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CO-EDITORIAL



McDonald's in Munich! Fried chicken from the colonel in Frankfurt! Fast foods are among the popular American exports to Europe. Square dancing, too, is one of our more popular exports, and we were proud to learn this was so.

Square dancing has been adopted in an almost "pure" form. A stranger may dance anywhere, feeling confident as he/she swings through the familiar basics that all wave-related figures will be done "hands-up," that a do-sa-do is the real thing, and that to chain the ladies will end courteously. Perhaps this confidence is a fabulous factor in the fun of dancing abroad. We know the first moment of joining hands to circle in Christchurch (Dorset, England) brought a happy feeling that persisted through every squared-up experience abo ad.

We realized that all the cliches are absolutely true: Square dancing is a smile put to music. Square dance is an International language. All square dancers are friends you haven't met yet.

Somewhere during our recent trip (discussed thoroughly in "Meanderings," p. 8), we tried to put ourselves in the boots and slippers of our European friends upon visiting American square

dances. Would we confuse them with our customs, baffle them with variations and stun them with the latest concoction? The ability to dance with ease in any area, state or country is one big plus in the square dance activity that should be safeguarded. Certainly it behooves Americans to protect and perpetuate our own dance as carefully as our neighbors have done.

One adaptation of "friendliness" we found in Germany is the shaking of hands with everyone in the square, men and women, after each tip. When a latecomer enters the hall, he or she greets all who are not dancing. After the dance, most dancers shake hands again with the caller and his taw. Callers' wives are not ignored, but introduced and greeted along with the caller. Invitations to dance abound; it's hard to sit out a tip without turning down an offer.

These, of course, are observations based on a quick trip (six dances this time, more on previous international forays). Strong sweeping generalities are easy to spout, so we'll resist the temptation to preach, and close by saying that perhaps we should in turn import the "little extras" with which our neighbors have embellished one of our best exports, the American square dance.



If Stan were to draw a cartoon of our biggest problem as publishers of *American Squaredance* during the last eight months, it would turn out exactly like the piece of clip art above. We have tried to keep subscription and ad rates at the same level and meet rising costs, too, and it has proven impossible. New ad prices went into effect on February 1, 1978; most advertisers who had 1978 contracts previous to that date are now paying the new prices. With this issue, and regretfully, we are compelled to raise subscription prices as well, to \$8 per year.

Here are some factors we've observed that point out the inevitability of the price raise, even though this data will not make either the readers or your editors happy

about the increase:

* A recent flyer seeking magazine subscriptions listed not one 12-issue subscription for under \$7. The only 10-month subscription listed at \$6.95 was a church-subsidized publication.

*Government agencies reported prices have doubled since 1967. In 1967 Square Dance (now ASD) cost \$5 for 12 issues; in 1973 the cost went to \$6 and in 1977

to \$7

- Magazine printing costs have risen 1¢ per month for the last three months; paper costs rise steadily in proportion to its scarcity. Postage costs for mailing the magazine rose 46% in 1978 alone, and another boost is already set for 1979.
- *A series of quotes from printers using varying methods were higher than our present price.

We want to continue the present size and quality of ASD; we also want to be a reputable business which operates in the black. We hope you will understand that we announce this reluctantly and that we have already postponed the increase for several months, hoping conditions would improve. No magic wand has waved to reduce costs and repair the economy, so we have bowed to the inevitable results of inflation.

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lengthened petticoats in a similar manner but much easier and quicker for me.

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Leta Betsson Seattle, Washington

Enclosed is my check for that Holiday Special you offered. Really appreciated receiving the offer! And you may be sure I will enjoy reading ASD as I have in the past and keeping up with the latest in square and round dancing. Thank you again and have a happy holiday.

Vivian S. deBrueys Slidell, Louisiana

Ed. Note: The Holiday Special Mrs. de Brueys refers to was a special mailing to subscribers of several years' standing whose subscriptions lapsed in 1978.

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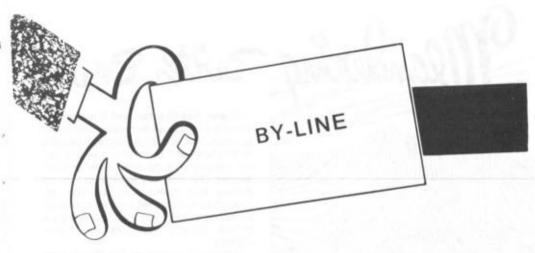
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Circumstances have decreed that fewer authors are represented this month in ASD, although the pages are as full of copy as ever. The Burdicks' recent calling excursion to England and Germany resulted in six pages of "meanderings" in stead of three. The trip indirectly was responsible for the "1978 Index" being included here rather than in the December 1978 issue. Blame it on jet lag, a bad cold or an aging memory; Cathie forgot to compile it. And there is the horrible truth—in black and white forever.

Our lead profile this month is editorially written and features a prominent figure in today's square dance world. "Grand Square" features another caller-dancer and was written by **Bob Latshaw**, a newspaperman for forty years before his retirement to the Ozarks. He wrote about the Petersons "because George and Toots are enabling the many dancers in the area to enjoy good sound and square dancing."

Helen Ganster has written a spoof of square dancing as it might be seen by the uninitiated in "Strangest Game." She and husband Leo have been dancing in the metropolitan Washington area for three and a half years.

Ruth Adler recommends folk dancing for fun and health. Remember that square dancing is a form of American folk dance as you read her article. Authorities have recently stated that fifteen minutes of brisk jogging is great exercise for any age, especially the over-fifty crowd; think what two and a half hours of shuffling shoes does for us all.





It was mid-October and the long-anticipated European excursion was about to begin. We would visit square dancers in England and Germany. I would call six dances and do one caller's clinic abroad. Our itinerary would also include France and possibly Switzerland, although as it happened we had to scratch Switzerland for reasons of health (i.e., a simple malady overrules on Alpine melody).

Visions of castles on the Rhine were faintly fashioned in the fleeting effervescence of mere ginger ale held aloft on that first Monday afternoon Cleveland to New York flight. Night fell with the roar of a British Airways 747 superjet as Cathie and I settled down for an all-night flight from Kennedy to Heathrow. London was only six-andhalf hours away, and now we could almost smell the roasting chestnuts at Picadilly. Cramped quarters. sleepless night. Two meals served. Add five hours to our watches.

It was now 9:30 a.m. as we passed thru customs and carted our five bags out of the airport and on a bus to Woking, then on a train to New Milton, a couple of hours distant. At that point we were met by Renee Hayes for a short car hop to the Hayes home in Christchurch (southern England), where I was due to call the subscription dance.

Christchurch. England-Hayes kicked off the New Forest special" with the first tip for twelve sets at the Brockenhurst College setting. Dancers came from points as distant as London. It was a smashing good time, really. All the name badges had first names only- oh, yes, I remembered that custom from our last visit, three years ago. Renee did the rounds. Both she and Johnny are busy at least three nights a week with square dance activity. I could call any "M" and "M-X" material from Callerlab. Very reassuring. This was true in both England and Germany. A spot of tea at

a mid-dance break was welcome, along with cookies and candy bars. Incidentally, later on, after drinking strong German and French coffee, I could appreciate why the English stick to tea. Incidentally, the "sister" club of this one is in Christchurch, New Zealand, which we also visited a year ago.

Stowmarket, England— Renee motored us from Christchurch to the Oxford "roundabout" the next day, where Malcolm and Evelyn Davis met us and took us thence to their home in March, a good bit of a distance, and thence to Stowmarket, where the East Anglian Federation (of the BAASDC) sponsored a special dance with about fifteen sets of eager, responsive dancers. Some groups of dancers feel "just right" when you "put them on", like an old glove. These did.

March, England— Malcolm and Evelyn had set up a dance for us in March with the rabbit logo'd March Mixers, just as they had done three years before. They also hosted us for two days, and we loved that— like going back "home". He's one of the foremost callers in England, I'd say. The dance was a pleasure, but other little episodes

keep floating back.

Dashing along that little one-lane road across the fens with Malcolm was exciting. As you do it, you pray you don't meet another car. If you do, you play a game of English "chicken", and someone has to "opt" for the ditch. If he's a lorry or anything bigger than you, it is best if you do the "opting," or the situation could get clumsy, old chap, really. The fens are perpetually-drained swamp lands, trying to revert to their original state. Like Alaskan tundra, there's an unsettled, buoyant acreage underneath you, and the roads are as rough as a washboard.

By the way, can you interpret this road sign?



Silly, that means rough roads! What else?

Again, Cathie and I shopped in the little village of March. Our pounds were well-spent. Our bodies were well-spent. In the town of St. Ives there is a unique bridge with a chapel astride it. That's old Oliver's home town. (Why Oliver Cromwell, of course.) Conceived by Alan of Walsingham (You remember Alan) over 600 years ago, the magnificent cathedral at Ely, a stronghold against William the Conquerer, rises out of the soft fenlands.

And out there in the fields, beyond the clumps of sugar beets being harvested, stands a silent reminder of a more recent would-be invasion— a

stone "pillbox".



London, England— Although we didn't have a dance in London this time, we took the train from Huntingdon to King's Cross in the center of the old city to meet Viv Cannon and spend the night at his apartment. We took in the original Madame Toussard's Wax Museum and a panoramic show called the London Experience. Great fun.

Frankfurt, Germany- At last, Germany was a reality for us, after Viv drove us to west Kensington, we boarded a big BA double-decker bus (with a U-haul-type trailer behind for baggage), and then the BA flight from Heathrow to Frankfurt. We were met at the airport by Holger Willm and his girl friend Petra, and dashed off to Holger's apartment in the little town of Seeheim. Sightseeing visits included the beautiful mountain landmark, the Lufthansa Training Center for airline personnel; the famous Five Fingers Tower in Darmstadt along with the art center and Russian chapel; a rural guest house where we had a small clinic for callers;

and pizza in a little Italian restaurant.

Fifteen sets turned up for the Beaux & Belles subscription dance. The decorations (Silver Dollar Saloon motif) were unbelievably lavish. Dancers were there from four countries, including all the "brass" from ECTA, EAASDC, and etcetera. There was a full course meal afterparty with *ten* kinds of potato salad.

But now we were "munchin" on the bit" to go to Muenchen on the Rhine Express.....

We especially enjoyed watching the fall scenery go by as we shot through the German landscape on that bullet-like train. Let me take you for a ride.

Look over there. See the stubby-steepled brown sandstone churches with bright, gold-gilded clocks completely dominating those pretty little villages, all nestled amid hillsides sprinkled with fall dress-up colors. Notice the great, double-tiered, cascading tile roofs, some wedge-shaped and some like inverted cones, many punctuated by dormers and punctured by skylights. Those massive roofs seem to dwarf the box-like stucco buildings beneath. The occupants are proud people indeed— see the little flower boxes and garden plots.

Bigger apartment buildings and factories flew by, looking centuries old, with staid grey exteriors and countless lead-laced windows, topped by crowns of marble or gently-arching bricks. Occasionally there is a touch of Tudor, reminiscent of England, and a labyrinth of "gingerbread" in the eves, reminiscent of turn-of-the-century American

architecture.





I'd like to say a word about travel in Europe if you'll give me a moment. (Do we have a choice?— Co-ed.)

The train systems are fabulous. These electric monsters are fast, efficient, clean, and on time to the minute. One has to scurry like a flushed bobwhite to get on and off, however; they wait for no one. Rest in the six-man compartments was easy— they float on Persian rugs, it seems. Five bags shuttled on and off frequently caused our only discomfort. The train stations in Germany and England were as clean as a hospital ward, but stations in France are dirty and as catastrophic as the lowest slums of Brooklyn.

In England one drives on the left hand side of the road, of course, but in Germany and France the autos move to the right. The superhighways in Germany are called *autobahns* and there seems to be no enforced speed limit. I suspect German drivers merely shut their eyes and push the pedal to the floor.

Incidentally, I have it on good authority that Germans set their priorities this way: first, their cars; secondly, their dogs; thirdly, their wives. Ooops— please don't write letters, I'm spoofing you. Actually the dogs often have first priority!

It is best to shut your eyes when riding in a taxi in Paris. You might die of fright. I observed that the auto horns there sound a little like loud baby chicks, or very nasal ducklings.

Munich (Muenchen), Germany-

They came all the way from Augsburg (one hour drive) and similarly distant 'burgs' to the special dance staged by the Dip 'n Divers for our visit to one of West Germany's largest cities: Munich, on the threshold of the southern section, the proud state of Bavaria (Bayern).

Club president Hans-Dieter Keh picked us up at the rain-stained train station (bahnhof) the night before the dance. He and Annaliese welcomed us in their home on the city perimeter, a

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Professional Profile Third in a Series

"I guess I'm just some kind of a frustrated, misplaced musician," confesses our Professional Profile personality, Don Williamson of Greeneville, Tennessee. Don is a caller, educator, and owner of Red Boot Records.

"My first music-drama teacher, way back in the first grade," Don recalls, "was none other than Minnie Pearl (Mrs. Henry Cannon) of Nashville fame. She was then a young teacher we knew as Miss Collie, who traveled around putting on shows at various schools. She is actually a very well-educated lady, but it doesn't come across in her role as Minnie Pearl."

Don is overly modest about his musical talents. He is an accomplished piano player and clarinetist. With a boyish grin he also claims to know three chords on the guitar. Actually, much of the excellent selection, arrangement, and production of the music for Red Boot points to Don's expertise. He and his son Stan aren't only supervising the musicians— quite often they are the musicians.

To all those in the square dance world who know him — callers who record on his label, leaders in Callerlab and LEGACY, fellow square dance business people who chat at his booth at the National Conventions, dancers who enjoy his calling at Fontana and other festivals— Don is known as the "southern gentleman."

In our many dealings with him, as editors, business associates and friends, we heartily agree with that reference. Don is a quiet, modest and very personable gentleman. More than that, he is a model of proficiency— a true caller's caller.



Don was associated with the world of music as long as he can remember. His mother "socked him on the stage in all kinds of productions even in pre-school years," he remembers.

"She put me into church music and I gained much experience in church choirs, and in my teens I traveled for three years with a gospel quartet."

Another side of Don Williamson, unknown to most, is his role in athletics. He played two years of professional baseball, as a shortstop, during college years and made All-American at the national semi-pro tournament in Wichita, Kansas, in 1956. He knew many of the big leaguers personally in those days.

