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Square dancing is a folk activity. Every folk art is subject to regional adaptations and styles. Take Pennsylvania Dutch designs and Hopi Indian creations, for example— both are decorative art but quite different.

Take square dance styling. The basics are now fairly well standardized- we all know how we should execute an *allemande left* or *square thru*. But there are styling points that vary from area to area: how we finish a promenade, how and when we twirl, how we greet others in a square and say "Thank you" afterward, how we "stir the bucket."

There are no *correct* ways to do these and we're not sure these ever need to be standardized. A little variety lends spice and enhances the fun of dancing with folks from beyond our local areas.

However, we recently danced with a group of dancers from all over the U.S. For the first time, we heard dancers insisting, both vocally and bodily, that their way was the right way. "We 'stir the bucket' when the music starts; that's the way to do it," while they adamantly refused to budge when asked casually if they wanted to move. Hands dangled in mid-air following a promenade until slapped by partners. We wondered how long the hand would linger limply there if we moved into the next call without the slap. Nothing wrong with that ending—we just weren't used to it and kept forgetting to "end" the promenade, until our partners demanded it.

None of these styling points are wrong. What *is* wrong is the attitude that

# CO-EDITORIAL



"everyone in a square must do things my way, or else!"

We approach the season of brotherly love, of peace on earth. Can we not "bend" enough to embrace all our fellow dancers? Can we be loose and flexible so that dancers everywhere can get together and enjoy their differences? Sharing is one of the positive values of square dancing. We share a square, we share a club, we should share a whole activity.

Dare we mention those dancers who do not wish to share a level of dancing other than their own at times, in order to help *everyone* have fun and enjoy the dance?

Our Christmas wish for the square dance world is a large injection of the Spirit of Christmas— that "good will toward men and women" which will lead us all to peace on earth— in other words, a large dose of LOVE.

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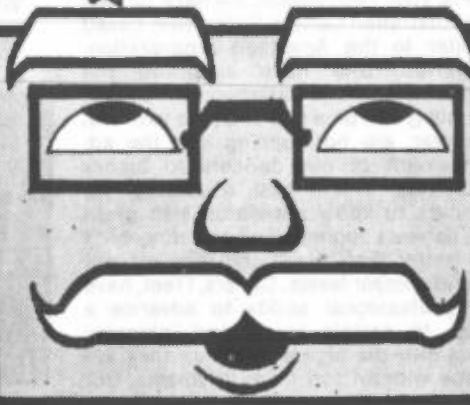
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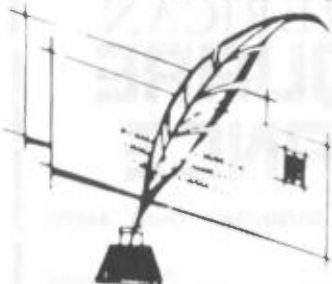
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# Grand Zip



While we were in Michigan this summer my husband Claude King, had open heart surgery and passed away four days later.

We had square danced for many years and the first National Convention we attended was at Denver, Colorado. By the time Detroit had the National Claude had patented the National Square Dancer badge, on orange plastic shaped like the U.S. and along with 2 bumper stickers sold them for \$1.

His idea was to help promote square dancing. He suggested wearing the orange badge to work and shopping. When someone asked about it (square dancing) you could tell them where you danced or where lessons were being taught. The bumper stickers worked the same way.

I still have some of these. Anyone who would like them please send \$1 for each set of 2 badges and 2 bumper stickers and a self-addressed stamped envelope to me: *Edna King, Paradise Park, Harlingen, Texas 78550.*

For your information, we have formed the Australian Callers Federation based similar to the American organization, Callerlab, and have accepted the Mainstream list of Callerlab with a bit of dabbling into plus one and plus two. We, however, are not rushing into the advancement of our dancers to higher standards. I feel that educating the dancers to know standards also gives the dancers too much of a feeling of "I am better than thou" and they will not tolerate lesser levels. Callers, I feel, have the professional ability to advance a class to certain levels and integrate them into the higher levels as they advance without too many problems, but

informing the dancers they have to maintain standards or are at certain standards seems to me the best way of starting a gold rush to obtain something that has nothing to do with square dance friendliness, socialability, having a good time and laughing at each other's mistakes. This to me is what square dancing or group dancing is all about.

Perhaps I am wrong, and there are many different clubs and situations that could warrant levels, but if we lose the basic essence that "Square Dancing is Fun," then square dancing will become specialized, as has Modern Ballroom dancing (English), and not for the general public.

*Ron Jones  
Sydney, New South Wales*

I haven't a clue as to when my subscription is due. But I can't pass up three years for \$20.00. I've got twelve years of your magazine at home here and wouldn't part with them for love nor money.

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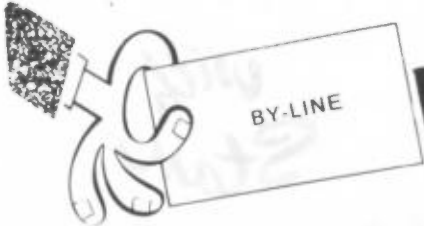
*Tom McGrath  
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Help! Can you please help the Shamrock Squares of Dublin, Ohio, locate their traveling banner? It was last seen at the Leprechaun Award Dance in March, 1979, when it went home with a couple from Dayton. Their plan was to award it to a couple coming the farthest distance to the 1979 state convention.

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Looking at the positive aspects of square dancing will always minimize the problems we face. **George Pollock** of Washington State guides readers along that path in the lead December article. **Charles Schilling** blazes a trail for those who follow the urge to try calling. Charles is a beginner caller and a free-lance writer from Kansas City.

**George and Joyce Kammerer**, who mark a route for round dance teachers this month, were in charge of R/D workshops and showcases for The National Convention in Milwaukee. They have been teaching and cueing for eight years.

**Shirley Conant** talked to Stan in Maine about her own survey she was conducting. In contrast to the recent national questionnaires, this one gives local results from a limited area.

Poetry this month was contributed by two whose names are familiar: **Mary Helsey**, who has been published several times in recent months, and **Lib Eddy**, who has not appeared in over a year.

Follow the path of reading laid out by December's writers past a Merry Christmas into a very Happy New Year of square dancing in 1981!

