunda, testimony at two committee hearings, the generation of letters and petitions from all points in the state, mailing of the Oregon Federation News to all state representatives, and the creation by Dan McCormack of a special taped square dance call to be used by Senator Whipple when he presented the bill for a vote. Contacts on this legislation were heavier than on any other for 18 years. Ed & Mary Warmoth Cornelius, Oregon

DANCING AT THE WHITE HOUSE

The Georgia Caravan danced in seven states and Washington on its way to the National Convention in New Jersey. Hardly had the dancers returned home than the 'caravan' was reconvened for a trip to a picnic at the White House. The Georgia dancers were

excited and thrilled about dancing with the Carters, and presented specially made badges to them and to Amy. This is the first White House dancing during the Carter administration, and the Georgia dancers think it's a first ever.

Mac & Virginia McDonald Macon, Georgia

NEW OFFICERS IN DENVER

The Denver S/D Callers Association has elected Ben Coleman as president for the coming year. working with Ben will be Jack Marshall, vice president; Gary Havens, secretary; Jack Baker, treasurer; and Ralph Hay, program chairman.

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NOTE SERVICE CONTINUED

Subscribers to the note service published by the late Jay King will continue to receive monthly notes to fulfill their subscriptions. Will Orlich has voluntarily taken over the list of 360 names so that Jay's clients will receive caller's notes through the rest of 1977.



PENNSYLVANIA POWWOW

Killbuck Squares are having a "Powwow Dance" on Sunday, September 11, at the Holy Name Hall, 215 W. Horner Street, Ebensburg, Pa. with caller, Ron Schneider. Rounds will be cued by Margie & Sam Taylor.

For info, write to Polli Link, PO Box 6,

Chest Springs, Pa. 16624.

SEATTLE AWARDED CONVENTION

Seattle, Washington, was announced as the convention site in 1981 at the 26th National Convention in Atlantic City, which had a second all-time high attendance of 24,568 from all 50 states, Canada, and several foreign countries. Thirty-five states had fifty or more dancers at Atlantic City and thirty-one had a hundred or more, indicating that it was truly a national convention.

Future convention dates are: Oklahoma City, June 22-24, 1978; Milwaukee, June 28-30, 1979; Memphis, June 26-28, 1980; and Seattle, June 25-27, 1981. The 1982 convention will be

awarded at Oklahoma City during the 1978 convention. Bid sessions are held Friday mornings and are open to all dancers and interested parties.

The 24,568 at Atlantic City included 3,825 from New Jersey, 4298, Pennsylvania; 1978, New York; 1537, Maryland, 1083, Michigan; 1053, Virginia; 999, Massachusetts; 879, California; 862, Connecticut; and 812, Ohio.

Future convention chairmen include: Pete and Ester Hughes, 1978; Don and Vera Chestnut, 1979; Roger and Mary Ann Reynolds, 1980; and Doc and

Shirley Blanchard, 1981.

John and Vivian McCannon were elected chairmen of the 1977-78 National Executive Committee, with Chuck and Margie Teeple, vice-chairmen; Floyd and Clare Lively, secretaries, and Ken Parker, treasurer. Howard and Peggy Thornton will serve as directors of information. The Executive Committee will hold its pre-convention meeting in Milwaukee, April 14-16, 1978.

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C-601 ANN'S SONG (Round Dance) by John and Wanda Winter

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Because of the increased number of requests for material and programs suitable for "exceptional" persons, the Lloyd Shaw Foundation adopted as one of its goals the development of a "Special Education Curriculum Kit" which would serve as a tool for the variety of persons who might be asked to work with these "special" persons. A grant from IBM helped fund the development, and the material is now

available.

The essence of the philosophy behind the Special Education Kit is best expressed in the words of Dorothy Shaw: "...through rhythm, through sound, through motion, and through reassurance, through newly-learned laughter, and through recognition of the Being who lives within...." and in the stated purpose of the kit: "to extend to exceptional persons the joys of dance, and to promote growth socially, academically, physically and emotionally".

The "Kit" consists of approximately 90 sequential dances and 34 records, plus an Instructor's Manual. It is divided into four levels of skill and development which are suitable to the many diverse skills and abilities of "exceptional" persons, ranging from Level I which is designed for those with an approximate mental age of 1-4 and the non-ambulatory, to Level IV which is directed to those who exhibit minor learning difficulties.

The "Kit" is designed for use by persons who do not have background experience in dance or a major in Special Education. Hence it is for practical use by the classroom teacher, music, physical education and dance teachers, as well as recreation leaders and community volunteers.

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EVELYN- Telemark 921 Choreography by Flo & Ann Hart Pretty music and an interesting high intermediate international waltz.