Teaching was to be his vocation, and he graduated from East Tennessee State University with a degree in physical education, as well as acquiring a master's degree there. After teaching and coaching several years, he followed the late Louis Calhoun as city recreation director in Greeneville. Louis went on to Winston-Salem. Both Louis and A.B. Coleman of Kingsport influenced Don to go into part-time square dance calling.

"I really caught the fever on my first trip to Fontana," Don says, "and since then I have called at many Fontana festivals, as well as those in Baltimore, Asheville, Gatlinburg, Crossnore, Get-

tysburg and many more."

Don has been active in square dance organizational work, both on a state and national level. He has been a staff member of callers' colleges. He has called in most of the states, from New York to Hawaii and from Toronto to Key West. His range of calling ability encompasses programs for the mentally retarded (an every day professional involvement) as well as advanced and challenge programs for the high-frequency dancer. He is presently the Tennessee state recreation consultant for the mentally retarded.

He records on his own label, of

course, and recent releases are "Knee Deep in Loving You," "Oklahoma," "I Write the Songs," and the latest smash hit, "Do You Know Your Are My Sunshine."

Don and his wife, Mildred, conduct workshops in their own home dance hall and recording studio in College Hills, Greeneville. Their three children, Stan (22), Nancy (19) and Lisa (13) are totally involved in the activity. Callers will remember hoedowns by those three names. Stan is a professional musician who plays eight instruments, many of which are heard on Red Boot, through a process of "over-dubbing." He is an accomplished entertainer in his own right, and may soon appear on the national scene.

Don Williamson richly deserves the American Squaredance Professional Profile honor for early 1979. He is a dedicated leader who believes that square dancing is the best therapeutic and recreational pursuit possible for children and adults of all ages, whether or not they may have physical or mental handicaps.





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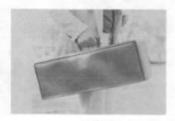
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Speculations from a Spectator



by Annette from Chatterbox, West Germany

Loving square dancing as I do, I enjoy everything about it. I even enjoy sitting out and watching it. Besides the obvious advantage of cooling down my toes, sitting out, I found, is full of lessons. By observing the floor, one reappraises, first, how beautiful square dancing is. One then realizes that some of the squares are particularly pleasant to watch, particulary smooth and neat, and a closer look soon reveals that what makes square dancing prettier in some squares is simply a question of timing. Oh, what a very difficult question timing! How does one learn it? Apparently, only through experience.

Watch a beginners' square (even the best dancers, those who never break down) and compare with an "older" square. Inevitably, the "young" ones rush, seem to have the hardest time completing their moves on time, and exert at least twice as much effort and perspiration as the other square. The "elders," on the other hand, dance in an easy and relaxed way, appear to move much less, and to have all the time in the world to complete the figures. What does it? Confidence, for one. The older dancers simply know they have time to take their time. The

newer dancers have been told, but still want to make sure. In the backs of their minds, there is still a bit (and sometimes a lot) of fear: fear not to be at the right place at the right time, fear of causing the square to break down, fear of not keeping up with the caller, fear of missing the next call. This fear builds up tension, prevents relaxation. Tension is contagious, and I have caught myself promenading furiously with clenched jaws just because someone was holding my hands in a nervous tight grip.

Sheer dancing practice is another factor. Long-time dancers have learned to save effort, to keep moves small, to close in and keep the square tight. New dancers cover an amazing amount of ground on a wheel and deal, take literally words like boys run, and actually break into a gallop, walk around the left-hand lady as if she were a ten-ton monument, and exert much more energy and heat than necessary.

Although I trust you have all learned this in your good old days of class, let me remind you of the basic rules that govern the dancers' timing. The beat determines your timing, not the caller,

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not the other people in the square. Listen to the music; do not concentrate 100% on the calls only. Your brain's capacities are immense and you are perfectly able to listen to the caller and the music and still remember who your corner is and where "home" happens to be.

Let the caller call ahead of you. He does not expect, nor wish, instant reaction!

Relax. When you hear the next call, you have at least a couple of beats to let it sink in, complete the previous move, and then start. On a wheel around, some couples whirl in so sharply that there you are, nose to nose, off balance on your heels, hanging on to the guy's bow-tie while waiting for the next call. Instant reactions, seen from outside, give the impression that the dancers are racing with the caller, catching up with him, and sometimes preceding him.

A little digression about the caller's timing: An experienced caller does not actually count the beats needed for each figure. Through practice, he has developed a pretty accurate "feel" for

the time needed by the dancers, and timing has become an automatic feature of his calling. Not so with a learning caller! The new caller has to think about an awful amount of things: projecting his voice, what to call next, timing, not dropping the mike while disentangling the cord from his left foot. In order to get his timing right and not let the dancers wait on one foot for the next call, the new caller will often watch a square out of the corner of his eye and adjust his timing to the dancers. If the dancers rush through the moves, the caller speeds up in order to stay ahead of them; the dancers then speed up in order to keep up with him, so the caller further accelerates to keep ahead. What a race!

Al Horn

We went through a tip like this the other day, and I ended up hot and flushed, weak with contained laughter, my hair in a mess and too pooped to pop. End of the digression and end of preach. Do try to remember to relax and listen to the music—I'll give you a wink the next time I see you across the square!



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Folk Dancing for Fun

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Webster's Dictionary defines dancing as "the rhythmic movement of the feet and body," and thus it is obvious that dancing must be as old as mankind itself. Records indicate that the ancient caveman danced around a fire or across the remains of a conquered beast or enemy. Even in ancient civilizations, dancing was used in religious rituals in the training of the young and in developing a means of artistic expression, as well as for pleasure.

Whenever members of alien primitive tribes sought closer acquaintance with each other, they asked one simple question in sign language. "What do you dance?" The reply was evident as each individual member performed his own dance, thus enabling them to become better acquainted with one another.

Later, more civilized men gathered in rural villages. Their primary source of recreation was dancing. Anytime people gathered together, whether for planting, harvesting, housewarmings or weddings, dancing was part of the occasion. Village dances were performed over and over, the older generation teaching the young. Gradually, within each country, a symbolic dance became associated with the culture of a people.

Even though the original purposes of these primitive dances disappeared, remnants of ancient rituals still persis-

by Ruth Adler Wanamassa, New Jersey

ted in such symbols as the Maypole (a fertility symbol), or an ear of wheat, and in a circle dance when the dancers moved about a sacred object, or symbolically encircled a demon for ultimate capture.

Educationally, folk dances are the treasures which comprise the dance culture of a country. The dances reflect the emotions, recreation, occupation and general life of the times. As an example, work themes were adapted and used in folk dancing. "La Raspa" is of Mexican origin. The dancers extend their arms back and forth to simulate a rasp sawing a tree or board. In "The Chimes of Dunkirk," a French Belgian circle dance, the stamps and clops represent the peel of bells. The charming Lithuanian dance "Ziogelis," describes a harvest story. The two-step portrays the romancing of the grasshoppers as they move through the rye. The Philippine dance, "Tinikling," tells the story of the long-legged tinikling bird as it runs through weeds and rice paddies. The natives try to catch the bird by hitting its legs with long poles. The dancers represent the bird and, occasionally, an ankle is caught in between the bamboo poles. The Swedish Hambo, Mexican Hat Dance, Highland Fling, Irish Jig, Hungarian Czardas, Minuet, Bolero (the Spanish national dance), all belong to the folk people of the country where it was originally created.

In America, we have folk dances which range from a Kentucky running set to Hull's Victory and Paw Paw Patch. The Chester Schottische originated in the park of the same name in Cincinnati, Ohio, and retains the gay flavor of the 1890's. "Here we go round the mulberry bush," a favorite with youngsters, is another folk dance, and so are the other square dance forms which have developed in America.

Whether it is danced out-of-doors, in a beer garden, barn or even a tent, folk dancing is the finest form of social dance in the sense that the society participates in a harmonious, traditional and mutually loyous activity. Dancers change partners frequently in a mixed group of people. Most of the dances can be learned quickly and when dancing figures that hail from Sweden, Poland, Bavaria and Hungary, no one can long keep senseless prejudices against any particular ethnic group. It enourages you to learn more about your foreign neighbors to help you understand their customs and beliefs. Of course, folk dancing enables you to develop courtesy, etiquette and other social attributes that contribute to your ability to meet and talk with other people.

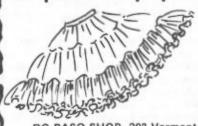
The tarantellas from Italy are fast and exacting and exhibit changing temperaments. The Cossack dances of Russia are fast and strenuous, indicating a vigorous people. England is known for her country dances with pattern work and war dances simulating the use of the sword. The Alpine people of Bavaria and the Tyrol perform their schuhplatters with clapping, stamping and kicking. The Israeli dance, "Mayim." means "water" in Hebrew and depicts the significance of water in the arid land of the Middle East.

Although folk dances may be highly complex, rich in detail and demanding of skill, they are not technically beyond the capabilities and endurance of the average person. Of course, the dance itself has to be learned, but no preliminary body training is necessary in order to achieve the end result.

The particular poise required in social dancing is not necessary in folk or square dancing, and as a result, the movements are graceful and relaxed, and not at all stilted because of tensenss in the body. Dancing in this manner imporves body posture, which lends dignity and grace, not only to the dancer, but to the dance itself. The dancing contributes to neuromuscular coordination, the development of a strong sense of rhythm and even spatial relationships, the latter accomplished when one is executing a complete turn of the body. It improves one's strength, agility, balance and endurance. The folk dancer does even more than exercise a set of muscles; he moves gracefuly and expressively in a fully integrated and coordinated manner. It is strenuous enough that if you do it regularly, it will contribute to your physical fitness and, unlike many other forms or exercise, it can be enjoyed throughout a person's lifetime.

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Tex and Dorothy Hencerling went to Amarillo, Texas, where they were stationed on their return, and made arrangements for what turned out to be the first of many reunions. They started the first Newsletter, using addresses of their friends and getting from them addresses of others.

The first annual Reunion of Overseas Dancers was held in Amarillo during the second week of August, 1963. Tex and Dorothy worked long and hard to make this reunion a success. The motel accomodations were excellent, there was a beautiful dance floor and the food was superb. Forty-four dancers, including eleven callers, attended. The callers also taught several easy rounds.

Successive reunions were held in Colorado Sarings (Dave and Lucille Fike)) Lond n, Ontario (Earl and Marie Bowles): S.n Antonio (Steve and Fran Stephens); Laconia, N. H. (Ralph and Evy Gero); Long Beach (Colin and Fran Annapolis (Jocko and Lil Manning); Singer Isle, Fla. (Colin and Peggy Walton); Ft. Collins, Co. (Ralph and VeVe Hay); Pocono Pines, Pa. (John and Freddie Kaltenthaler): Hot Springs, Ark. (Cal and Sharon Golden); Lorain, Ohio (John and Lil Bryant); Las Vegas (Lynn and Millie Mixer); Washington, D.C. (Bill and Kathi Higgins); Denton, Tx. (Jack and Fran Scott); and Colorado Springs (Len and Ellie Bergquist).

In 1979 the Reunion will be back in

the Pocono Mountains, Bartonsville, Pa., chaired by John and Freddie Kaltenthaler. In 1980 Western Hills Resort in Wagoner, Oklahoma, will be site of a reunion hosted by Ken and Pam Cranke. In 1981, the reunion site will be Illinois State Beach in Zion Park, with Bob and Liz Wilson. In 1982, it's back to Texas with a reunion at Austin, planned by Corky and Paulette Pell.

The overseas Dancer Association was born at the Florida reunion. Its sole function is to insure an annual reunion each year and to keep its members informed and in touch with one another. Its officers, with the exception of the president, are permanent until voted out or until they resign. The permanent officers consist of:

The treasurer and editor of the Newsletter also acts as membership chairman. Ted and Sonja Anthony hold this job.

General secretary and publicity chairmen are Steve and Fran Stephens. Ralph and VeVe Hay are back-ups for this position.

Historians are Julius and Miriam Nestor. Colin and Peggy Walton will become historians at the 1979 reunion.

Alfred and Isabella Rauch are the official photographers for the association. Alfred is extremely adept at catching one in unlikely positions and situations.

When attending reunions, be sure to check the history and the photograph albums.

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Strangest Game In Town



People of all ages, shapes and sizes mill around talking animatedly to friends and former strangers. The men are dressed in string ties and western shirts. Each has a hand towel dangling from his belt. The women look like they were outfitted in the early fifties with their colorful, wide-skirted dresses matched by bright crinolines and shoes. Everyone wears formal name tags and smiles and laughs a lot.

The loud speaker brings the room alive with hand-clapping, foot-tapping music and immediately people start bunching into teams of eight. They stand neatly in the form of a square color-coordinated pair facing in. All told, there are about ten teams on the floor. Some people are left on the sidelines to referee.

Next a man starts to talk through the music and tells everyone to *honor* their corners and partners. This is followed by much bowing and curtseying by the players. After this genial preliminary, The Man starts giving orders in a sort of sing-song voice (kind of a cross between an auctioneer and a weather recording) and everyone starts moving in different directions at once so that what was ten



visually distinct teams has now merged into one mass of perpetual motion. I don't envy the referees!

Seen from above, the scene on the floor resembles a child's kaleidoscope: a quickly changing array of brightly colored geometric patterns. While I can't tell the players without a scorecard, they all seem to know who's on their team and who's on first. It sounds like the 'heads' are against the 'sides' but it is hard to tell which group is winning. Obviously, one doesn't stand still in this sport. Is that because a moving target is harder to hit?

They must have a huge game plan book that everyone has memorized because what The Man is telling them to do is not plain of everyday English!

Relay the deucey! (What the deuce is a deucey?)

Load the boat! (What boat? I don't see any boats.)

Pass and roll your neighbor! (Here? In front of God and everybody?)

Usually everyone is smiling and laughing and kicking up their heels and clapping their hands for more. But there sure is a lot of arguing when The Man tells them to slip, slide, swing, slip and

slither. (For once the referees aren't much help either— they're all bent double laughing.) On the other hand, you'd think it was V-Day the way everyone gets all cozy whenever he mentions yellow rock.

Now and then The Man throws in some good-sounding defensive moves: zig zag, scoot and dodge, explode the line, scoot and ramble. I suspect though, this contest would end a lot quicker if they didn't keep getting sidetracked in all those stars and tops and diamonds and circles.