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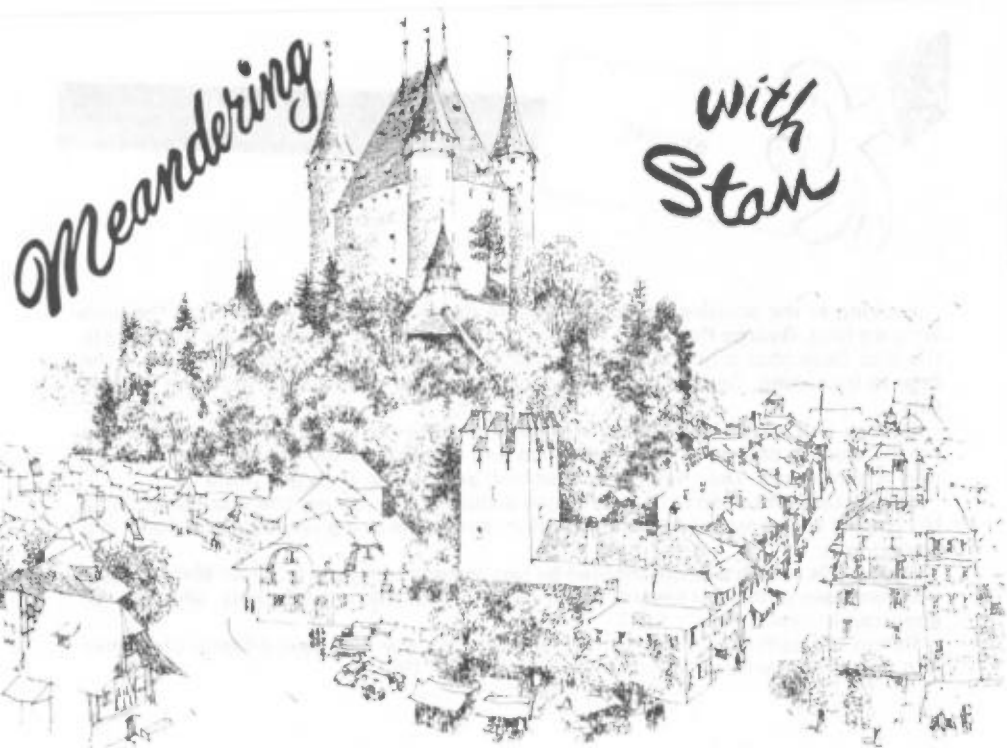
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*Meandering*

*with  
Stan*

Folks, this dialogue will sound rapid and choppy. I must talk very fast in order to get it all on my allotted three pages. There's so much to say, and so little space in which to say it. My style will suffer. I may switch syntax in mid-phrase, drop silly syllables, split infinitives and otherwise murder the King's English to do it. (Don't worry—we'll fix it up. —Co-ed.)

Early October. History repeats itself. It's our second straight year in a row to do the Swiss Swish. Another beautiful tour to the land of milk and honey and curds and whey and chocolates and cheese and clocks and carvings and chalets and palaces and bells and belles. (That's not to mention snows/shows, shops/rocky tops, hills/frills, goats/totes, skis/freeze and toboggans to bargain for.)

The eighth of October caught me packing eight days-worth of clothes and accessories into one too-small suitcase. It's like stuffing a plump hyper-hip hippo through the neck of a little two-liter Avon bottle. You know the feeling.

As we did in '79, Cathie and I drove the six-hour hike to Chicago, parked at a Holiday Inn and limo'd to O'Hare. Here

we joined the 130 square dancers and as many farmers (all good down-to-earth-type folks) all ready for a grand gee and haw adventure to pleasanter pastures. We boarded that monstrous blue 747 and took off before dusk. That "Dutch touch" on the KLM aerial camel was the real thing. We had the best meal ever served on a plane anywhere, starting with a shrimp salad. Wunderbar. Ich will reisen, essen, singen, tanzen in Suisse!

Aboard with us were fellow callers/cuers/hosts Bob and Phyllis Howell, Doc and Peg Tirrell, Ray and Louise Bohn, Bob and Pauline Holup, Lem and Sue Gravelle, Al and Dorothy Scheer and Everett and Jenny Martin. Each added life to the party. One night, a well-known California caller, Bill Peters, who was continent-hopping, dropped in at our dance. In Amsterdam, we ran into Jac and Yvonne Fransen, quite accidentally at the airport. Small world.

We landed for refueling in Amsterdam. Another country visited. Then off to Zurich on a smaller plane. The inevitable baggage and passport check. Soon we boarded buses for Interlaken. It was morning now. Put watches forward six hours. What happened to night?



Check into the DuNord Hotel. Sleep off some of the jet lag. Interlaken—the city between two lakes. An icy stare from the Jungfrau. The orange-suluted street cleaners. The geraniums a-bloom in the park. Cows tinkling in a nearby pasture. It was just as we had left it.

Evening came quickly. Time for the Folklore Fest at the ornate Kursaal (casino), center of town, including the special fondue dinner and authentic alpine entertainers, singing, dancing, blowing their 12-foot horns, and yodeling. What's fondue? Well, dipping that wad of rye bread into that tasty melted cheese can make a "believer" out of the most agnostic culinary scoffer quicker than a Swiss miss can kiss your *gesicht*.

The dine-around plan was lovely—a different hotel to eat each night. (How did they taste? —Co-ed.) Each had its own special character and menu. Always four courses, starting with soup and ending with a smart tart and strong *kaffee*. A sup of soup for supper was super. But a carafe-and-a-half of that awful, cough-full coffee, brewed in a black cauldron in the evil hour, surely made hair grow on my chest, clear up to the shoulder blades.

We held three dances in the casino for the whole gang with all callers calling. We persuaded some local folks to try our brand of "folk," and, by George, we even cultivated some of the farmers who were "on the fence." Entrepreneur Brian Mosey (our tour master-minder) even brought a big band all the way from Texas to add a little touch of Amerikanish to the Swiss-German heritage.