SECOND TIME- Dance A Long 6093 Choreography by Ed & Sharon Campbell Good big band sound on "Second Time Around;" good moving foxtrot-two step with some different combinations.

WILDFLOWERS- Stoneway 1110-L Choreography by Bob & Beth Foust A pleasant easy-going easy two step with nice music.

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I WANNA BE AROUND- Belco B272 Choreo by Ken Croft/Elena De Zordo Good music and an easy-intermediate two step with mostly basic steps.

RIO DE LUNA WALTZ- RCA 447-0598 Choreo by Harvey & Noriene Wiese Beautiful Henry Mancini "Moon River" intermediate waltz with a little international flavor.

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DOLLY- Grenn 14250 Choreo by Betty & Clancy Mueller Great music and a good easy-intermediate foxtrot-two step.

ROUNDELAY WALTZ- Grenn 14250 Choreography by Bill & Evelyn Lantz A little different music and an interesting intermediate waltz routine.

UNITED SWING - Carter 102575 Choreo by Charlie & Marge Carter Very easy line or round dance with good music.

THE LATIN WIGGLE- Carter 102575 Choreo by Charlie & Marge Carter Very similar routine to above but with Latin music. Record is available from the Carters.

YAKITY SAX- lota 36 Choreo by Doris & LeVerne Reilly Good peppy music and a fun-type easyintermediate two step.

LOUISE- TDR 119 Choreo by Rick & Joyce McGlynn Good music and a flowing three-part intermediate fox trot.

SYMPATHY- TDR 148 Choreography by Peter & Beryl Barton Very pretty music for a challenging international waltz.

CALL ME IRRESPONSIBLE - TDR 162 Choreography by Homer & Vera Todd Good solid music and a good intermediate foxtrot with a little part of "Elaine."

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SINGING CALLS

by Don Hanhurst

With the start of the square dance year, we will be ending our term as record reviewer for this magazine. We find that the press of business and calling doesn't allow us the time required to do

the job effectively.

We would like to thank the dancers of our area who have helped us over the past two and a half years in the sometimes tedious job of reviewing all the records that come out in a month. Our thanks also to the editors, Stan and Cathie Burdick, for allowing us to state our opinions and those of the dancers with never any editorial censorship on their part.

We wish the new reviewer well and hope that you all continue to read the reviews as faithfully as you have over

the past years.

We find that our last month of reviewing is a very small one with very little exciting to offer and no patter records at all. There was, however, one new label released this month, C Bar C, and while we found it different, we felt that it will take some developing before it becomes a major factor in the square dance music field. There were three releases this month on this new label.

THERE'S A KIND OF HUSH— Hi-Hat 475; Caller: Ernie Kinney

A very relaxing "romantic" version of this melody. The figure, while very basic, seems to be enhanced by the music and the dancers enjoyed just moving to the music and singing along. Callers will find this an easy record to work with. FIGURE: Heads square thru, eight chain thru, swing corner, left allemande, promenade.

LAREDO — Red Boot 224 Caller: Ralph Silvius

This Red Boot features a strong beat with a "Spanish" flavor. The figure was one of the best we ran into this month

for dancing and offered a pleasant change from the ordinary. FIGURE: Four ladies chain, heads promenade half, sides right and left thru with a full turn around, separate around one and make two lines, pass thru, half tag, swing corner, promenade.

SAVE YOUR KISSES FOR ME—Thunderbird 170; Caller: Bobby Keefe Music on this newest Thunderbird has an organ lead which is very effective for this melody. The dance seemed particularly enjoyable because the figure flowed differently from the standard as most action occurred in the center between two inactives. FIGURE: Heads promenade half, sides do-sa-do, swing thru, boys run right, crossfire, walk and dodge, partner tag, swing corner, left allemande, promenade.

I REALLY HAD A BALL TONIGHT—Thunderbird 169; Caller: Harold Thomas Very good Thunderbird music with a unique four-beat rhythm change before the middle break and ending. The figure flowed well and was somewhat of a change from what has become standard. FIGURE: Four ladies chain three-quarters, square thru, do-sa-do, spin chain thru, girls circulate two times, swing corner, promenade.

LADIES LOVE OUTLAWS— Wild West 1-37; Caller: Bill Kramer

The melody on this latest Wild West has been done recently by another label and this will no doubt affect the sales of this release, which features female vocal harmony that is used by some callers very effectively. The cue sheet gives two figures, one basic and one intermediate, whatever that means. There is a key change in the end break. FIGURE: (Basic) Heads pass thru, cloverleaf, everybody double pass thru, cloverleaf, centers pass thru, swing corner, left allemande new corner, weave, do-sa-do, promenade. (Intermediate) Heads right and left thru, pass thru, chase right, hinge a quarter, ping pong circulate, extend, swing thru, boys run, half tag, trade and roll, swing, left allemande, promenade.