The game is broken up into several periods of activity called "tips" which last, near as I can tell, until The Man runs out of ideas. Then everyone takes a five-to-ten minute break while he gets his wind back. As soon as the needle hits the platter again though, those color-crazy idiots are back on the floor waving to everyone that they're ready to play again and forming up new teams. Strangest game I ever saw! Guess I shouldn't knock it...everyone laughs a lot. Sometimes a whole team will stop

playing for a while and giggle like a bunch of kids at recess. Every now and then the whole floor will boo-hiss The Man goodnaturedly and he will take it in stride and tell them not to be mean.

Other than a common knowledge of the game, the only traits these people seem to share is that they can all put one foot in front of the other with a high degree of accuracy and they are quite adept at telling their lefts from their rights with only a second's hesitation. (Well, nine times out of ten, anyway.)

I never did see any rule book, but I found someone carrying around a set of Ten Commandments that said, in effect, "Thou shalt have fun and not fight." "Roughness is the mark of ignorance," according to another paper entitled, "Manners." (True enough, this game appears to be a most graceful and gentlemanly pastime which all ages enjoy.) But when I saw the game plan book with its 2500 moves, I got to thinking maybe I ought to take up something easier. Anyone for bridge or chess?



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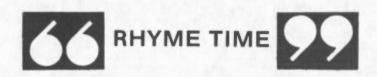
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Some people move to find themselves; Some move to lose their way. Some move to face what lies ahead; Some move toward yesterday.

Dome people move to glimpse a goal. Some move to save a dream. Some move to gain a better wage. Some move to join a team.

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How come blocks?

George, who has called for squares all over the country for the last seventeen years, uses blocks to work out the movements of dancers when new figures are introduced into square dancing.

The Petersons are an amazing couple. Neither have had formal training in square or round dancing. Yet both are teachers with infinite patience and ability. George was determined to become a caller even before he mastered the basics in square dancing, back on the farm near Ionia, Michigan.

"I just knew that I would call square dances from the time I went to my first class," George said. "I was practicing calling while attending the dance class.

"I always liked country music and that's the background for square dancing. Particularly, the singing calls, where about 90 per cent are country tunes."

Helping George along the trail to becoming a leading caller were two particular friends. Joe Lewis, a Texan, was his model for keeping the calls to music.

The other was a frequent visitor to these parts, Singing Sam Mitchell, who was in the Michigan area when George started.

"Sam started me on the road," George said. "He got me some of my first dates in the outlying areas of the country. But when you get started, it's up to you."

Starting in 1961, Peterson was off and running. He became a busy traveller, calling regularly for some fifty clubs and making occasional stops at others. Since moving to Ozark Acres a couple of years ago, George has cut down on the length

of his trips, but not on the busy schedule. Between classes, workshops and dances, the Petersons are in action at ten sessions every seven days. Regular calling duties at Ozark Acres, Horseshoe Bend, Pocahontas and Cherokee Village keep both Petersons busy. Toots handles a huge class each Sunday at Horseshoe Bend and another at the Acres. She also aids in teaching classes and workshops at all the clubs.

"I had my first class as a teacher in 1961," George said. There were six squares and we taught them in our garage. Toots started teaching round dances at the same time."

Having a complete "dance team" is a boon to the Petersons. "Today when they want a square dance they also want round dancing," George asserted. "We can give them both."

Peterson has been a recording artist for the last dozen years, waxing his rich baritone in singing calls. He is having a difficult time these days working in a recording session because of his busy schedule.

Both Toots and George are from Ionia, a little town in west central Michigan. "I met Toots there and we were married there," George said. "It's been a good 25 years for us."

George spent most of his adult life in and around Ionia except for a stint in World War II and during his travels as a caller. Another Ozark Acres couple, Sam and Ina McNitt, former Michigan residents, were instrumental in bringing the Petersons to Arkansas.

"The real reason I left Michigan was to get away from the eight months of winter up there," George said. "the McNitts brought me down there and I liked what I saw, except for the first two winters we spent here. They were shorter, however."

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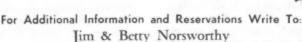
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As the years went by, many new record labels appeared, and many disappeared. The painful lesson that record producers had to learn was that the market for dance records is extremely limited. Virtually the only people who buy square dance records are callers. Those who buy round dance records are teachers and certain dancers for home practice. This limited market, plus the high costs of producing recorded music, results in very high retail prices for dance records and

excludes them from regular record shops.

In recent years, there has been an explosion of new square dance record labels, plus the introduction of ballroom records into the round dance field. Some of these labels have had very good and very sophisticated music so they have sold quite well. However, each new label cuts up the limited market into smaller and smaller pieces for each record producer, again resulting in higher costs. The overall market grows slowly as more people become involved in dancing, but it does not grow quickly enough to accomodate the number of new record labels which continue to appear.

If the present trend continues, it would seem that ultimately every active square dance caller will have his own record label. No more music tunes will be available because they will all have been recorded by the many labels. Customers will be extremely selective since they can buy only a few of the thirty to forty monthly releases which would become available. Such a situation is great for competition but destroys any possibility of profit for record producers.

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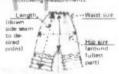
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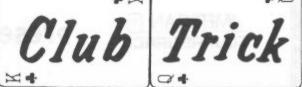
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We shall never forget the welcome we received in Tulsa when we arrived. They laid on a real live tornado for us. These Okie dancers do everything in a big way because they've got bit hearts. Listen, gang, when we come in 1980, let's go easy on the weather!

Continuing our journey, we went to the National S/D Convention, taking our English weather with us, and there were introduced to a real friendly lot of people who went under the alias of the Overseas Dancers. We are going back in 1980 for the OK Reunion (when we have cleared the credit accounts for this year's shopping). We did enjoy the rodeo and supported the cows against the cowboys, and roared with laughter when the cows won. We were introduced to the famous mule riders. "Short-leg Cranke" (Host Ken) and his partner "Hang-on Davis."

The Darling Squares hosted us in Enid. They really are aptly named. The presented our group with a linen bag filled with all sorts of goodies and the club badge on the front. In Enid we came across an interesting item called "growing rocks" or magic rocks. We finally found a store selling them on the road between Enid and Bonheim. Mine at home are doing fine. They are definitely a conversation piece. We then pressed on to Bonheim (Texas) and arrived late as usual. The weather on that day reached a new high and continued breaking all records all the time we were there. We did suffer from heat exhaustion and one of us had to be treated by a vet. We next went to Fort Worth, where we ran up against that crowd again and were promptly spoiled. We danced at the Swingtime Center. Fantastic place! if only we something like that over here. We all had a wonderful time and Cris Vear hasn't changed a lot. He still finds time to talk to the dancers.

We then spent a day at Six Flags over Texas. Out of this world, but so was the weather. We were glad to get back into air-conditioning, and head back to our house in America.

We close with a special thank you to Pam and Ken Cranke, whose organizing of our trip was fantastic. If any of you come to England, "Y'all come and see Fred & Jean Clayton

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From adjacent columns of four, facing opposite directions, the lead two dancers in each column peel off, circulate half as a couple and then bend as a couple to face in. The trailing two dancers extend (to a half tag formation), trade and roll. The movement ends in a double pass thru formation. Examples to use, from 1P2P lines, are:

Curlique, two steps at a time
Double pass thru, first couple left
Next couple right, slide thru
Square thru three-quarters
Left allemande..........

Pass thru, wheel and deal
Outsides squeeze in, make a line
Curlique, two steps at a time
Boys pass thru, touch a quarter
Scoot back, grand right and left....

Callerlab has recently completed its election to the Board of Governors for

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terms beginning next April. More than 61% of the membership voted and the successful candidates elected are: Marshall Flippo, Abilene, Texas; Cal Golden, Hot Springs, Arkansas; Melton Luttrell, Fort Worth, Texas; Angus McMorran, Ottawa, Canada; Bob Page, Fremont, California; Jerry Schatzer, Cromwell, Connecticut.

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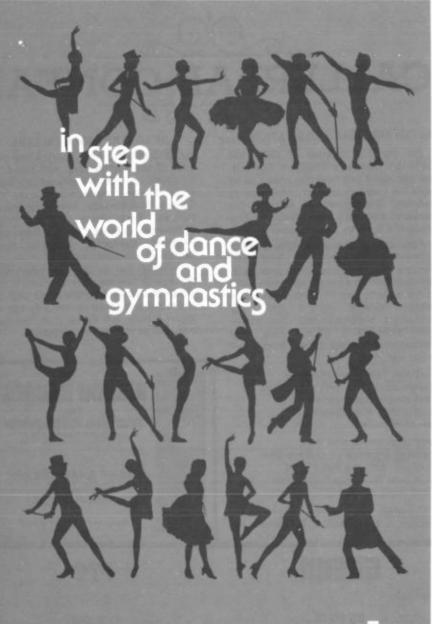
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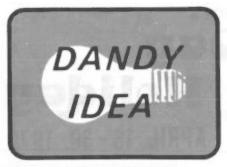
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- Do not walk through a formed set.
- Do not leave a set that is formed or partially formed to join another set.
- 3. Thank the lady (not her husband or escort) for the dance.
- Be friendly with everyone; it will make you more popular than perfect dancing.
- 5. Don't take your dancing too seriously; mistakes are half the fun. If someone "goofs" just laugh it off and keep going.
- 6. Do NOT try to give instructions in your set at the same time your caller is instructing.
- 7. Avoid roughness, be polite, have fun. Above all, remember there is no limit to the fun of square dancing.

Some ethics for callers who recognize visiting callers among their dance guests are suggested by Don Armstrong. High on the list of undesirables is the caller who constantly visits every dance within his reach for the sole purpose of being invited to call. In contrast to that eager beaver is the visiting caller who honestly desires only to dance and enjoy himself.

If the caller in charge wants a visitor to call he should: 1. Ask him to call in advance, never over the mike without warning; 2. Tactfully suggest a dance suitable to the dancers; 3. Accept a sincere refusal graciously; and 4. Assist the guest in every way to do a good job.

The visiting caller should recognize definite responsibilities toward his host, among them: 1. If asked to call, accept or decline definitely; don't wait to be

coaxed; 2. Unless requested to do so, don't call anything requiring teaching; choose a dance within the limits of the average dancer on the floor; 3. Don't try to take over the program— call the dance, thank the caller and dancers, and get back on the floor; and 4. In general, abide by the same rules of conduct when a guest in another's home.

"I Squared in Britain," writes Al Rosenberg, and describes the recent flourishing of American-style square dancing since the publicity stemming from Princess Elizabeth's square dancing during her visit to Canada, Trying to solve problems caused by a general misconception of square dancing as presented by radio and newspapers, the acrobatic convolutions of some square dance contests, and the difficulty of obtaining good square dance records, the London Square Dancing Association has published an official handbook. following the custom of the highly organized British Dancing Association. A series of lists has been developed to distinguish levels of dancing known as Bronze, Silver and Gold Medal tests. Each level has basic dance movements that are required, as well as specific dances that must be mastered. Rules for entrants number fourteen, and the final rule is. "The examiner's decision is final." (And we thought we were standardized!)

TEN YEARS AGO- January 1969

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Four ladies chain three-quarters Sides half square thru, swing thru Spin the top, right and left thru, Pass thru, partner trade and roll Grand right and left.....

Heads curlique, boys run
Ocean wave, cast off three-quarters
Centers trade, swing thru, cast off 3/4
Boys trade, swing thru
Right and left thru, dive thru
Square thru three-quarters
Left allemande...........

Sides right and left thru,
Heads pass thru round one to a line
Pass thru, wheel and deal
Double pass thru, track two
Cast off three-quarters, recycle
Pass thru, trade by, left allemande......

Sides right and left thru, heads rollaway Pass thru, go round two to a line Pass thru, wheel and deal Double pass thru, track two, cast off 3/4 Recycle, left allemande......... Four ladies chain, heads pass the ocean Extend the tag, swing thru, boys run Boys circulate, wheel and deal Pass thru, trade by, swing thru Boys run, boys circulate, wheel and deal Ocean wave, girls trade, recycle Left allemande...........

Side ladies chain,
Heads square thru four, swing thru
Boys run, boys circulate, wheel and deal
Pass thru, trade by, swing thru
Boys run, boys circulate
Wheel and deal, circle four to a line
Left allemande......

Heads pass the ocean, extend the tag Swing thru, boys run, boys circulate Boys trade, wheel and deal Circle four to a line, star thru Pass thru, left allemande......

Heads spin the top, centers trade
Star thru, separate round one to a line
Star thru, centers spin the top
Centers trade and star thru
Right and left thru, dive thru
Zoom, centers spin the top
Centers trade and star thru
Left allemande...........

Heads square thru four, ocean wave Recycle, pass thru, trade by Ocean wave, recycle, left allemande.....

Sides rollaway, heads square thru four Chean wave, recycle, star thru Couples circulate, wheel and deal Ocean waves, girls trade, recycle Left allemande......

Heads rollaway, square thru four Ocean waves, recycle, star thru Wheel and deal, pass to the center Square thru three-quarters Left allemande......

Heads square thru four, swing thru Recycle, pass thru, trade by Swing thru, recycle, pass thru Trade by, left allemande......

Sides rollaway, heads square thru four Swing thru, recycle, square thru ¾ Trade by, swing thru, recycle Touch a quarter, centers trade, Walk and dodge, partner trade Pass thru, wheel and deal Centers pass thru, left allemande......

Heads rollaway, square thru four Swing thru, recycle, touch a quarter Centers trade, walk and dodge Partner trade, pass thru, wheel and deal Centers pass thru, left allemande......

Sides rollaway, heads square thru four Ocean wave, ends circulate, Centers trade, centers run Bend the line, star thru, track two Recycle, pass thru, trade by Pass thru, left allemande

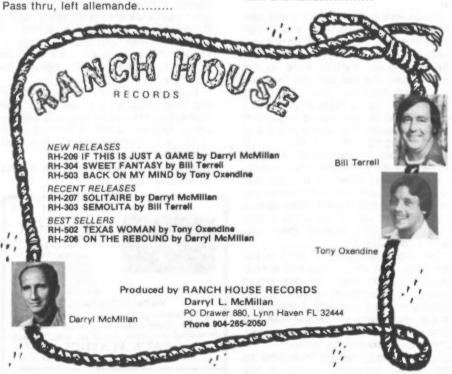
Sides rollaway, heads square thru four Swing thru, circulate, centers trade Centers run, new centers cross run Boys fold, star thru, wheel and deal Centers square thru three-quarters Left allemande.

Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass the ocean, circulate, recycle Touch a quarter, scoot back, boys fold Two ladies chain, pass thru, Wheel and deal, star thru Others lead right, left allemande.......

Heads star thru, boys only zoom
Centers make a wave
Ping pong circulate, recycle
Pass thru, square thru three-quarters
Left allemande......

Heads star thru, girls only zoom, Double pass thru, track two, recycle Left allemande.....

Sides rollaway, heads square thru four Boys only touch a quarter Girls face the boys, center boys run left All star thru, swing thru, boys run Girls trade, wheel and deal Left allemande.........





On a recent calling tour, we noted dancers doing the see saw as a "butterfly balance," with hands up and rocking from side to side. Their timing was off and they had a difficult time getting into the next maneuver in the singing call. They were really having a hard time, although basically the dance was very easy.

The dance was not an especially large one and a large percentage of the dancers were doing this, so I couldn't really ignore it. I stopped the dance long enough to explain that this was my #1 pet peeve. I do not usually comment on the liberties dancers take with some calls, but this one I just had to comment on

I explained to them that the see saw done properly would take about four beats of music; the one they were using takes two at most. This was throwing their timing off. Further more, in the singing call, the see saw led the men into a star; the figure they were doing left the men facing the wrong direction and they had to turn around to get into position. I asked them to try it my way for the singing call and see how it worked. They all cooperated and the whole floor did the entire dance with no more difficulty. After the number was over, several came up and thanked me for explaining this to them. They said no one had ever shown them the difference, but I can't imagine their area callers not doing so.

One other pet peeve of mine is the slide step that often turns into a hop, being done by many on the grand square. It is a shame to ruin an old movement that is so pretty. I object also to the promenade where the men put their arms around the ladies' shoulders (the old Varsouvienna position). Too often men end up resting their arms on the ladies' shoulders. When I see

much of this, I just cannot resist calling a couples backtrack and watch them struggle! They don't realize that this is an old position that standardization did away with.

Areas differ, of course, but I do see a lot of do-sa-dos being done as a walk-around swing. I don't worry about this— it is wrong but no great harm is done and it seems to be another "phase" we are passing through. However, when you do this do-sa-do and swing is the next call, it must seem odd and maybe even a bit confusing.

I recently called a festival that was small. Many of us would expect at least that many dancers at regular club dances. I had to admire the spirit the dancers had. They were really enjoying their "festival." I remarked to a club member that they probably would have had a larger crowd if the weather hadn't turned bad. He replied, "Oh, this is just fine. Last year we were too crowded." I had called that one too, and I didn't realize they felt crowded. However, before the evening was over, I heard myself making the remark, "This is what square dancing is all about, just a bunch of friends having a good time." I said it, and then realized that, by golly, I meant it. Too often we strive for large crowds and put too much emphasis on numbers.

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- Join the local area association to get acquainted.
- Contact the "Y," local industries, park board to determine whether they can use you in their recreational plans.
- If the area seems saturated, check nearby communities for opportunities.
- Suggest beginner lessons for organizations listed above, plus PTA's and retirement complexes.
- Advertise in the paper and local square/round dance magazines for bookings.
- Advertize in paper and magazines for beginner lessons.
- Visit dances with your records and request a spot.

These actions were graded on a point system, and represent the thoughts of Reed Moody, Bob Silvey, Ted Vaile, Bill Wallace, George Wiseman and Johnny Wykoff of the Indiana Square Dance Callers Association. The point count per action is: 1. 36 points, 2. 22 points, 3. 20 points, 4. 18 points, 5. 11 points, 6. 5 points, 7. 3 points. How do you rate?

Round dance leaders, of course, have the additional option of approaching clubs which are not presently dancing rounds.

There were four other options offered which, for obvious reasons, did not arouse much enthusiasm. Unfortunately, all have been known to happen:

- 1. Try to find out the names of club officers and ask to be booked. (OK if club has not a regular caller or cuer.)
- Visit dances and get acquainted with secretaries. Try to get membership lists, plan a big dance and mail flyers, If successful, form a club.
- 3. Point out various callers' weaknesses to club officers.
- 4. Find out which clubs have regular callers and offer to work more cheaply.

The additional comments boiled down to the thought that by helping the activity, we best help ourselves, and that integrity and the practice of moral principles are a must for the advancement of square dancing.

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RR121 BOOGIE GRASS BAND by Wade Driver

RR122 I'M GONNA FIND WHERE I CAN by Pat Barbour

RR123 IT'S BEEN A GREAT AFTERNOON by Wade Driver

RR124 SHADOW OF YOUR SMILE by Wade Driver

RR125 RHYTHM OF THE RAIN by Bob Baler

RR126 SUMMERTIME by Wade Driver

RR127 READY FOR THE TIMES TO GET BETTER by Wade Driver

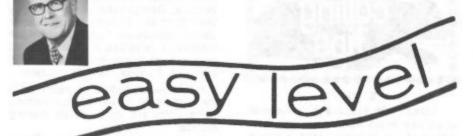
RR128 TODAY I STARTED LOVING YOU AGAIN by Wade Driver

RR130 WHO AM I TO SAY by Kip Garvey

RR131 MUSIC IS MY WOMAN by Ernie Kinney

RHYTHM ROUNDS

RR503 LISTEN TO A COUNTRY SONG by Dave & Nita Smith



From Albuquerque, Bill Litchman contributes a little mixer which has an appropriate name for New Year's Eve. This dance gives everyone the chance to do their own thing.

INSTANT MIX

FORMATION: Couples facing LOD, open position

SUGGESTED MUSIC: FLK Progression- Folkraft #745-1287B

COUNTS

- 8 Walk forward 8 steps
- 4 Face partner and back away 4 steps.
- 4 Do your own thing (4 counts of your own step: two-step, jive, hustle, Charleston)
- 4 Walk forward 4 steps to new partner on the right (original corner)
- 4 Holding both hands with palms toward new partner, palms together, lean to man's left (2 counts) and then to the man's right (2 counts)
- 8 Swing new partner, ending facing line of dance (LOD), open position.



Nell Preamble, who spends her summers in Willowick, Ohio, and winters in Ft. Lauderdale, taught me this little gem last month. Again, this has an appropriate title for some New Year's Eve revelers who may need a......

CAB DRIVER

FORMATION: Solo dance.

MUSIC: Cab Driver- Goldeis 45 P2758, by Mills Bros.

FOOTWORK: Begin on left foot (moving slightly backward)

- 1. Lean to the left, lean to the right, Repeat,
- Two step to left, two step to right. Repeat. (On words cab driver.)
- Lean left and touch left elbow with right hand (palms down). The left arm is bent and the hand is pointed up. Lean right and touch right elbow with left hand as above. Repeat.
- Using a double shoveling movement with arms, do a two step diagonally forward and left. Do double shovel movement and two step to right. Repeat.
- Put hands to the back in skaters' position. Skate left with gliding step. Skate right with gliding step. Repeat.
- 6. Run three steps forward and kick forward on the right foot.
- 7. Back up in three quick steps and begin again.

Here's a smoothy to start your New Year off. Mona Cannell got the dance from Harry Tock of Grand Forks, N.D.She say it is enjoyed by Mainstream dancers as well as her "low frequency" dancers as well.

THE BIG DIPPER QUADRILLE

MUSIC: Wheels, by Billy Vaughn; Dot 45-102 or Dot 45-16174

FORMATION: Square (This is a grand square formation)

Intro - - - - Big Dipper (cadence call the rest) Heads star thru, back over two; sides star thru and back away

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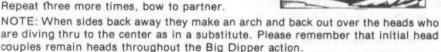
(Same) heads star thru, back over two; sides star thru and back away:

(Same) heads star thru, back over two) sides star thru, and four ladies chain;

- - - - - chain back

-. - Promenade (partnr)

All the way round - -, - -- - - -, - - Big Dipper



Our contra this month comes from Bruce Bird of Shawnee, Kansas, Some may question putting it in the "Easy Level" section; however, if the traditionalists will research spin chain thru they will find a most enjoyable and smooth-flowing movement with a little spice in the method of progression. We like it.

OVERLAND SPINNER

FORMATION: Alternate duple (1, 3, 5, etc. crossed and active)

Actives center do-sa-do

9-16 With the one below, do-sa-do (make a wave)

A wave is formed with girls in center, boys on end. Actives face down.

17-32 Spin chain thru

33-36 Boys run

37-40 Bend the line

41-48 Slant right, two ladies chain

49-56 Flutter wheel straight across

57-64 Pass thru and U-turn back





Danny Thomas



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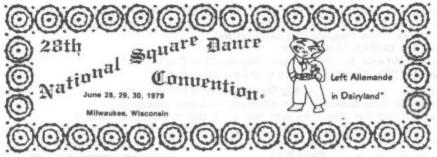
MEL-103 AFTER THE BALL by Bob Ferrell MEL-104 CAROLINA SUNSHINE MAID by Harold Thomas MEL-105 SLIPPING AWAY by Harold Thomas MEL-106 MANJO HOEDOWN by Melody Men MEL-107 LOOKOUT MT. by Jerry Biggerstaff MEL-108 I CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER by Harold Thomas MEL-109 DON JUAN by Danny Thomas TWO NEW SINGING CALLS BY BOB FERRELL

WE BELIEVE IN HAPPY ENDINGS LOVE OR SOMETHING LIKE IT GOT A HOLD ON ME



Bob Ferrell Jerry Biggerstatt





Frills at a national convention are the "frosting on the cake" that make a memorable event. The 28th National Square Dance Convention to be held on June 28, 29 and 30 at the completely air-conditioned MECCA Civic Center in downtown Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is no exception. Wisconsin committees have planned unique and fun events that are the prime ingredients of pleasant memories.

COOKBOOK

Speaking of ingredients, the Dairyland Cookbook will provide memories of the tastes and smells of Wisconsin long after folks have returned home. Your convention memories can be renewed as you travel through Wisconsin via America's Dairyland Cookbook.

Recipes were contributed by square dancers from all over Wisconsin, the National Executive Committee members and other distinguished persons. There is a special chapter for dairy recipes that reflect one of Wisconsin's major industries, as well as a section on microwave cookery. Cookbooks are \$4.50 and can be ordered on the registration form following this article.

DAIRYLAND SEWING CENTER

Another frill at the convention is the Sewing Center, to be open from 10 AM to 4 PM daily. Panel speakers will address the following topics: Look Neat with 'Nits, The Total Look, Perfect Plaid and Super Stripes, The Finest Fit, Brighten your Way with Applique, Western Shirt Styles. The regular features of pattern tracing, door prizes, mini-demonstrations and displays on capes, zippers and grippers, hemmers and rufflers, petticoat totes, badge purses and pettipants will also be part of the program. Emergency clothing

repairs can be made here, too.

STYLE SHOW

Viewers will be treated to a pageant of fashions in "Wonderful, Winsome Wisconsin." You will travel through the state in settings that range from the fun and frolic of a circus to the serene beauty of a northwoods lake. Models have been selected from dancers around the country. This free fashion show will be shown Saturday, June 30, at 1 PM in the 9000 elevated seat Arena in MECCA.

GEMUETLICHKEIT

What better way to round out the unique events in Wisconsin than to feast at a German Gemuetlichkeit. This special event will be held Saturday, June 30 from 11 AM to 8 PM at Turner Hall in downtown Milwaukee. Turner Hall dates back to 1883 when it was a major social and cultural center of Old Milwaukee.

Gemeutlichkeit is a German word that defies exact translation, but means good surroundings, good friends, good times. It suggests the good life we have and our pleasures in sharing it with others. That you will be able to do by partaking of the sumptuous buffet of Turner meatballs, sauerbraten and red cabbage, pork shanks and sauerkraut, as well as knochwurst, bratwurst and other German sausages. Make sure you save room for an irresistible strudel or torte, too!

Register today for the Gemuetlichkeit. The price per person is \$7.50, including tax and gratuities, and those who preregister will get first priority.

PROGRAMMING DEADLINE

Callers are reminded that February 15, 1979, is the programming deadline. This deadline is for all callers, leaders,

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NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION — HOTEL/MOTEL SELECTIONS
Rates are subject to tax; also subject to change. Surcharge of \$1.00 per nite, per room, is included

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No.	% Tax	Singles	Doubles	Twins	Doubles	Suites
1	AMBASSADOR HOTEL (2)	\$14-16	\$18-22	\$18-22	S20-24	
2	ASTOR HOTEL (2) 9	14-16	17-19	21-23	25-30	\$35
3	CONTINENTAL MOTEL (2) 9	20-22	25-27	27-30	31-38	400
4	EXEL INN 10	15-17	19-21	23-25	28-32	
5	HARBORSIDE MOTOR INN (1,2,3,4)	24-26	29-31	29-31	34-39	
6	MILWAUKEE RIVER HILTON INN (2,3) 9	36-38	43-45	43-45	50-60	
7	HOLIDAY INN CENTRAL (1,2,3,4) 9	30-35	38-44	38-44	44-50	
8	HOLIDAY INN NORTHEAST (1,2,3,4) 9	28-33	37-43	37-43	43-49	
9	HOLIDAY INN SOUTH-AIRPORT (1,2,3) 9	27-31	33-38	33-38	38-44	
10	HOLIDAY INN WEST (1,2,3,4) 10	29-35	36-41	36-41	41-47	
11	HOLIDAY INN KENOSHA (1,2,3,4) 4	27-29	41-43	41-43	47-49	
12	HOLIDAY INN MENOMONEE FALLS (1,2,3,4) . 4	26-28	31-33	31-33	33-40	
13	HOLIDAY INN WAUKESHA (2,3,4)	32-34	36-38	36-38	38-44	
14	HOWARD JOHNSON'S, Layton Avenue (1,2,3) 9	27-30	31-35	31-35	40-55	
15	HOWARD JOHNSON'S, Mayfair Road (1,2,3) . 10	27-30	31-35	31-35	40-55	
16	HYATT LODGE 9	20-22	23-25	25-27		
17	MIDWAY MOTOR LODGE, Mayfair Road (2,3) 10	33-35	43-47	43-47	47-53	
18	MIDWAY MOTOR LODGE, Airport 9	32-34	42-44	42-44	46-55	
19	MOTEL '6'	10-13	15-18	18-20	19-25	
20	NEW MILWAUKEE INN (1) 9		32-34	32-34	34-38	70
21	OLYMPIA RESORT (1,2) 4	49-51	56-58	56-58	58-65	65-105
22	PFISTER HOTEL & TOWER (2,3) 9	38-43	46-49	46-49	53-63	85-250
23	PLANKINTON HOUSE (2) 9	24-26	28-30	28-30	30-35	48-58
24	RAMADA INN AIRPORT (1,2,3)	29-30	34-36	34-36	40-45	
25	RAMADA SANDS (1,2,3)10	26-28	35-37	35-37	40-45	
26	RED CARPET HOTEL (1,2,3,4) 9	34-36	40-42	40-42	45-50	100-200
27	ROAD STAR INN 9	22-24	23-25	25-27		
28	SHERATON MAYFAIR (1,2,3) 10	35-37	41-43	41-43	47-55	
29	STEEPLE CHASE INN (1) 4	32-34	37-39	37-39	43-47	
30	SUBURBAN MOTOR INN 9	17-19	20-22	20-22	24-28	
31	TOWNE HOTEL (2)	14-16	18-20	19-21		
32	WEST ALLIS INN (1,2) 9	27-29	35-37	35-37	40-45	
33	WOODS VIEW MOTEL (2,3)	20-22	23-25	23-25	30-35	
34	WISCONSIN HOTEL (2) 9	20-22	24-26	26-28	32-38	36-46

DORMITORY HOUSING

Code No.		Singles	Twins	Suites
35	UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, Sandburg Hall MILWAUKEE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING (MSOE)	\$10	\$18	\$32
36	Roy W. Johnson Hall	6.50	13	
37	Margaret Loock Hall	6.50	13	
	MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY			
38	Cobeen Hall	11	22	
39	O'Donnell Hall	11	22	
40	West Hall	21	42	
	(formerly a Holiday Inn, all motel conveniences)			
41	*Y.M.C.A., 915 W. Wisconsin Ave. (1,2,3)	11-15		

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'Group rates available.