Cathie and I explored the geographic environs daily as the mood struck us. One day we railed it to Thun. (Say "toon.") We toured the castle, a massive stone structure that dominated the landscape. War was a way of life. Medieval madness. Stone steps uncountable. Royal trappings. Tiny beds and no TV. What a hard life. Another day we took a bus tour to Montreaux, for sights such as the Chateau de Chillon (Bonivard's prison, the dungeon, the hangman's rafter, etc.), fields so vertical rope ladders and vine-swinging primates are more practical than people for picking the petite plithy plump purple pendula from the plots.

Still another day we rented a Hertz car (100 francs-worth of "hurts") and drove

along the lake to Spiez and off through the mountains to Adelboden, a mountain resort town where snow had already quilted the rolling green fields and made white darts of the high-country pines. After lunch in a crowded cafe, we visited the historic Girl Scout international hostel, "Our Chalet," perched high up on a one-way cow trail overlooking the city. The view was worth it. I'm glad my live-in Girl Scout took me over that hill. (I'm glad you're not quite "over the hill" yet, Stan. —Co-ed.)

Our last day in Interlaken afforded time to shop once more for those final gifts for friends; stroll on those perfectly manicured footpaths along the river on which flocks of mallards and swans waited for crumbly handouts; ride 2000 feet straight up in the cable car (funicular) on the nearby Harder Kuhm (mountain) to the lovely little chalet and restaurant on top, overlooking some of the most gorgeous scenery that ever assailed a wayward eyeball, and play mini-golf. Mini-golf in Switzerland is not a game. It's an intense competition. We saw several players switching various types of golf balls from small cases they carried to suit the shot. Generally I take seven to approach the hole.

Suddenly our week was up and we had to grab the big KLM blue bird homeward.

I'd say that magnificent cheese country is one cut above anything of similar vintage, no matter how you slice it.

Folks, lest I'd'll idly "eidelweiss" you to death with so much "Alp-full" dialogue, chalet parlez, and razzle-dazzle cattle prattle, just remember that we'll be doing it all again next fall (We're gonna "do" England, too), so if the travel bug has bitten, give us a yell and give it a "go"...

Not another word about our trip abroad. I'm now going to "Switz" subjects.

Away back in early September, soon after Labor Day, I decided to do a "what-the-heck" driving tour the whole way (eight hours one way) to take a peek at Pekin, and here're the revealing results...

**Pekin, Illinois**— The Circle 8's sponsored the annual subscription dance in the Peoria area this year, and produced a hall-full, out where Charley Englehardt roams (Charley set up the sound) and a lovely round-ition was given by Opal Gugliemelli. Dean and Sharon Larimore set it all up in fine shape and hosted me.

There was even a cable TV interview at the dance.

**Battle Creek, Michigan**— Actually my next destination was Tekonsha, a half a hamlet just south of Battle Creek, where the BC S&R Dance Association staged a festival for several dozen sets. Good show. Rounds were spun by Buzz and Dianne Perlera. Tom and Rhoda Woods coordinated the deal, from the first hall greet to the last restaurant treat. Luckily I got the only room available in the only motel in town just before dance time. I had been held up by construction two solid hours, south of Chicago.

**Fontana, North Carolina**— Home of some of the mightiest square/round events in the country, both spring and fall, mountain air, changing colors, a great getaway place. Cathie and I drove down for a week with friends Mary and Dick Fabik. Not to dance this time (it was Rounds week.) but just to loaf, swim, chase tennis balls, stroke a few golf balls over par, shuffle up and down the leafy paths, talk a deal or two with the "brass," sell some magazines, eat delightfully, and live like royalty in those comfortable compact cabins. It was a "maxi" mini-vacation.

**Tulsa, Oklahoma**— The wonders of modern travel were aptly demonstrated here. I jumped aboard a Cleveland-Tulsa plane one day, did a Leadership Clinic program that afternoon plus a dance that night for a couple of hundred key Tulsa area club people, then grabbed a Tulsa-Cleveland flight the next day with ease, all sandwiched between two Cleveland-area dances. The experience was thrilling. Tulsa is really on the move with TACT (caller/cuers who were sponsors) and NEOSDA turning the wheels. Thanks especially to Mike and Joyce Williams, Dale Van Wormer (who has both patients and patience), Willie Harlan, Glen and Norma Hogg (who calls for Hogs and people), Lew Sullivan and all the others. Great One-day-Stand.

**St. Louis, Missouri/Bellefonte, Illinois**— This was a "major league" double-header. Another annual subscription dance with the Dandy Dancers of Bellefonte as well as a first class two-day Leadership Clinic (mini-LEGACY) for the whole St. Louis area and attended by over 70 key leaders. Cathie went with me and we both did limelight and footlight honors (Lime for you, foot for me? —Co-ed.) throughout a busy weekend. Loved

every minute. Thanks especially to host caller Joe and Marilyn Obal, Bo and Agnes Semith (main coordinators), Don and Mary Ann Steinkamp (He's my steady airport picker-upper), all other committee people who worked a full year on the planning, and conscientious attendees, one and all.

**Wausau, Wisconsin**— A new tour began, embracing five dance locations in four states, and I was ready to tear into it with gusto, flying to Minneapolis and booking an eastbound subcompact slightly bigger than a Zippo lighter, heading straight for Wausau, a three-hour drive. Fall foliage had started to turn— that bright red sumac against those rich green hills rang Christmas bells in my head, already. But it was still September. My hosts, caller/badge-maker/Swiss-bounders Bob and Pauline Holup had set up another ASD dance in that nice old party barn outside of town, and Bob helped me set the dancers swinging, rafters ringing, every *shingle* one. That gang dances with gusto, spirit, vim and vinegar. Good fun-lovin' bunch.

**Webster, South Dakota**— Are you ready for this? I shot that little shaky Chevy straight west, past the twin cities and across Minnesota into South Dakota the next day, covering another 350 miles to Florence (That's a town, not a girl.) to be hosted by caller Perry and Margaret Bergh (always a delight) and visit that quaint little lodge in the country where that bull moose chews my scalp as I call to the Webster clan. I found out practically everybody at the dance knew Myron Floren (of Lawrence Welk fame) before he was *anybody*. So each tiny town has its star. Or, indeed, some Chamber of Commerce members, devoid of a proper "star" to wish on, in an astro-mythical frame of mind, actually claim to have given *berth* to "George Washington" himself.