WE'LL SQUARE DANCE AGAIN TO-NIGHT— Top 25339; Dana Blood The instrumental side of this release is not your standard Top music, but a very lively beat featuring excellent fiddle and guitar work. The melody is Johnny Cash's "Man in Black." The figure has been done often and offered no challenge. FIGURE: Heads promenade half, down the middle square thru, swing thru, boys run, half tag, trade

and roll, pass thru, trade by, swing, promenade.

DIXIE— C Bar C 527 Caller: Jim Congleton

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BIG CITY— Gold Star 708 Caller: Cal Golden

This melody was released last month on another label and this will no doubt affect sales of this release. Music as a strong saxophone lead and figure is average mainstream. FIGURE: Heads square thru, do-sa-do, swing thru, boys run, couples ferris wheel, right and left

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TILL MY GET UP HAS GOT UP AND GONE-MacGregor 2211; Otto Dunn Lyric line to this latest MacGregor is a little different and could be used by some callers effectively. FIGURES: Heads curlique, walk and dodge, circle to a line, pass thru, chase right, boys run, right and left thru, crosstrail, swing corner, promenade.

LEMON TREE- TNT 111 Caller: Larry Prior

A good square dance rendition of this tune with a figure that is different from the "normal," FIGURE: Heads square thru, corner girl do-sa-do, curlique, cast off three-quarters, girls trade, boys run, couples circulate, wheel and deal, box the gnat, swing lady and promenade.

BRINGING HOME THE BACON-Scope 613: Caller: Mac McCullar

An "updated" version of one of the oldest singing calls in the square dance world. FIGURE: Heads square thru. right and left thru, pass thru, trade by, curlique, scoot back, boys run, star thru, pass thru, trade by, swing, promenade.

ALL I'LL EVER NEED- C Bar C 525 Caller: Jim Congleton

Instrumental side features a saxophone lead and the figure was basic. FIGURE: Heads right and left thru, square thru, swing thru, boys run, wheel and deal, pass thru, trade by, swing corner, promenade.

IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT - C Bar C 528; Caller: Bob Christian Intro features no lyrics and the Grand Parade. Figure would present problem to a basic 50 club. Record danced better when speeded up two or three RPM. FIGURE: Heads square thru, do-sa-do, swing thru, boys run, wheel and deal, right and left thru, dive thru, square thru three-quarters, swing corner, promenade.

FLY AWAY AGAIN- HI-Hat 478 Caller: Joe Johnston

FIGURE: Heads square thru, sides do-sa-do, swing thru, boys run, couples circulate, wheel and deal, dive thru, left, do-sa-do, curlique, allemande swing corner, promenade.



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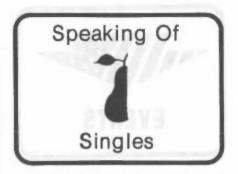
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Humming the tune of "Sweet Georgia Brown", a group of Georgia square dancers dubbed "The Georgia Square Dance Caravan" rolled out of Atlanta on a chartered bus Tuesday, June 21, bound for Washington, D.C. for a special dance at the Pentagon, and the 26th National Convention in Atlantic City, N.J.

Bill and Ruth Starnes, Chamblee, Georgia, ''dreamed up'' a special dance at the Pentagon which would be hosted by Georgia dancers in their group traveling to the National Convention together.

With the assistance of Mac and Virginia MacDonald, Macon, Ga., presidents of the Georgia State Square Dancers Association, (see July, 1977 ASD article); Gene and Marty McCullough, Oxon Hill, Md., president of

the Washington Area Callers Association; and Herb and Betty Pennington, Rockville, Md. public relations chairmen of WASCA's 18th Annual Spring Square Dance Festival; the "Special Pentagon Dance" was scheduled for Wednesday evening, June 22. The Bachelors and Bachelorettes Square Dance Club, Washington, D.C., came to our aid by furnishing the refreshments.

Dancers and callers came from as far away as Wyoming and Texas in the west; Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey in the northeast; and Key West, Fla. in the south. The response and enthusiasm of square dancers from all over the USA attending our dance was a priceless reward for our efforts, Bill and Ruth said. "We'll never be able to thank everyone who assisted us."

Travelling with the group especially

to MC and call the Pentagon Dance was Georgia's own Rod Blaylock from Albany, Ga., who taught President and Mrs. Carter to square dance. Rod presented an outstanding program with Bob Bennett, Valdosta, Ga., assisting in the calling. Many fine callers who attended were introduced during the evening. Rounds and clogging also were included in the program.