^{2.} Cocktail Lounge and Bar

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FOR HOUSING OR CAMPING, COMPLETE THE ADVANCED HOUSING REQUEST BELOW

Please do not send a Housing Deposit with this Application
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2nd Choice
1st Choice
NAME OF HOTEL-MOTEL
Suite(s) with two bedrooms
Suite(s) with one bedroom
Room(s) with twin beds for two persons (Twin)
Room(s) with full size bed for one person (Single)
Room(s) with two double beds for 2, 3 or 4 (Dbl-Dbl)
Room(s) with one double bed for two persons (Double)
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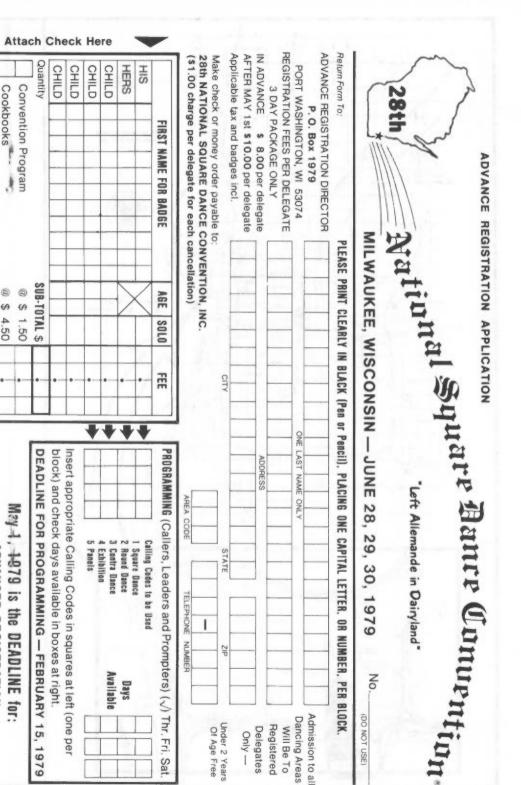
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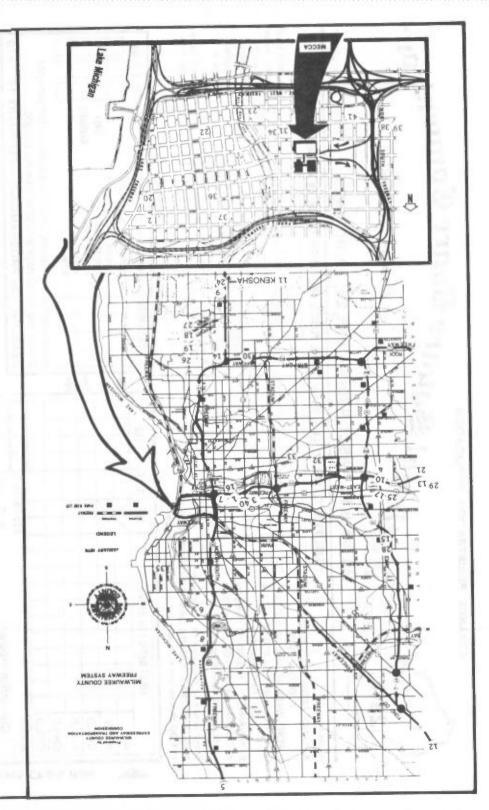
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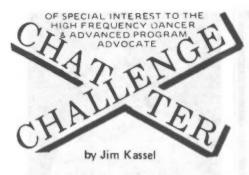
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can be guaranteed. Hotels, Motels will confirm reservations and advise making deposit

All reservations will be made on a "First Come, First Served" basis. No minimum rates







The Holiday Season is upon us and when you read this we hope you will have had happy holidays. We are looking toward a milder winter and less cancellation of dances and activities than we've had over the past two winters. We hope they haven't scared many of you away from planning and scheduling normal winter events. We in some cases in Pennsylvania this has happened with clubs and visiting callers. Guess we are just becoming more cautious and then there are those escalating prices and high, high utility bills. Of course we have no answers, just a statement of facts. If we had dancers seeking a high level of dancing in the way industry and labor continually seek higher prices and wages, we would be swamped.

CHICAGO

We would like to introduce you to a new Challenge group in the Chicago area, the Pollywogs. We were formed to further fun and friendships at the challenge level. Many good dances are coming up in the near future with callers Dewy Berry, Jeff Barch, Mike Jacobs and Ross Howell. Anyone who will be in the area is most welcome. Pollywogs are dancing C2 level with computer squares. For further information please call or write Pollywogs, 7243 S. Campbell Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60629, 312-848-4208 or 312-763-0137.

ALBUQUERQUE

A new square dance organization, Advanced and Challenge Enthusiasts of the Southwest (ACES) has been formed at Albuquerque, New Mexico. Membership is open to any dancers who are interested in advanced and challenge dancing. The present membership consists of about fifty couples. Most members are from Albuquerque but there are several from Santa Fe as well as Colorado and Texas. The purpose of the organization is to unite the resources of the various small clubs and tape groups to promote advanced and challenge dancing in the area. The initial activities of the ACES are the publication of newsletters with information on local advanced and challenge dances and the collection of information about the various tape groups and clubs to be made available to interested dancers. For further information call 505-292-2145

DALLAS, TEXAS

Dallas Pioneers invite all advanced to C-1 level dancers who visit the area to call 214-337-3740 (Watson and Velva Crumbie) if you're looking for this level of dancing. In the near future they have John Marshall, Dave Lightly and Jerry Schatzer, as well as their regular callers Tim Ploch and Dave Smith on first and third Saturdays.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.

Rusty's Renegades dance every Sunday evening from Labor Day to Memorial Day and every Monday throughout the summer. They dance C-1 to C-2 in the basement of St. Bernadette's church in New Haven. Rusty McLean is the caller. Art and Carla Gage are contacts (203-488-5306).

LAST MONTH'S PUZZLE ANSWERS

1. Karen Upton, Dan Grant

2. Jane Trent, Bill Frost

Mary Smith, Alan Hole
 Leona Robbins, Charlie Egan

THE CHALLENGE SQUARE DANCING

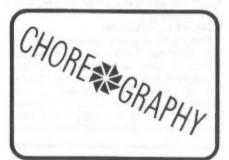
HANDBOOK

by Clark Baker

At last, a book that explains all the concepts, naming conventions, formations, extensions and variations that are in common use in today's Advanced and Challenge dancing. This book will help tape group leaders, callers and dancers understand the concepts that they run across while dancing. It covers all levels of dancing from Mainstream through Advanced, C1, C2, C3, and even C4. The revised second edition is 113 pages. To order your copy, send \$6.00 to Clark Baker 550 Memorial Dr. 12B2, Cambridge MA 02139

WORK-SHOP BY WILLARD ORLICH





Looking for "beginner" APD figures? Try these for the graduate:

Head two gents and the corner girls
Go forward up and back, square thru
Count four hands go full around
Split those two, around one
Corners all left allemande.......

Side couples star thru, pass thru, Star thru, pass thru, U-turn back Star thru, California twirl, insides arch Dive thru, pass thru, star thru California twirl and face your partner Allemande left..........

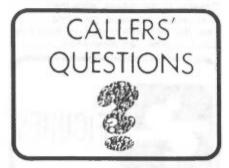
Side ladies chain across the track #1 couple stand back to back Your corner box the gnat New head couples crosstrail thru Separate around two, hook on the ends
Forward eight and back, star thru
Boys star left, girls star right
Turn those two stars round about
Any boy pick up your maid
Rest all follow, star promenade
Head two couples wheel around
Right and left thru, crosstrail thru
Find your corner, left allemande.......
Side couples square thru four hands
Split the outsides, round one,
Line up four, forward eight
Back again, pass thru, centers arch
Ends turn in, circle four, go full around
Then pass thru, split the outsides
Round one and line up four

Round one and line up four
Forward eight and back again, pass thru
Centers arch, ends turn in
Center four go full around, pass thru
To a left allemande.......

Head couples half sashay, lead to right Circle, ladies break and line up four Forward eight and back, pass thru Centers arch, ends turn in Square thru three-quarters, split men Line up four, forward eight and back Bend the line, pass thru, centers arch Ends turn in, square thru ¾ around Split the ladies and line up four Forward eight and back, pass thru Swing the girl nearest you

Face some couple, crosstrail thru
To the corner, left allemande.......

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

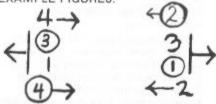


Paul Kubik, Everett, Wash.: Due to the considerable controversy and confusion on how to dance load the boat, various callers have different "rules." Here is a new call that can eliminate all confusion.

LOAD THE (NEW) BOAT Ends (4 parts) circulate three positions and turn in; centers (4 parts) pass thru, quarterout, partner trade and pass thru. ED. NOTE: NCR cannot accept the "ends circulate three positions and turn in" part; the others are OK. The rule is: ends pass by each other three times on perimeter of square, and then quarter in toward center of set, standing alongside the third one passed.

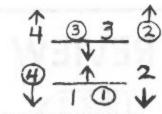
This is not the "circulate" rule: ends to ends, centers to centers, and does not count people passed but rather positions passed.

EXAMPLE FIGURES:

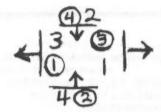


A. Heads square thru four, centers in...

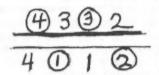
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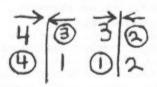
B. Cast off 3/4 (ends face out)....



C. Load the boat

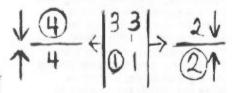


D. Those facing out separate Around one and line up four....



E. Square thru, trade by Left allemande......

NOTE: Had we followed the "circulate" rule, the C. figure would have looked like this:



and the rest of the figure would not be possible to resolve the choreography to a left allemande.



PEEL THE TOP
by George Jabbusch, Sarasota, Fla.
Heads swing thru, ends fold
Peel the top, right and left thru
Square thru three-quarters
Left allemande.......

Heads square thru four, swing thru Girls fold, peel the top Right and left thru, square thru three Girl on the right, left allemande.......

Heads flutter wheel, sweep a quarter Pass thru, circle to a two-faced line Boys run, girls fold, peel the top Slide thru, left allemande......

Heads curlique, boys run, all curlique Cast off three-quarters, boys fold Peel the top, boys trade, boys run Bend the line, left allemande.......

Head ladies chain right,
Heads slide thru, partner trade
Curlique, ends fold, peel the top
Cast off three-quarters, all boys run
Centers pass thru, left allemande.......

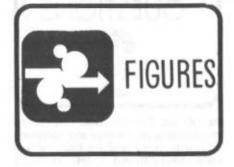
Head couples swing thru, ends fold Peel the top, swing thru, turn thru Circle four to a line, swing thru Ends fold, peel the top, centers run Bend the line, box the gnat Crosstrail thru, left allemande......

Heads right and left thru, rollaway Half sashay, slide thru, swing thru Girls fold, peel the top, slide thru Curlique, scootback, boys run Girls run left, left allemande.......

Heads lead right, circle to a line
Swing thru, girls fold, peel the top
All eight circulate, cast off 34
Boys run, swing thru, girls fold
Peel the top, all eight circulate
Boys run, zoom and others trade
Pass thru, partner tag, left allemande...

APD:

Heads box the gnat, square thru four Swing thru, ends fold, peel the top Turn thru, wheel and deal, zoom Girls square thru three, star thru Zoom, wheel and deal, left allemande... Heads curlique, boys run, star thru Reverse flutter wheel, girls lead Dixie style to a wave, girls fold Peel the top, girls cross run, boys run Bend the line, left allemande.......



by John Strong, Salinas, California Four ladies chain, circle left Allemande left for an allemande than Go right and left and form that star Boys back up by not too far Shoot that star, go right and left grand ... Heads square thru, square thru U-turn back, right and left grand... Four ladies chain three-quarters Four ladies chain, heads star thru Pass thru, right and left thru Pass thru, trade by, box the gnat Right and left grand..... Heads ladies chain, circle left Allemande left, then promenade Sides wheel around, pass thru Wheel and deal, square thru 3/4 Left allemande.....

Heads wheel around, flutter wheel Then pass thru, on to the next Do a flutter wheel, turn the girl you do Crosstrail thru, look for the corner Allemande left, grand right and left..... Circle to the left, allemande left For an allemande thar, go right and left Gents you star, back up boys Shoot the star a full turn round Corner by the right as you come down Into the center for a wrong way than Boys back up in a left hand star Slip the clutch, two times you know Grand right and left you go..... Head ladies chain, heads square thru Circle to the left, break right out and Circle up eight, allemande left Promenade, heads wheel around, Crosstrail thru, left allemande Grand right and left the land...... Four ladies chain three-quarters Circle up eight, then whirlaway Left allemande and promenade Heads wheel around, star thru Do an eight chain thru, square thru 3/4 Allemande left, right and left grand.....