**Hardy, Arkansas**— The Acres Shakers club of Ozark Acres were more than patient when I dashed in an hour late due to close connections (a flight from Minneapolis to somewhere to Memphis, with a switch to a rental car for a three-hour drive into Arkansas) and encountered smokey road hazards besides. Thanks to George (caller) and Toots (cuer) Peterson for filling in, as well as to Bob and Irene Pears for hosting me that wild night. It had been a twenty-hour day. **Continued on Page 81**

# SQUARE DANCING Is SOMETHING

by George Pollock  
Edmonds, Washington



Dancers and callers from many clubs and workshops raised funds for a square dancer whose wife had died after a lengthy illness. The response was so sincere that one realized again what wonderful people square dancers and callers truly are.

Unrelated to this, a caller at the Hayloft in the Seattle area one night said, "We are always talking about why people drop out of square dancing. But why do they stay in?"

These two seemingly separated incidents generated some thought. Many couples have danced for years in good weather and bad, often travelling long distances and always remaining uninvolved in controversial square dancing issues. No matter what happens, there they are. "Something" keeps them going. What?

Could it be that something keeps square dancers active irrespective of age? That which motivated square dancers during their twenties, continued in their thirties and forties and remained in their fifties and sixties. What is that mysterious "something" that prevails throughout the years? Perhaps we can sort out some of it.

## Dancing level

Square dancers reach a point where they have to make decisions on certain questions: "At what level do we want to dance— mainstream, pluses, challenge, tapes? How much time can we devote in a week to square dancing? Is this enough time to support the level we have chosen? What is our skill or capability potential— do we learn fast and retain or are we slower learners?"

## Moderation and the participation level

In making the all-important decision on dancing level, couples find it sound when the level chosen is moderate. Of course moderation to some is devastating and excessive to others. But if a suitable degree of moderation is applied, dancers are neither "burned out" in perhaps three years, nor bored. Long term dancers choose and modify their participation level in consonance with the time they have available for square dancing.

## Happiness Level

The decision on a practical dancing level, based on concepts of moderation and capability, leads to the attainment of a sound happiness level. And this, above all, keeps dancers going year after year. There just isn't any reason for continuing something that causes uneasiness or unhappiness. Square dancers who locate their individually molded happiness level, continue ad infinitum.

## Avoiding Controversy

Controversy is a deadly trap. Often, dancers sensibly choose their dancing, happiness and participation levels and then are blown to bits in the mined field of controversy. Where should the club meet? When? Dues? How much round dancing? Who should be club caller? Club president? Durable dancers discover that none of it is important enough in the long run to create ill will or shorten their dancing life spans. Long-term dancers avoid controversy like Calvin Coolidge avoided sin. When asked what he thought about sin, he replied, "I'm agin it." Lasting dancers make a decision to avoid controversy early in their dancing lives. They sense con-

troversy with unerring accuracy and tread lightly.

#### Health

Dancers find that their sound and early decisions to continue square dancing led to a bonus— improved physical and mental health. They burn more calories in an evening than joggers and energetic swimmers. And all agree it is mentally relaxing and stress-relieving. How often have dancers found seemingly insurmountable problems vanished during the evening? "Old timers" in square dancing invariably seem to be in pretty good physical and mental health.

#### Friendship and the tolerance level

Friendships formed in square dancing is the mortar binding dancers together year after year. Permeating throughout is the ability to be tolerant of others at all times. Even the best golfers, chess players, race drivers, and square dancers have "off days" and experienced square dancers know this. Also, dancing skills fluctuate due to absences related to family emergencies, illness and injury, death or separation of a partner for other reasons, job demands, etc. So mistakes by others are unimportant.

#### Cost

Most people need some form of recreation and it all costs— some more than others. With inflation, high property and rental costs and cost of living in general, many young couples are drawn to square dancing as a less expensive recreation, even with baby sitting expenses. As these dancers grow older, they may become able to afford more expensive recreation due to job promotions, elimination of the baby sitting cost, etc. But they continue square dancing because of the friendships formed, the exercise (health), and the happiness level they have chosen. Eventually they retire and the cost factor tends to assume importance again.

Well— why do so many stay in square dancing? Probably it is because they make moderate decisions early and this leads to good dancing, participation, happiness and tolerance levels. They form fine friendships; they maintain their physical and mental well-being. And they determine their dancing capability and stick to it.

Isn't square dancing "something?"

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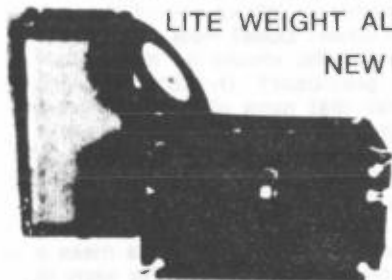
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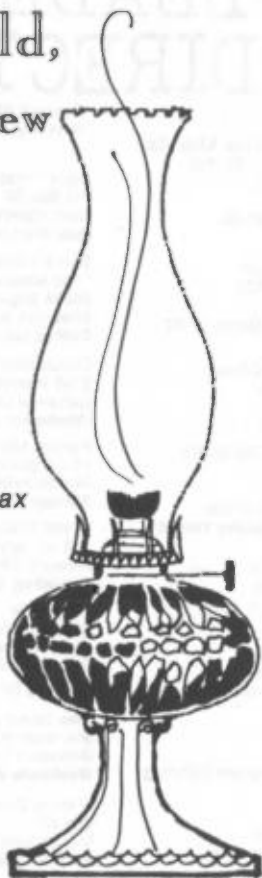
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# Suggestions— Some Old, Some New

from

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Success depends not on what is said but on what is tried.

During the long, hot summer the Fed-Fax staff compiled an inventory of administrative suggestions that appear to have merit and should prove of immeasurable value to all club officers, especially those relatively new in their position and struggling for ideas. The listing follows:

1. Mr. President, make certain your fellow officers are made aware of details— don't be the only one having the answers.
2. Appoint an older club member to work with newer leaders of committees. This creates a learning experience and provides confidence. At least have guidelines for each committee.
3. Appoint a budget committee, not

more than two couples, to work with treasurer on the limitations of proposed expenditures.

4. A warm greeting at the door of your club dance, by the president and his wife, makes an instant and lasting good impression.