The Starnes estimate fifty squares in attendance. Since their guest book was left at the White House, hopefully for the President's signature, they do not

have the final count.

One of the highlights of the evening was the group's gift of seed peanuts from the Carter warehouse in Plains, Ga., to everyone attending the dance. Rod's explanation of "how to plant your own peanut farm" brought the house down. For those who were there, just remember Rod said, "Be sure to pray over your newly planted seeds every day for at least 16 days!"

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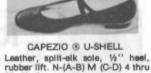
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FEEDBACK, Continued

enjoying the activity, not because of the clothes they wear so proudly, but because we also taught them about square dancing and the heritage it holds for us all. Bob & Martha McNutt Benton City, Washington

Needless to say, the Convention held in Atlantic City was overwhelming and very well organized. Hats off to the National Convention Committee for a job well done. There is only one complaint and as a caller's wife, I am appalled at what is happening to our dress tradition. The callers at the convention are throwing away the western dress and bringing in hippy beads, calling it modern. First was the longer hair, now this, what next, and where will it stop? I certainly can't change the professional callers in the way they dress, but please couldn't they refrain from wearing such attire at a dance? They are encouraging new callers and dancers to dress the same way by setting the example. Callers like my husband and many more work so hard to encourage dancers to follow tradition. We must all stick together to keep our activity beautiful and traditional.

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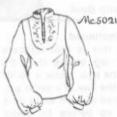
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The Mainstream program was created by Callerlab as the result of many hours of work on the part of many callers with just one purpose in mind. That was to benefit square dancing in general. As callers, let's explain the program to our dancers so they will understand it. Then let's all pull together and make it work.

BEST CLUB TRICK, Continued

Georgia dancers squared up in Lafayette Park in Washington, prior to a visit to the White House by special invitation. Of course, everyone wore their colorful state costumes of peach color with handpainted dogwood. Although we didn't see the President this time, the group's enthusiasm could not be dampened and we continued on our trip to Atlantic City for the convention. Needless to say, we danced at every stop we made and found everyone who hosted us very receptive to our performances.

Governor George Busbee proclaimed our group as "Goodwill Ambassadors" from the State of Georgia to the convention in Atlantic City, N.J., as did Mayor Woody Malone from the City of Chamblee, Georgia. Indeed, it was our pleasure to extend greetings from Georgia to everyone at the convention and although Georgia did not win the bid for the 1981 convention, we warmly extend an invitation to dancers through-



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We arrived back in Atlanta Sunday night with memories of an unforgetable trip- and with Bill (affectionately known as "Trail Boss") and Ruth already planning their next trip to the 1978 convention in Oklahoma City. See you there! Bill & Ruth Starnes Chamblee, Georgia

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The tentative Mainstream Square Dance Basics (as listed and approved at Callerlab 1975) are listed in order 1-68 and are fully explained in that order. It was interesting to see that the explanation or definition of "Flutter Wheel"—has not changed, in spite of the way so many callers teach and call it. "Note—The ladies do not "pick up" the opposite man as a couple to bring him along." How do you do a flutter wheel? You'll find it on page 20.

The index at the back of the book lists

the basics in alphabetical order and the page on which each can be found. This makes for quick and easy reference.

If one is to dance or teach the contraslisted in the Contra Syllabus sold at the 26th National Square Dance Convention in June 1977, this booklet will explain some of the terms used that are not found in Contra Manuals or Contra Books. Those who dance contras and traditional squares and are not Modern Western Square Dancers might not be familiar with these basics found in the first contra "Atlantic City Contra" for example. In this contra alone we find basics #37 star thru, #15 California Twirl, #48 trade, #43 swing thru, #39 turn thru, and #44 flutterwheel. "Pass the ocean" used in this contra is not

listed or explained in "Mainstream Square Dancing" so another source of information would be needed.

In other contras in this syllabus we find #50 Spin the top, #51 Cloverleaf, #63 Partner tag. "Chase right" is not Mainstream basic so listed as a explanation of this term used in one of the contras would have to be found elsewhere.

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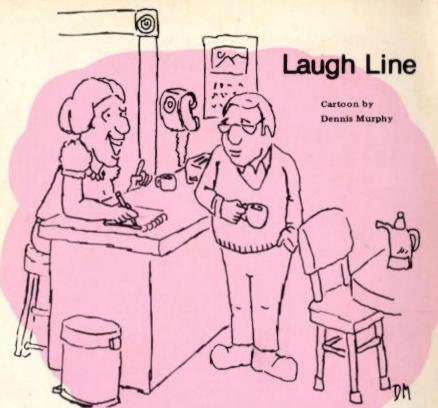
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