From So. Cal. Callers Notes: Heads square thru, centers in Cast off three-quarters, ends run Right and left thru, slide thru Left allemande......

Sides rollaway, heads square thru
Touch a quarter, swing thru, men run,
Men fold, swing her, man! Circle left
Turn corner left, hang on tight
Roll promenade.........

Heads lead right and circle to a line Curlique, center four cast off 3/4 Other men run, centers swing thru Center ladies trade, centers step ahead All left allemande.......

Heads star thru, all double pass thru
Face right, ferris wheel
Men square thru three-quarters
Corner swing, left allemande
Walk by one and promenade.......
Heads square thru, curlique,
Neighbor trade, men run
Reverse the flutter wheel, flutter wheel
Star thru, left allemande.......

by Bob Carmack, Springfield, Mo. Heads square thru four, swing thru Men circulate, ladies trade Ladies circulate, men trade Men circulate, ladies trade Ladies circulate, men trade, men run Wheel and deal, left allemande...... Heads square thru four, swing thru Men circulate, ladies trade, swing thru Ladies circulate, men trade, swing thru Men circulate, ladies trade, men run Bend the line, right and left thru..... Heads square thru four, swing thru Men run, men trade, men run Men cross run, men circulate, men run Men trade, men circulate double Bend the line, pass thru, U-turn back Right and left thru, left allemande...... Heads square thru four, swing thru Ladies run, ladies trade, ladies cross run Ladies circulate, ladies run, Ladies circulate double, ladies run Bend the line, flutter wheel Left allemande.....

Heads curlique, walk and dodge Swing thru, men trade, men circulate Men run, wheel and deal Left allemande.......

Head ladies chain, heads square thru Swing thru, eight circulate, swing thru Eight circulate, swing thru Eight circulate, go right and left grand. Allemande left Alamo style, Heads trade, gents trade, ladies trade Sides trade, heads trade, gents trade Ladies trade, sides trade

Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass the ocean, swing thru, boys run Ferris wheel, double pass thru Centers in, cast off three-quarters Star thru, double pass thru, track two Swing thru, boys trade, turn thru Left allemande......

Heads lead right and circle to a line Touch a quarter, eight circulate Centers trade and roll to face Square thru four, end boys run right Spin chain thru, girls circulate double Grand right and left...........

Heads square thru, touch a quarter Split circulate, boys run, pass thru Wheel and deal, double pass thru Cloverleaf, centers right and left thru Veer left, hook four in line Stroll and cycle, bend the line Slide thru, left allemande.......

Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass thru, boys run right, scoot back Boys run, right and left thru Dixie style to a wave, boys cross run Boys circulate, girls trade, recycle Veer left, ferris wheel, centers veer left Hook four in line, stroll and cycle, Bend the line, star thru, pass thru Trade by, left allemande.......

Heads lead right and circle to a line Swing thru, boys run, half tag Walk and dodge, trade by Spin chain thru, girls circulate double Boys run, ferris wheel Centers square thru three-quarters Left allemande.......

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Heads lead right and circle to a line Right and left thru, Dixie style to wave Fan the top, trade the wave, girls trade Recycle, left allemande.......

Heads lead right and circle to a line Right and left thru, Dixie style to wave Girls circulate, fan the top, trade wave Girls trade, recycle, star thru Dive thru, square thru three-quarters Left allemande.......

Heads square thru four, swing thru Spin the top, right and left thru Dixie style to an ocean wave Boys circulate, fan the top, trade wave Grand swing thru, boys run Bend the line, pass thru, trade by Left allemande.......

Heads lead right and circle to a line Right and left thru, Dixie style To an ocean wave, girls circulate Girls trade, boys trade, recycle Left allemande........

Heads lead right and circle to a line Swing thru, turn and left thru And a quarter more, girls hinge Diamond circulate, flip the diamond Swing thru, turn thru, left allemande.... Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass thru, tag the line, centers in Cast off three-quarters,

Cast off three-quarters,
Turn and left thru and a quarter more
Couples hinge, triple trade
Couples hinge, bend the line, star thru
Dive thru, square thru three-quarters
Left allemande.........

by Ric Fisher, Mar vista, Calif. Heads lead right, veer left to a Two-faced line, ferris (no wheel) Stroll and cycle, girls hinge a quarter Men quarter in, ping pong circulate Center men run, stroll and cycle Centers walk and dodge. Center men run, ferris, stroll and cycle Ferris wheel, star thru, back out Others pass the ocean, swing thru Men run, bend the line, left allemande... Heads square thru four, pass to center Veer left, stroll and cycle, girls hinge 1/4 Men quarter in, extend, recycle Pass thru, outsides U-turn back, Centers veer right, left stroll and cycle Ferris wheel, pass thru, touch a quarter Men run, pass thru, wheel and deal Square thru three-quarters Pass to center, square thru three Left allemande.....

Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass thru, half tag, walk and dodge Men run, ladies fold, men turn thru Slide thru, bend the line Left allemande........

Heads square thru four, spin chain thru Girls turn back, girls circulate Men walk and dodge, men run Cycle and wheel, centers in, cast off ¾ Star thru, centers touch and recycle Trade by, pass to the center Square thru three-quarters Left allemande.......

Heads lead right, square thru, Bend the line, pass thru Wheel and spread, square thru Pass thru, track two, spin the top Pass thru, tag the line Leads U-turn back, slide thru Ladies trade, bend the line Left allemande.......









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We have heard much lately of dancers dropping out because they could not keep up with all the new material. There must be some truth, else we would not hear such a roar from those who usually say very little. It should be pointed out most of these folks don't quit due to their failure, but due to their breaking down their friends' squares. They truly have consideration for others.

The caller hears often the loud voice of the single couple who want more for this couple is wanting to go, go, go, and they should be allowed the chance to vent their enthusiasm! We do wonder if at a dance of ten squares, two or four couples truly voice the opinion of the majority. True, something must be done to please this group, and it is the talented caller who can figure out how to do it on any given night at any given time.

Callerlab has a very effective level of dancing program, based on dancers learning basics 1 to 69, Experimentals, Plus 1 and Plus 2, all in this order. If we follow this plan, there should be no reason why it won't work. On the other hand, there are reasons why we cannot, such as area, numbers of dancers, dancer experience. What does it all boil down to? Caller judgment!

We don't believe there is a caller in square dancing today, who does not feel deep concern over losing even one dancer! All share a profound desire to please the dancer, without whom there would be no square dancing! So we would say to the dancer, "Let your feelings be known. Tell him you can dance only two nights per month! Tell him you are having trouble keeping up with the level. Ask for help!"

In almost all areas a 1-69 dance can be set up, IF enough dancers want and will support it. We have been asked to set up this type of dance, only to wait while one or two couples show up. If dancers truly want this, we'll bet callers will give it. However, those who ask, must support!

A moratorium on moves has been suggested. Truly there are too many new moves. Perhaps a year of looking at what we already have would wake many of us up; on the other hand, we may miss a square thru or a flutter hweel type movement which might provide much pleasure.

When we teach new folks, we always let it be known they are entering into a strange activity that has grown due to lack of change. Before we get through the class, they find there are changes occuring, for some change must occur, else any activity will die. We also stress fun and fellowship. This is the key and this above all!

So, we conclude, we have dancers leaving, but we are all trying our hardest to keep them. We have too many new moves, but we are trying, through the outstanding efforts of Callerlab and others, to use only those noteworthy ones. We have problems in level, but we do have a good level program if we strive to use it. We have problems in dress and halls, and this goes on and on, but no matter what the problem, someone, somewhere, is trying their heart out to find a happy solution.

In the American Squaredance editorial of November, 1978, you ask as the last sentence, "When we go to the super market, do we buy the whole store?" If we could add the stipulation of time, we say, "Yes!" If we stay in square and round dancing, we will see all the problems and all or most of the solutions. An activity based on fun and fellowship can and will survive!

It has been said of our country that it has its faults but it is the best in the world. I say square dancing has its problems, but it's still tops! As long as

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Sketchpad Commentary

MY NEW YEAR'S SQUARE DANCE RESOLUTIONS [Good any time]

I will try to get through one dance at a time and not worry about all the calls I might not remember or have not learned.

I will relax and enjoy this tip and not dwell on thoughts of former "foul ups" or worry about possible future breakdowns in the square.

I will adjust to fellow dancers in the square and not be concerned whether they are better or worse dancers than I.

I will concentrate on the calls and follow them to the best of my ability.

I will restrain any impulse to push, shove, lead or guide other dancers. I will concentrate on improving my own skills rather than attempt to correct those of others.

I will be agreeable, dress appropriately, speak softly, act courteously and speak ill of no one.

I will not be overly sensitive to snide remarks, glares, or censure concerning my dancing ability from others in the square.

I will be considerate, patient and understanding with fellow dancers and hope for equal concern from them.

Yea, though I promenade many miles, I will *smile*, *smile*, *smile*, *smile*, even though I am stepped on, my partner has goofed, or I misunderstood the caller.

I hope everyone else will, too......

Mildred Wilkinson Hot Springs, Arkansas

People

IN THE NEWS



LAST LAUGH DEPARTMENT

Recently in a popular New England square dance magazine (Can you guess?) there was an outlandish early photo of the editors of American Squaredance dressed for a costume party at Camp Becket in the Berkshire Mountains of Massachusetts. Well, just by coincidence, your ASD editors were able to pull out of the file an outlandish photo of the editors of that New England magazine (chuckle, chuckle) which we reprint here for our readers. How about that, Charlie and Bertha Baldwin?

The doctor ordered a good rest and checkup for Cal Golden recently, reported by Sharon, which caused the cancellation of a number of calling dates. Go easy, Cal.

Claire Stevens of Middlebury, Vermont, who has a regular square dance news column in the Addison Country Independent, recently quoted ASD, and recognized ASD's ten year birthday.

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Eddie Powell has his own weekly square dance show each Sunday night. 8:45 to 9:00 on 3WJ FM Stereo Country Music Radio in the Columbus, Ohio, area. New square dance records will be aired, if promotional copies are sent to Eddle at 1699 Brice Rd., Reynoldsburg OH 43068.

Ralph Silvius, formerly of Modesto. California, is the resident caller at Alamo Palms MH/RV Park in Alamo. Texas.

A real surprise came when the Single Trees square dance group from Eugene. Oregon, visited the Good Samaritan Nursing Home to dance for the residents, and found they had not one caller for the occasion but two. One was Dan McCornack of Eugene, the club's regular caller. The other was Bart Jones, ninety-three years young and a resident. Bart not only did a competent job of calling, but when the dancers faltered he came out on the floor and demonstrated how the dance should be done. Prospective square learners who use the excuse of advanced years for not taking lessons could learn a lot from

Bart.

Howie and Ruth Davison of North Edgecomb, Maine, owners of the Merry Barn, a square dance center for over twenty-five years, have "switched horses," one might say, and have replaced an emphasis on western-style activity (after 38 years of calling for Howie) for almost all one-night-stand activity, plus another unique program called "Musical Nostalgia" in which they take bus tours and entertain groups with good old-fashioned music Howie plays on a portable electric organ.

That reminds us of the fact that another veteran caller. Joe Lewis, on the other side of the continent in Texas. probably does more one-night parties playing his famous organ than calling for square dances.

In the November issue of New Hampshire Profiles, a beautiful color photo feature on square dancing appears, written by John Clayton. Many dancers are mentioned, including Roger Letendre of Calico House square dance shop,

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Although the movement to dance for arthritis started in California, the dancers there are proud that it is mushrooming across the country - in Kansas, Oklahoma, Connecticut, Virginia and Hawaii. California dancers will host the second annual "Square Dancers ☐ ing Up to Fight Arthritis on Sunday, December 2, 1979.

> Civia Cohen Riverside, California

SQUARING UP TO FIGHT ARTHRITIS

The first annual dance to fight arthritis was attended by a thousand people who braved 105° temperatures in Riverside, California, Municipal Auditorium. A variety of callers and cuers were on hand. Also featured were a delicious buffet and many door prizes.

The net proceeds of \$2,223.32 will be presented in the name of Square Dancers of Southern California on the afternoon of the 24th Annual Stop Arthritis Telethon broadcast, Jan. 28-29. Two squares will dance on the show

CANCER DANCE-A-THON

Bob Howard's Dance-athon for Cancer will be held January 27 at midnight through 6 P.M. January 28, an eighteen hour continual square dance to raise funds for cancer cure research.



Last year's dance-a-thon raised over \$2900. Donations covered all costs, so all monies raised went directly to the Cancer Society.

This year a phone-a-thon will be held in conjunction with the event in the

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dance hall. Guests will enjoy entertainment and refreshments. Callers and cuers from all over New England will officiate with host Bob Howard and co-host Del Barone.

One night driving home from a dance, Bob wondered why marathons and benefit square dances were held for so many causes other than cancer. Bob took his idea to the Cancer Society; many friends and faithful workers helped him organize the affair, and the annual Dance-a-thon became reality.

Those wishing to attend or contribute may contact Bob Howard at 35 Cottage St., West Springfield MA 01089.

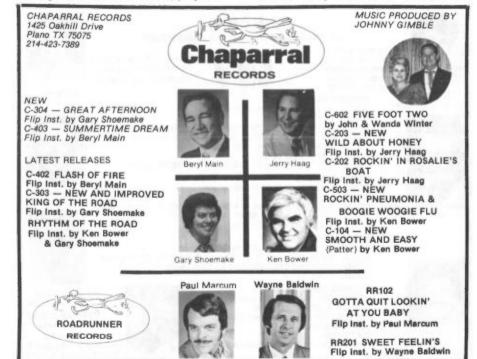
BEACH BALL — A SUNNY SUCCESS Mr. Sun, Lord of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, pushed the clouds away and reigned supreme over last fall's Beach Ball. 1497 dancers attended from eighteen states and from Ontario, Canada.

Garth and Bea Mason came from Sierra Vista, Arizona, 1900 miles and took home a plaque for traveling the longest distance. Zane Byers from Pennsylvania came 650 miles, played in the golf tournament and won the award for the longest drive.