5. Seek out those members with demonstrated leadership qualities, early in the year, as potential officers. It's too late to look just weeks before election!

6. If at all possible elect new officers early enough to work with current committee chairmen.

7. Immediately after election have each new officer meet with his/her retiring counterpart for discussion of responsibilities.

8. Consider two year terms for each officer. Knowledge comes through continuance. Why discard experience?

9. Training officers in the handling of the "mike" provides ease, poise and confidence.

10. Keep the communication pipeline always open. Speaking out is the key to many problems.

11. Create a "log" for your club, keeping it current and accurate. It will become your club history and an immediate reference manual for all future club activities.

12. Visit other clubs and get together with that club's officers in an exchange of ideas and suggestions. Both clubs will profit.

13. Have a club P.R. person to handle public relations, publicity, promotion, posters, placards.

14. Don't let disputes fester. Attack them immediately. Do something openly when problem first surfaces. Simplicity and action comprise a sure-fire formula.

15. Don't overlook calling upon the very capable District officers who stand ready and willing with answers to Why?, What?, and Who?

16. Dare to be different. Dare to get out of a rut.

17. Employ the three B's:

Be positive in analyzing any job, always be ready to praise a worker. A negative approach leads only to drop-outs.

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## Learning To Call

by Charles Schilling  
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At some time or other in a dancer's life the thought occurs, "I wonder what it would be like to get up there and call a dance." For most dancers that idea is nothing more than a passing thought. A few, however, will want to try it. If you are one of those, this article is written for you.

Every caller started as a dancer. After a year or two, or five or ten, the urge to give it a try became so strong that he (or she— I'll use "he" in this article for convenience, not forgetting there are many fine lady callers) decided to give it a try. Many of those who try it once find the knee-knocking experience enough to last a lifetime, and never go near a microphone again. Others decide that singing calls might be okay, but patter is too much to handle. Some of those show up regularly on "Amateur Caller Night" to do a song or two, but never go any further than that. The rest find the rewards so satisfying they decide it's worth the effort to go ahead and develop their skills. When a dancer makes the decision to become a caller, life starts getting complicated.

When I started, not very long ago at all, I had a lot of questions, and it would have been useful to have a place I could go for some answers to them. With the experience so fresh in my mind, maybe I can answer some of those early questions, and smooth the way for the newcomer to calling.

### How Do I Get Started?

Most beginning callers start by learning a few singing calls. That's the easiest aspect of calling, and a good way to begin. Buy a few records you like, and learn the calls. Practice them over and over, until you have them letter-perfect. In the beginning it's not a good idea to try and improvise. Just do it the way the pro on the flip side does it, and you won't go far wrong. Don't try to do a call to a floor of dancers until you are able to do the call without using the cue sheet. Then, when you do call it to dancers, keep the cue sheet where you can refer to it if you need to. Singing it in your living room, garage or basement is entirely different from singing it to a hall full of people.

When you've got your first singing calls down pat, ask your club caller if he'd mind letting you do one at a club dance. *Don't* ask to call at a strange club, and *don't* ask a guest caller at your club to let you call. If you want to call somewhere beside your own club, get some friends together in your basement or go to an "Amateur Caller Night" somewhere, but it's not fair to impose on unknowing strangers or to intrude on a guest caller's performance.

### Can I just do singing calls without learning patter?

Sure. And you can eat nothing but desserts, if you want to, but don't expect to get invited back anywhere. Callers who do nothing but singing calls contribute nothing to square dancing. They merely copy work that someone else has already done. It's fun to do singing calls, but, except in the beginning, you don't improve your skills that way. You learn to call by learning the movements, learning how they're done, from what positions they're done, what they do to the square and what can be done next. Only by learning these things can you ever become a true caller.

You see, a singing call doesn't teach the dancers anything. Either they get it or they don't, and the caller contributes nothing to their dancing ability. The caller has to be teacher, leader and entertainer. Singing calls are done for

entertainment *only*. With some singing calls, the figure is complex, and has to be worked into the patter before being done as a singing call. If the caller can't do that, the floor will break down on the singing call and nobody will have any fun, including the caller. A caller has to do patter, and that requires study and work. If you're not willing to study and work, you'd be better off to forget about calling.

#### **What about equipment?**

If you're serious about calling, buy your own, and buy the best you can afford. If you're not absolutely sure you want to call, try to use someone else's until you *are* sure. Equipment is a substantial investment, but over a period of years it will pay for itself many times over, if you are willing to work hard and stay with it.

The basic requirements are a record player-amplifier, some speakers, speaker stands, a microphone and a record case. You'll also need the cords and connectors and stuff to go with them. The main items are the amp, the mike and the speakers. There are several brands of amp, but the ones you'll see most often are Hilton, Newcombe and Clinton. You can spend anywhere from a few hundred to several thousand dollars for an amp, but before you buy, get some advice from an experienced caller. Some new callers try to make do with jerry-rigged systems built out of home hi-fi equipment, but the results are usually pretty disappointing. Equipment that sounds loud enough to lift the roof off your house often can't be heard half-way across the room in a large hall with thirty squares on the floor. Be sure to get some good speakers and a good mike. The speakers are what delivers the sound to the floor, and if you don't have good ones *you* won't sound good. The dancers won't blame the speakers, they'll blame the caller. The same is true of the mike, with the added consideration that the mike is what determines what your voice will sound like. Try several, and pick the one that best suits your voice. Have an experienced caller help you with your selection of a mike.

#### **How do I get started learning patter?**

There's no easy answer to this one. There are several things you can do that will help, but every caller has to develop his own style, meter and filler words. Some callers "sing" their patter, and

some callers "chant" it, while others prefer a sort of "auctioneer" style. Get some hoedown records that have patter on the flip, and listen to the style of the pro's. You might also get a tape recorder, and record various callers in your area to get an idea how they do their patter. Try imitating various callers until you find a style you feel comfortable with. With practice, your own style will emerge.

How you call isn't as important as *what* you call. There are three or four methods of calling. The basic three are *sight*, *memory* and *cue card*. Some callers use a variation of memory calling known as *modular*. Experienced callers use a combination of all these methods. Sight calling is the most difficult to learn, and is probably better left until you've had some experience. It involves remembering the starting position of the dancers, then calling whatever comes to mind (so long as it works) until you're ready to resolve the square and bringing the dancers back to their original positions for a left allemande. In order to sight-call well the caller must know how the dancers will end up after each move, so he can call the next move just before they finish the last one. This is called *timing*, and the idea is to keep the dancers moving and avoid having them stand and wait while the caller decides what to do next. Until the caller knows the ending position of every move he calls it is very hard to time properly using the sight-calling method.

Probably the best method for a new caller to use, at least at first, is the cue card system. All you do is write down a routine, from static square to left allemande, on a card or sheet of paper, then call it right off the paper. This is easier if you develop a short-hand notation system to write down the moves. With this system, most of the work has already been done for you by other callers. You can take your routines from singing calls (being careful to call "left allemande" instead of "swing your corner" to avoid partner progression), from material published in square dance magazines, from textbooks on calling and many other sources. You should always check out these figures, using dolls or cut-outs, to make sure they work before calling them to live dancers, because sometimes printing errors do occur, but there is a tremendous amount



of good material available, so making up your own cue cards should be no trouble at all.

Memory calling is simply memorizing routines like the ones you write down on the cue cards. As you use them, you will sometimes find yourself memorizing your cue card routines without really thinking about it. Other simple sequences of moves will also creep into your memory. The more moves you have memorized, the easier it will become to memorize new ones. Eventually you will find that you don't need the cue cards except for new material.

Modular memorizing is a simplified form of memory calling where the caller learns short sequences that move the dancers from one set-up to another, or that bring the dancers back where they started. For example from a Box 1-4, which is the formation you end up with when you have the heads square thru, a "zero" module is "swing thru, boys run, wheel and deal." It brings the dancers right back to a Box 1-4. Another one is "curlique, scoot back, boys run, right and left thru, slide thru." An entire dance can be made up of little routines like this that take the dancers from one known position to another.

All these systems of patter calling are tried and true. Any of them can be learned with time and practice. Whatever system you use, the essential ingredient is practice.

#### **Where can I get help?**

One of the nicest things about learning to call is the fact that to do it right you need plenty of help and it's a real pleasure to find out how many, many people will be glad to give you all the help you need. Start by telling your club caller you'd like to learn. Most club callers are eager to help a new caller get started. There are never enough callers around, and helping a newcomer get into calling is one of the ways an experienced caller contributes to the activity.

After you've done a lot of practicing, you'll need to call to live dancers every chance you get. To start out with, you might ask some dancers to come to your house and dance to you in your garage or basement, if you have room. Make a party out of it, and offer refreshments, and they may even agree to come back a second time. Folks are very nice about that sort of thing, if they know you appreciate their help and can see you're

making a real effort to learn and improve.

When you've had a chance to practice a bit with dancers, you might want to consider attending a caller's college. There are colleges at various times of the year at many locations throughout the nation. Costs and schedules vary, but the material covered can be of immense value to a beginning caller. To locate a college you can check for ads in this and other publications. There may also be a Callerlab-certified caller coach in your area. To find out, drop Callerlab a note (Callerlab, PO Box 679, Pocono Pines PA 18350). They will be glad to give you the information about Callerlab-certified caller coaches and the approved course of study for caller colleges.

#### **Can I make a living as a caller?**

Well, that depends. The safest answer is, "Probably not." If you're going into it with that idea in mind, you should know that full-time professional calling is a tough, competitive business, and only the best and most dedicated callers succeed at it. Rather than look forward to becoming a full-time caller, you'd be wiser to start out with the idea of someday becoming a local club caller. That, in itself, is enough of a challenge to start with. If you should manage to accomplish that, *then* you can start to look at further opportunities in the profession. Calling isn't something you go into for the money. You go into it because you love it and feel you have something to contribute. There are sacrifices you have to make. You don't get to dance as much. Your partner is left out, lots of times, and that can cause problems. It takes a lot of time and effort. The pay is barely enough to cover the cost of equipment, records, fuel and clothes, and you won't even make enough to cover those costs at first. There will be times you question your sanity for ever getting into it.

There are rewards, though. Plenty of them. When you call a good tip or a good dance, and people have a good time as a result of something you did, well, that's a feeling you can't equal. And who knows? Someday, after years of effort and hard work, you may be one of the ones they talk about when the great callers are discussed. If so, that'll be great. If not, well, you'll still be able to look back and say you did your part to make a great activity even greater.

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# HASH CUES FOR ROUNDS

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The best way for a dancer to learn the basics in round dancing is to be taught by the use of hash cueing.

Let us ask ourselves why we should use hash cues, when we can teach six basic steps in a routine and let the dancers learn a dance, and then use the dance for practice? This does work, and many people have learned the basic steps this way, but, there are many reasons why hash cueing will do an even better job of teaching your class.

How about a look at some of the advantages of hash cues for teaching basics. Let us use one of the most common rhythms of dance, the two-step, for explanatory purposes.

The first thing to do is to go into the basement or closet and get your old records out. Pick out four to six of the records you are not teaching or dancing. The music should be good, pleasant to listen to, danceable and not lose anything when you slow it down or speed it up for teaching purposes. Above all, *do not* select a record with a vocal, the class came to take dancing lessons, not singing lessons.

Being able to change your record is the first advantage of hash cueing, and one of the most important. The class will now learn your sequence of hash to several different tunes and they will memorize the basics, and not associate the routine with a specific record.

We are now ready to put our lessons together, and there are many ways you can start the class. You do not have to do this first, and then that second, and absolutely do something else third. Everyone must be his or her own person and use his ability to teach to the best advantage. Above all, know the direction you are going to go and be 100% prepared.

This is the next advantage to hash cues. You have your lessons written out by sequence, you know what steps and positions you are going to use in each session. The class feels very secure because you are not stumbling with your cues and you convey to them the confidence they need to be assured they will learn to round dance.

Most of the couples who sign up for round dance classes come from the square dance clubs. They have seen the rounds, have done line dances and mixers at square dances. Some of the more enthusiastic dancers have even had their friends pull them through easy rounds like "Frenchie Brown," "Tips of My Fingers" or "Happy Sounds," just to mention a few. Some of these couples actually believe they know a lot of basics already, and some do, but most generally they don't know exactly everything they are doing or what the step is designed for.