The Red Rose Ramblers of Lancaster, South Carolina, were the largest club group, with 110 present. Runner-up club was the Kalico Kapers of Columbia with 88 present.

Prizes for the golf tournament, donated by Bill and Anne's Western Wear, went to Sparky Thompson for low net, Ernie Boykin for low gross and Terry Collins for closest to the pin.

Dancetime squares were called by John Inabinet, Bobby Lepard, Tony Oxendine and Harold Thomas, with the addition of Elmer Sheffield for Saturday program. Harold and Judy Hoover led the round dance program and were surprised when their Hoover Nuts came to their workshop in "Hoover Nut" T-shirts. The Columbia Cloggers performed in colorful costumes. Nichols taught beginner clogging and performed with the group on Saturday. The grand march was led by the Wheeling Whirlers, their presidents, Mills and Doris McClenny and their caller, Tony Oxendine. Ceremonies



included a welcome from city councilwoman Marjorie Stonebrook, invocation by Frank Trapp, chairman of the S.C. Federation and the National Anthem sung by Tony, Elliott Carter paid tribute to Monroe Sox during the Sunday worship service, which was a renewal of faith and the perfect ending to a fine holiday. The committee thanks all who participated in and promoted the event. including Mr. Sun!

Laverne & Barbara Harrelson Lancaster, South Carolina

IN MEMORIAM

The square dance world has lost one of its greatest enthusiasts and cheerful proponents with the death of John Ward of Alton, Kansas. John's choreography appeared in the Workshop sections of ASD and we will miss his twinkling eye and big grin at future dances and conventions.

NEW OFFICERS

Bob and Sarah Johnston were recently elected president of the Metropolitan New Orleans Area S&R/D Association for the current year. Other officers elected at the association's annual meeting were: John and Evelyn Geauthreaux, first vice-president; Joe and Dolores Steinkamp, second vice-president: Donna and Rocky Luminais, recording secretary; Richard Matthews, corresponding secretary, and Walter and Margaret Smith, treasurer.

The Association's 22nd annual festival will be held August 10-11 at the Rivergate in New Orleans.

> Joe Steinkamp Harahan, Louisiana

GRAND STRAND FESTIVAL

Hundreds of square dancers will converge on Myrtle Beach, January 11 to 13, for the Grand Strand Festival at the Landmark Resort Hotel. The host club is the Sand Dollar Squares of North Myrtle Beach and they are billing the festival as "A Whale of a Dance."

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CC537 WALK RIGHT IN by AI

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FLOAT DANCERS

In November the drawing to determine the dancers on the Rose Parade Float was held at a benefit dance at the Naval Center in Encino, California. Chosen to dance on January 1 were Steve and Joy Wiedmaier, Warren, Penn.; Wayne McDonald and DeAnna Smith, Blountville, Tenn.; Steve Pape and Kathy Kook, West Covina, Cal.; Pat and Rich Welsh, Yorktown Heights, New York; Mike Folk, Oxnard and Kathy Kook, Ventura, Cal.

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prompters and exhibition groups who wish to be considered for programming. Registrations must be sent to Advance Registration Director, PO Box 1979, Port Washington WI 53074.

HOUSING/CAMPING UPDATE

Campers will be able to arrive on Saturday, June 23, rather than the previously announced date of June 26. Campers desiring additional time beyond the minimum Wednesday-thru-Saturday package should submit an additional \$7.00 for each added night at the time of registration.

The housing committee indicates that the motels in the downtown area are sold out. Registrants should select from the outlying motels when registering.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration blanks and information are available from Bob and Marge Throndsen, Box 1032, Janesville WI 53545.





One of the hobbies of amateur artist Cleo Shore of Pomona, California, is making pins and pendants to promote square dance events, which she wears. and provides for others to wear to dances.

An example, promoting an ASD subscription dance, is shown here. One of the commercial firms providing materials for these little gems is O-poke Shrink Art (Artis) of Solvang, California 93463. A clear plastic sheet is available from this firm or others that supply local hobby shops with materials. Artex or



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CANADIAN SUNSET- RCA 447-0877 Choreography by Charles & Dorothy DeMaine Pretty music; interesting intermediate two step-cha cha with a sticky intro.

DARK SHADOWS- Ranwood R104 Choreography by Ed & Sharon Campbell Good music for "Quentin's Theme" an and a nice flowing easy-intermediate waltz.

WALTZ OF FRIENDS- MacGregor 5040 Choreography by Alan & Margie Arnot Pleasant music; a little different easy-intermediate

JUST A RHUMBA— MacGregor 5040 Choreography by Adam & Margie Arnot Good music and a flowing easy-intermediate

SATIN SMOOTH- CEM 37026 Choreography by Vernon & Sandy Porter Good music on "Satin Doll;" flowing easyintermediate two step.

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Choreography Ratings *

by Dave & Shirley Fleck, Toledo, Ohio

SQUARE DANCE: 61	-125	
One Has My Name	Belco 279A	68 = 68
My Penny Arcade	LS GRT 167	70 = 70
A Lover's Question	Merc 55018	75 = 75a
Never Should Have		4.5.146
Told You	Grenn 14265	84 = 84
Fun and Frolic	Belco 282	87 = 87
Sugar Lips	Grenn 14266	100 = 100
Oh Lonesome Me	Chinook C1002	101 = 101a
Sweetheart	Belco 281A	102 = 102
Strangers	Telemark 914	110 = 110a
Little Black Book	Belco 279	113 = 113
Baby Cha	Windsor 4761	114 = 114a
Gonna Write Myself		
A Letter	Belco 282	114 = 114
Candlelight Waltz	Windsor 4261	115 = 115
September in the Rain	Hoctor 642B	92/25 = 117
Runaround	Atlantic 3440	118 = 118a
Mississippi Mud	Hi-Hat 966	122 = 122
Penny Arcade #1	GRT 167	99/23 = 122A
EASY INTERMEDIAT	E: 126-175	
Gardenias	Red Boot 903	126 = 126a
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Grenn 14266

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Telemark 925

127 = 127

145 = 145a

108/33 = 131a

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For	Rating Formula, see pp. 27-28,
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Mack the Knife	D-A-L P6120 132/22 = 154
Invisible Tears	Columbia 33102 155 = 155
Can't Smile	Artista 0305 133/32 = 1656

Mack the Knife	D-A-L P6120	132/22 = 154
Invisible Tears	Columbia 3310	02 155 = 155
Can't Smile	Artista 0305	133/32 = 165a
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SINGING CALLS

by John Swindle

1978 was a short but fun year, with some fine records released and some great new labels established. '79 is now here and we anticipate just as great a year. This month's reviews are no exception, with a little of everything.

Before we start the reviews, let me take this opportunity for Gail and me to wish each of you a Happy New Year.

GREAT AFTERNOON— Chaparral 304 Caller: Gary Shoemake

Chaparral has done it again. This record we believe will be no less as great as all of the preceding releases. Outstanding music, well-timed figure and excellent calling by Gary on the flip side. The only complaint this reviewer and the review dancers had was some of the language used on the called side of the record, which added nothing to the record. We felt it just doesn't belong in square dance recording. FIGURE: Heads square thru, do-sa-do, swing thru, boys run, bend the line, right and left thru, Dixie style to an ocean wave, slip the clutch, left allemande, promenade.

BOOGIE GRASS BAND— Rhythm 121 Caller: Wade Driver

Take a little Blue Grass, add a little boogie, put it on a Rhythm record, add Wade to the flip side and you have one great square dance record. We only regret that this record has already been released on another label and both companies can only hurt the other's sales. FIGURE: Heads square thru, do-sa-do, swing thru, spin the top, right and left thru, square thru three-quarters, swing corner, promenade.

SUNNY— Thunderbird 185 Caller: Ron Libby

Those of you who are familiar with Thunderbird music have just got to listen to this recording, both flip and instrumental sides. The music sounds like nothing we have ever heard on this label, and Ron does an unbelievable job

on the flip side. Our hats are off to both the Thunderbirds and Ron. FIGURE: Heads square thru, do-sa-do, swing thru, scoot back, recycle, left allemande, do-sa-do, swing corner, promenade; or: Heads square thru, do-sa-do, swing thru, boys run, bend the line, right and left thru, flutter wheel, slide thru, swing, promenade.

HELLO MEXICO- D & R 139

Caller: Ron Hunter

A real south of the border flavor is captured in the instrumental on this record. The figure is well-timed and well done by Ron on the flip side. FIGURE: Heads star thru, pass thru, dos-a-do, spin chain thru, girls circulate, boys run, bend the line, slide thru, pass thru, trade by, swing, promenade.

SOLITAIRE— Ranch Hosue 207 Caller: Darryl McMillan

It has been a while since we have had any releases on the Ranch House label and we were pleased with the three releases we received this month. For those callers who heard this record at the '77 convention in Atlantic City, we know it was worth the wait. An upbeat at the ending added the icing. Some callers may have a little trouble with the metering. FIGURE: heads square thru, do-sa-do, swing thru, boys run, ferris wheel, curlique, make a right hand star, swing corner, promenade.

IF YOU WANT ME— Chinook 017 Caller: Jim Hattrick

A nice, easy-to-listen-to, change of pace record, this will fit nicely into anyone's record box. One word of warning: the tune is not the same and may be hard for some callers to follow. FIGURE: Heads promenade three-quarters, sides do-sa-do, square thru three-quarters, circle four to a line, right and left thru, star thru, pass thru, swing, promenade.

GOTTA QUIT LOOKIN' AT YOU BABY Red Boot 237; Caller; Ralph Fulkerson A little bit of rock sound and beat made this a very enjoyable record to dance. Ralph almost stumped our review dancers when he used four ladies circle left in his opener and then his eight chain two was away from the norm. FIGURE: Four ladies chain, heads promenade half, lead right, circle four to a line, forward up and back, star thru,

do-sa-do, eight chain two, pass thru, swing, promenade.

IT'S BEEN A GREAT AFTERNOON-Red Boot Star 1245: Elmer Sheffield Jr. This is the second label this month with this tune and we have heard there are two more yet to come. The music was as good as the other label but we were a little disappointed in Junior's side. which just sounded as if his heart were not really in it. We feel it is really unfortunate that a song is put out by many labels. FIGURE: Heads promenade half way, right and left thru. square thru, right and left thru, touch a quarter, split circulate, boys run. reverse the flutter, promenade.

SEMOLITA— Ranch House 303 Caller: Bill Terrell

Here is the third record out this month on Ranch House, another very good recording. Bill uses a well-timed figure on the flip side. A little work may be required, as with "Solitaire," to get the metering down. FIGURE: Heads square thru, do-sa-do, swing thru, spin chain thru, recycle, pass thru, swing, promenade.

HEART FULL OF LOVE— Blue Star 2071

Caller: Marshall Flippo

The Old Master has really put together a figure here that is smooth-flowing and timed perfectly (as usual), and very interesting. What else can you say about a figure put together by none other than Flip? Add a little western swing by the Bayou Ramblers and you have a very enjoyable record. FIGURE: Heads square thru, do-sa-do, slide thru, pass thru, partner trade, reverse the flutter, Dixie style to a wave, boys run, promenade.

JOHNNY BE GOOD- Lore 1170

Caller: Dean Rogers Key: G & A Going back and picking up late fifties' rock tunes seems to be the thing to do in today's square dance market. The music on this recording is very reminiscent of the original recording and Dean did a nice job on his side (but we did miss Chuck). FIGURE: Heads square thru, do-sa-do, swing thru, boys run, couples circulate, wheel and deal, pass thru, trade by, swing, left allemande, promenade.

NIGHT TIME AND MY BABY— Ranch House 208; Caller: Darryl McMillan This record on Ranch House is a little peppier than the other two releases. Darryl uses a ladies promenade in the opener, middle break and closer. A drum beat in the middle break and closer adds a little more enthusiasm. FIGURE: Four ladies chain three-quarters, heads square thru, do-sa-do, spin chain thru, girls circulate twice, turn thru, left allemande, do-sa-do, promenade.

WASHINGTON AND LEE SWING—Blue Star 2072; Dave Taylor Key: A & B We're not that familiar with college fight songs, but this sounds like one (My memory banks just can't recall it). Dave uses some very wild lyrics in this grand square and a figure that is quite different from the run of the mill figures. FIGURE: Heads lead right, circle four to a line, forward up and back, pass thru, square thru three-quarters, swing, left allemande, promenade.

DON'T LET THE GOOD TIMES GO— Lore 1169; Caller: Harold BauschKey: E Very nice music and a well-timed figure made this an enjoyable record. The lyrics Harold uses during his grand square have quite a message. FIGURE: Heads pass the ocean, recycle, pass thru, right and left thru, eight chain four, do-sa-do, swing thru, turn thru, swing, promenade.

PENNY ARCADE— Blue Star 2070
Caller Lem Smith Key: B Flat
Anyone want to go to the Penny
Arcade? The calliope sound and polka
beat on this record will put you right
there. Lem's use of a ping pong
circulate was well done. FIGURE: Heads
promenade half, sides right and left
thru, pass the ocean, ping pong
circulate, center ladies trade, recycle,
pass thru, left allemande, pass your
own, swing the next and promenade.

i'LL ALWAYS THANK YOU FOR THE SUNSHINE— Bee Sharp 111; Bob Hester Key: B Flat Here is another change of pace record with a tune that is very easy to follow. A well-put together figure is called well by Bob on the flip. FIGURE: Heads promenade half, curlique, boys run,

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LONE STAR SINGLES

Recent activities include a mystery bus trip, attended by 44 members. Destination was the Fairgrounds in LaGrange for the third annual Chicken Jamboree of the Road Runners S/D Club. After the meal. David Lavoie of Austin provided thirty minutes of request rounds. Three callers were on hand an evening of dancing on a wooden floor was reputed to be over one hundred years old.

Bus driver for the mystery trip was Ernie, the same driver who took the Lone Star Singles from Houston to Oklahoma City for the convention. Ernie is learning to be a caller and practiced his calls over the loud speaker during the entire trip to and from LaGrange. His repertoire is limited, so all that was heard was right allemande and yellow rock.

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Non-dancing activities included the Oktoberfest at the Bavarian Gardens Restaurant, with good food, good friendship and all the good dancing anyone could want, including a presentation of German folk dancing.