This is another important reason for hash cueing. The person who doesn't even know a two-step is on the same level as one who knows a little dance or two. The person who knows the step or two has to listen to every word you say because they absolutely cannot anticipate what the next movement will be with hash cues. You have the total attention of the class, and most important you have complete control of the class at all times. *You* are the leader! *You* set the pace that the class progresses, not a few couples in the class.

Now let us take a look at lessons No. 1. The best way to explain this is to simply tell you how we start our first lesson. You can add to, subtract from, or rearrange any part; the main point we want to stress is our use of hash cues. This is

not taken from a manual or book; it is simply the way we find most successful for us.

The evening starts with a friendly hello and introductions of everyone. We then explain a little about round dancing, its origin, history, courtesy and dress code.

Ten or fifteen minutes have passed by now.

A. The couples circle up and we show them the four directions that we will be using: Line of Dance, Reverse Line of Dance, Wall and Center of Hall.

B. Next come the positions we will be using in the first few lessons. Semi-closed position, Open position (line of dance), Left open position (Reverse line of dance), Butterfly (man facing wall), Closed position (man facing wall). Too many positions and directions at this point will only confuse the class; the rest of the positions can be worked in later. For our first lesson we will use only Line of dance and Open position.

C. Here we teach an Introduction, explaining what it is supposed to do and how it is used. For our first lesson we will use "Face your partner and the wall, Step apart,; Point,; Together,; Touch Open position,; Line of dance,;

D. Next we start to get into the meat of the lesson, we teach the two-step, opposite footwork, in open position.

E. We add four slow walking steps.

F. Now, comes the music with a sequence:

Intro: Apt,; Point,; Tog,; Tch,; OP LOD

1-2 Walk,; 2,; 3,; 4,; (Walk 4)

3-4 Two-step; Two-step; (two forward two-steps)

5-6 Walk,; 2,; 3,; 4,; (Walk 4)

The most important thing at this point

is not the footwork, but getting the class to move to the beat or timing of the music. The footwork will work in. After this is fairly smooth we add:

G. 7-8 Vine apart, 2, 3, touch; Vine together, 2, 3, touch; OP LOD

We repeat measures 1 - 8 until the class is moving to the beat of the music and the footwork is good. We also switch the sequence around so they will become accustomed to listening for the due and not memorizing the sequence.

H. During about the last ten minutes of class we give them some homework. We show and introduce them to the next figure we will teach the following week. This night it would be the Hitch 6. We don't spend a lot of time on it, just a few minutes, and tell them to think about it and practice at home for the week. We find this helps the class and brings them back the next week with an anticipation of what they will learn that night.

We try to add two figures a week (or lesson) using a Walk 4 in between figures as much as possible. This gives the class thinking time, and time to get back on the proper foot if they have made a mistake. As the lessons progress we drop the Walk 4 and put the basics together. After about eight lessons of hash cueing we will start to teach an easy dance, put together first as just a sequence. Then we tell them it is actually a dance they have done.

A big thrill for us is when after a few weeks of hash cueing the class dances through a complete record of hash without making a mistake and they stand there and applaud themselves for a job well done. Then we know that we've done a good job, too. To us, hash cueing is the best method of teaching basics.

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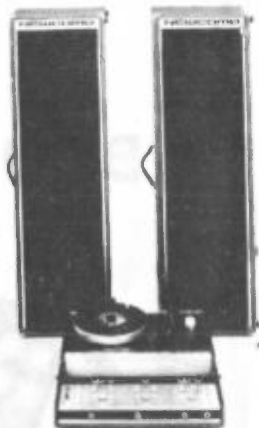
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# Why 100 Dancers Stopped Dancing

by Shirley Conant  
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A great deal of concern was being expressed about the reason for the big drop-out rate of dancers in the club. I decided to do a survey to determine what the causes really were. I obtained the names of 100 members, over a ten-year period, who had dropped out of dancing. Each one was called and asked, "Why are you not square dancing at the present time?" Following is a list of categories (elaboration follows on each):

1. Illness, pregnancy, etc.— 4
2. No longer in the area— 22
3. Divorce or separation— 13
4. The night— 10
5. Workshop— 9
6. Clique Groups— 4
7. Time consuming— 38

Some persons had more than one complaint but for purposes of our club I accepted their biggest gripe.

### Comments about categories

1. Is self-explanatory with persons suffering different ailments.

2. **No longer in area:** Some had moved, some were in the service, and six had joined other clubs.

3. **Divorce or separation:** Some of these expressed a desire to dance if partners could be found for them.

4. **The night:** Our workshop night did not work into their schedule. However, they did not look for another workshop in the area. (There are several.) Other activities taking its place were swimming lessons, scouts, round dance lessons, bowling, hockey and choir practice.

5. **Workshop:** Workshop does not review basics for very long so discouraged many persons especially after the first year of lessons. It just seemed to be push-push all the time and that is not what they had expected of square dancing. Some felt they could not attend workshop every week and if you missed, the material was not repeated enough and they felt left out. They then felt as though they could not catch up and were shunned by other dancers rather than the dancers helping them.

6. **Clique groups:** Some persons felt left out right at the beginning if they were slow learners. Others felt there was

not a great deal of fraternization between club members and class members. Also, they felt that each class tended to stick together. At some dances, dancers just jumped on the floor all squared up and never danced with anyone else, thus making them feel left out. Also many dancers stood around at dances and discussed the many calls they had learned making others feel stupid and overwhelmed.

7. **Time consuming:** This was the single, largest, most often expressed complaint. Most dancers felt that at the present levels, they would have to devote at least two nights a week (1 workshop and 1 dance) to keep up with current calls. Dancers, especially those with children, felt this was too much time to devote to one activity. Not only did sitters cost a lot but two dance nights limited their participation in the interests of their children. Most all in this group said they thought that once they learned, that would be it, and when they found out differently, they quit.

My own opinion and comments: After talking with this many persons I feel the survey may be of help to callers especially, and to dancers, club and class members, if everyone will read it carefully and objectively. Every person I called was very cooperative and glad that someone had taken the interest to ask them why. Some had a combination of complaints that proved interesting to me. My own personal opinion, after talking at great length with some of these people is that they were looking for an excuse. In some cases one of the partners was not that hep on dancing right from the beginning and some of these excuses were just a means of dropping out. Most said square dancing was not what they had expected. It was much more complicated than they thought, thus it became work and not fun.