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SONG SUNG BLUE— Top 25346 Caller: Wally Cook

From across the waters in Australia comes a nice rendition of this song. Wally uses a somewhat different opener and ending that is quite refreshing. There seemed to be a slight pause just before the figure started, but the record was still enjoyed by the dancers. FIGURE: Heads flutter wheel, curlique, walk and dodge, circle to a line, curlique, coordinate, wheel and deal, pass thru, swing, promenade.

IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE—Ghost Town 4; Caller: Dave Kenney Good gosh, here it is again. We've lost lost count of the companies that have released this one. This is no better nor worse than the others. Ghost Town fans can buy this one and others can take their pick of at least four other labels. Dave did a nice job on his side of the record, but again, enough is enough. FIGURE: Heads square thru, do-sa-do, swing thru, spin the top, right and left thru, flutter wheel, sweep a quarter, swing and promenade.

PATTER RECORDS

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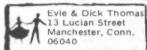
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- Flip the diamond
- 4. Pair off
- 5. Peel the top
- 6. Single circle to a wave
- Spin chain the gears
- 8. Teacup chain 9. Trade the wave
- 10. Triple scoot
- 11. Triple trade
- 12. Turn and left thru

MAINSTREAM PLUS TWO

- 1. All eight spin the top
- All eight swing thru 3. Anything and spread
- Crossfire
- 5. Curley cross
- 6. Dixie grand
- Explode the wave
- 8. Follow your neighbor
- 9. Load the boat
- 10. Relay the deucey
- 11. Remake the than 12. Swap around

- Two steps at a time Roll 'em
- 3. Tilt the wave
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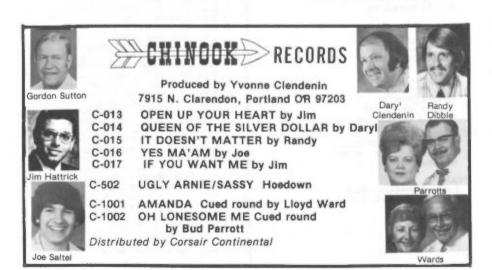
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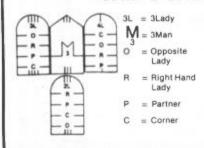
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There is not a lot of material to digest this month but a good potpourri from at least half a dozen reliable Note sources.

We note that Bill Kramer of Grenada Hills is the new Executive Secretary and So. Cal. Notes editor replacing Ted Wegener, long time southern California caller-leader and mentor of the world's oldest note service. The note service has a new format and some frank opinions, such as this:

"West coast dancers are smoother and more stylish (than east coast dancers). One of the main reasons for this, we felt, was the "palms up" style of dancing that is done on the west coast, and the smooth patter of the callers...."

We can't let that pass without a little editorial remark from your ASD editors. We say "yes" and "no." Yes, palms up styling makes for smoother dancing; no, west coast callers do not have necessarily have smoother patter than those in many other areas, as a personal observation.

Jack Lasry's **Notes for Callers** explores old movements such as walk and dodge and cloverleaf; looks into an APD spin chain the gears; gently pans tilt the wave; promotes single circle to a wave; and suggests we do surveys on recruitment and longevity.

In News 'n Notes from Connecticut, the terms flip the rooster and flip the chicken get the old chopping block treatment, while checkover and make ready get a nod of approval. Here's a nice way to use eight chain six:

Heads pair off, eight chain six Spin chain the gears Pass to the center, pass thru Left allemande...

NCR Notes from Florida shows more thoughts from George Jabbusch and less from veteran editor Will Orlich, who has been recuperating recently and ''letting George do it.'' We wish ASD staff member Will a speedy recovery. Triple scoot and triple trade, a pair of dandles, are highlighted. New idea delineate is explored. For the advanced level, acey deucey and explode (the line, anything) get the once over.

Nate's Notes from Arizona thoroughly workshops a girl's best friend—diamonds. Also, there are thoughts on acey deucey, three by one lines, pair off and remake the thar. He asks if one is the kind of caller who helps to "shorten a dancer's right leg" by calling: touch a quarter, walk and dodge, partner trade, pass the ocean, single hinge, split circulate, boys run, etc.; or promotes "Statue of Liberty" dancing by calling: star thru, pass thru, star thru, pass thru, California twirl, star thru, dive thru, etc.

Andy Cisna in **SDLBA Notes** continues to innovate with "the other half" viewpoint, a party game, and a line dance. He explores an occasional surfacer, *turnover*. A little same sex dancing can be set up this way:

Heads square thru four hands Curlique, girls fold (behind boys) (Boys now do any facing couple zero) (Get out) Boys turn thru....

John Strong in SDDS (Salinas, Cal.) especially features fan the diamond, certified circulate, exchange the column and tilt the wave.

Warren Berquam in Minnesota Callers Notes works over grand weave. George Gargano works cross run, couples trade and half tag variation. As usual, there are lots of modules to study, such as this way to get from static square to 1P2P lines:

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Johnnie Scott writes an answer column for New Around Cow Counties, California, and we reprint a recent column which discusses two common problems that confront clubs and callers.

We have a two-sided question this month. From a dancer: What can we do about a caller who fails to show for a calling date and consistently sends replacement callers? From a caller: Why do clubs book callers and then several months later cancel the engagement?

The answer to question one is very simple. Don't hire the caller. It is my feeling and the feelings of all the callers I have talked to that there are very few reasons for callers not to show for dances. One acceptable reason is that

the caller is ill. After all, callers are human, too.

Of course, there is the rare occasion when a caller finds he has made an honest mistake and has double-booked. He should honor the first date and it should be his responsibility to find an acceptable substitute after communicating with the club.

The second question is not so easily answered. I would think that clubs are like callers, and on rare occasions, officers may find they have doublebooked. However, I get the feeling, and this is just my personal opinion, that clubs are now booking several years in advance and as they change officers, callers are being canceled in order for the new president to have open dates on which to book his favorite callers. This is very unfair to the caller who has held this date, sometimes for a year or more, for a club, and who has refused other dates on the basis of this agreement. If it is wrong for a caller to cancel a date, is it not just as wrong for a club to cancel a caller? Although an agreement may or may not be legally binding, is there still not an obligation? Should new officers not strive to maintain the integrity of their past officers and of their club? I see no real solution to this problem, but one thought: Do not book callers more than one year in advance and allow each president to book no further ahead than a period equal to his term in office.

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typical German suburban home surrounded by flowers, shrubs and patio separated from the street by a sturdy fence and gate. Dip 'n Divers, who annually host a huge Maypole Special, also gave us a big Welkommen (Say "V" for "W") and a pretty plaque for our wall.

Probably fifty percent of the dancers present spoke only German, but I felt no language barrier whatsoever as I called to them— all were well-versed in the basics from do-si-do to diamonds and more. This was an eye-opener for me. Only some of my frivolous phrases, idiomatic oddities, and smatter of patter may have passed by them at times, which didn't matter. Their dance style is smooth and very disciplined. Smiles while dancing came slowly at first (as if this were unusual) but freely as we progressed through the evening.

Cathie and I had an afternoon to shop in downtown Munich, and it was a delight. With a little help from Hans' daughter Pamela, we boarded the streetcar (electric trolley) and made the right connections back and forth. It was to be a walking tour when we arrived in the heart of the city. Over the flat strode. cobblestones we through masses of hastening humanity, down broad and narrow strasse, ogling a maze of somewhat baffling shop signs. past markets of every description, all the way to St. Mary's Square (Marienplatz). In a wide circle around us, rising magnificently, were the imposing twin steeples of Frauenkirche (a noted landmark), the Townhall, St. Mary's Column, and the famous lifelike anifigures (Glockenspiel) chimed the time of day. Don't tell a soul, but we sneaked into a McDonald's Restaurant at the very hub of the city and had a completely American hamburger, passing up the brockwurst und bier offered all around us.



At the afterparty the apple struedl with ice (cream) in the Wienerwald was Wunderbar! Now I know where the Pennsylvania Dutch get their shoo-flypie!

All too soon, we had to march out of Munich and hie our hides to Heidelberg.....

It is a unique experience to rest your weary half-dead head in a German bed. You get one giant fluffy blanket several inches thick, that is designed to cover your knobby mod bod like an awful puffy waffle. It is sufficiently warm, having been packed with goose down, plucked from the choicest down of the choicest geese, down in the best part of town in all goose-dom, so I'm told.

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Heidelberg, Germany— The fast, efficient inter-city express train took us again from Munich through Augsburg, Ulm, Goppingen, Stuttgart, and on to Heidelberg, the romantic old city of educators, poets, artists and musicians, where we planned to spend a day "on our own".

It was dusk when we arrived, and the only drawback to complete pleasure, after a fine chicken dinner in a corner restaurant, was the location of our room on the fourth floor of the Pension-Schmidt, with no elevator. One must plan on a few discomforts when traveling. Use of the shower is two marks extra, but breakfast is included.

The next day we took a sightseeing bus tour of the old city, Heidelberg University (founded in 1386) and the famous castle, twice besieged and almost destroyed many centuries ago,

but left standing through many bombing raids of the last war. Interesting glimpses were the Apothecary Museum with its Witches Kitchen, the Largest Wine Keg (Dance a square on it annually and get your badge.), the old Heiliggeist Church, the ancient monasteries, and glittering relics of kings and electors who rose and fell successively. (Louis IV laid claim to the castie in 1685, was rejected, and a war ensued.) The Bridge Gate, as one crosses the Neckar River midtown, is impressive. Where else could one have such a view of antiquity as in Heidelberg?

Making a phone call in Germany is really something else! I thought I had the hang of it but I got my wires crossed. After inserting several coins (five of the ten-pfg type), I dialed Ron Everhart's number in Mannheim. As I talked, numbers flashed electronically on the black box—50, then 40, then 30, and down. When the "0" flashed, I was cut off, windward, mid-word-ward, decisively, right in the middle of my open mouth. (That should happen more often— Co-ed.)

So I promptly put in a whole mark, with a philanthropic smirk, and finished chattering to Ron "like sixty" to "60". There. No more coins. And I'll get 60 pfg's back. But no 60 pfg's came trickling down into the coin return box. Only a buzz on the receiver that sounded vaguely like a Bronx cheer.

I had some most unceremonious thoughts. "Ach. Donder und Blitzen. Der modern electronic marvel ist chust like der American counterpart— der bloody, blinkin', winkin' common street thief dressed up in Ma Bell clothing!"

That reminded me of a slightly altered nursery rhyme, which I can recite to my grandchild:

Little Hans Horner
Sat in a corner
Phone booth, causing no fracas;
He put in a mark
And said "What a lark—
They imported this "slot" from Vegas!





Mannheim, Germany— Being hosted by Major Ron and Judy Everhart in their home at the American Army base at Mannheim two days was great fun. Ron is a caller and president of the European Callers and Teachers Association. His club, the Heidelberg Hoedowners, sponsors of that annual Castle Dance, where everyone dances alternately on the big wine barrel, sponsored a "special" for us at the school in Patrick Henry Village. The ratio changed— 90% American Service personnel at the dance, and 10% German friends.

Ron drove us over to see the Rhine River near Worms (Remember Martin Luther and the Diet of Worms?) and we shopped in downtown Mannheim in the shadow of the local landmark, the huge stone watertower, which looks more like a castle than a watertower. It is a sobering thought to know that Mannheim was almost leveled by raids in WW II, being highly industrial, while nearby Heidelberg was practically undamaged. After the war, almost 800 unexploded bombs were removed from the fields, representing about 5% of the total number of bombs that blew the city to pieces. Peace on earth- can it ever be more than a frivolous promise, soon forgotten?



Perhaps I could say that I left my mark in Germany— das ist der joke— I left several hundred marks, and a kickapoo keg of pfennigs, too.



Paris. France- We had promised ourselves a little side trip to "Gay Paree' to conclude our European escapade, so we boarded another chemin de fer for the six-hour grande weave westward. No calling date, just a sightseeing spree.

But it turned out to be, quite franc-ly, le grande disaster for us. Everything went badly. Our dollars would buy us very little. Frenchmen at the train stations were less than cordial and spoke no English, generally, or poor English, at best. We spoke little French, C'est domage! There we stood. like babes in the woods, a pair of aliens on a foreign planet, in the middle of a Paris train station! At the time it was heartbreaking; looking back it becomes a funny sight to recall.

Briefly, I'll recap the experience. The German train comes into the East Paris station. We get off. We get conflicting and incoherent advice, but finally catch a taxi to the North Train Station, which is the only place to change dollars to francs. (Even the taxi driver doesn't want our dollars- we have no francs.) We give up city tour plans due to high costs and decide to fly home early if we can. We almost make the unforgivable mistake of taking a cab to Orly International Airport (\$50. taxi fare) when, by a stroke of luck and one helpful Gallic limo driver, we discover our plane actually leaves from the Charles DeGaulle Airport, which is a cab excursion in the direction! That incident could have cost us a hundred dollars!

Finally we get a train to a point near the airport and a bus the rest of the way. No planes available until the next day. "Sorry, Charlie." We pull out a few more grey hairs, eat an expensive (but good) dinner, grab an expensive (but good) Holiday Inn room at the airport,

and the next morning fly a very expensive (less than fair-fared) British Airways plane from Paris to London.

That night at the hotel I read a passage from the book of Job. That account can make one's problems seem miniscule, n'est-ce pas?

We thought our troubles were over when we just barely made the BA flight out of Paris after unbelievable customs delays, but, voila- le fini, c'est un mirage! Incidentally, we rode a Trident. (No. Agatha, that's not a tube of toothpaste.)

More delays. Two illegal drug smugglers were discovered by gendarmes and ushered off our plane sans ceremony. Wait. There's more. Fog over London. Heathrow closed. Our plane diverted to Gatwick. We must catch a bus to Heathrow, one hour around the city. Finally, at Heathrow, people were as thick as flies on molasses waiting for a hundred planes. We waited a full two hours in line at the ticket counter for our rescheduled flight to New York, What a charade! I pinched myself to be sure I wasn't just a wretched character in an Edgar Allan Poe blood-curdler.

Then, at last, four hours after the scheduled hour, our big 747 took off with 300-plus disgruntled souls aboard. Unfortunately, there were more problems. One of our bags never arrived in New York and we had to fill out a claim form. Because of that, we missed the last flight back to Cleveland that night and had to stay overnight. Problems. Problems, Problems, Do I sound like a broken hoedown record? Oh. well. C'est la vie! (Non, c'est la guerre! - Co-ed.)

In spite of the last two days of flourish and foolishness, it was a memorable trip, and I'd do it again- in a year or two or three!



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