Perhaps callers and dancers could be exposed to this or similar surveys and work together for improvement. Maybe we could make it seem more like fun than work, and a more congenial activity. Have fun.

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# STRAIGHT TALK

I'm writing this letter and am sending a copy to two other magazines for publishing. I have been mulling over in my mind for quite sometime some of the concerns of other callers and dancers regarding our breakneck speed with run away square dance movements, as well as the serious damage it is doing to the activity. It amazes me that so many callers voice their concerned opinion on this subject but for the life of me I don't see anyone doing anything different to alter the situation.

We all know and agree that the dancer who suffers the most in all this is the beginner. He is expected to learn an unbelievable number of terms and how to execute them, by the time he graduates (in most cases Mainstream and Q.S.). This gives me much food for thought. In the first place I adore new dancers. I love watching them learn to have a wonderful time square dancing from the very first time on the dance floor. During the weeks in which I teach them the basics, I see the shy ones come out to full bloom, I see all of them take on an air of confidence they didn't show before, I see them experience their first strange caller and after a couple of tips realize they really can understand him and dance to his calling, not only just mine. I see their growing enthusiasm for Saturday night dances when they graduate. I also see a little disappointment in their eyes when I have to tell them to dance only at Mainstream level when the rest of the club is traveling to Plus 1 dances. I see their interest build as they hear the older club members talk about the festivals and how much fun they are. In watching all this for 40 to 44 weeks I see a large problem looming on the horizon for our new people— a big disappointment at the end of the road. Are they to be deprived of the Saturday night hoedowns because the caller only calls Plus One and Two level? Are they to be deprived of

the festival because each featured caller comes out with something that has not yet been in print? Something that only experimental workshop dancers can dance?

Now I'm one of the first ones to admit that there has to be a level for everyone. Some want Mainstream and Q.S.; some want Plus 1 and 2, and others want Advanced. I will say that the advanced group I call for is very small in comparison to the Mainstream clubs, but clubs can be Mainstream and Q.S., even Plus 1 and 2 if they desire, as ours do. But there should be some open dances that are geared for the new dancer, the once a week dancer and anyone who belongs to a limited basic group. I want to see something for everyone. I wonder if we can do it and stay sane.

Here in our area we try to promote two newer dancer jamborees each month. One is put on by our local callers association; the other is put on by the three clubs for which my husband and I call. We work desperately each year to teach as many of the Plus One and Two movements as possible to the new graduates before we start a new class. Our older members have always been enthusiastic about the festivals. But let's face it if you don't teach Plus One and Two to the graduates they don't dare go, or if they dare they end up blowing the squares and get dirty looks from the rest of the dancers. Recently our clubs performed at a local shopping center mall to promote our fall beginner classes. One non-dancer, when he saw my recording badges, asked me if I had won the contest. I replied with great pride "There is no such thing as a contest in square dancing." But after I said it the words kept ringing in my ears and I began to wonder. As someone said, "Where's the fun gone from square dancing?"

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Salinas, California





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DANCER

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## BOB "WHOOOO"

Not many folks ever heard of Bob "Whoooo" Clark until the National Square Dance Convention in 1975 at Kansas City. Bob "Whoooo" and lovely wife, Mildred, (her friends call her Millie) live in Folsom, PA, a suburban residential section outside of Philadelphia.

Bob "Whoooo" started calling in 1974 as a protege of the late Frank Vain, a well-known caller from Bob's neighborhood. When Frank passed away very suddenly in 1975, Bob "Whoooo" was asked to replace Frank at a number of square dance clubs in the area. Little did Bob "Whoooo" realize that he would soon be hosting a tour to Kansas City as well as coordinating an After Party for the Federation of Delaware Valley Square and Round Dancers.

While acting as MC for the After Party, Bob "Whoooo" had the good fortune to share the mike with Beryl Main, Dick Jones, Lee Kopman, and many other National callers. "It was like riding on Cloud Nine," Bob "Whoooo" said, reminiscing on being associated with such an august group of callers. Bob "Whoooo" continued in his calling career, and together with Lee Kopman, arranged the choreography and presentation at the 1976 National Square Dance Convention in Anaheim for the Delaware Valley dancers who marched into the arena over 1,000 strong to the lively tune,

"On the Boardwalk in Atlantic City." Possibly, the effectiveness of this exhibition could not have been more adequately expressed by anyone other than Carl Anderson, National Executive Committee Member, when he said, "This is the greatest presentation I have ever witnessed at any National Square Dance Convention," and Carl has attended all the nationals since the first one he organized in 1952 at Riverside, California.

Bob "Whoooo" now has his own Nite Owl Club, Mainstream II workshops, and calls along with teaching for many Delaware Valley Square Dance clubs. Bob "Whoooo" is an active member of Callerlab, and follows their teaching recommendations and techniques to the letter. He is a strong disciplinarian on square dance styling and dress code. His charismatic personality, teaching ability and patience with dancers at all levels, has caused an upsurge of square dancing in the Delaware Valley area. Oddly enough, square dancers who used to dance actively on a regular basis, and dropped out of the activity for various reasons, are now returning again to the hobby they once enjoyed because of Bob "Whoooo".

Plausibly enough, Bob "Whoooo" has adopted the hoot owl for his lucky sign, and now, no one in the Delaware Valley refers to Bob Clark anymore as Bob "Whooooo."

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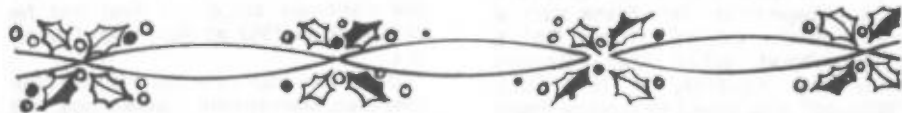
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# Encore

by Mef Merrell

Highlights from Past Issues of this Magazine

## 25 YEARS AGO— December 1955

Emmette Wallace answers the question "What's New in Square Dancing?" He lists these new movements or terms added to square dancing since about 1940, based on discussions with a number of "informed peoples." *Pass thru* and *do paso* are two new names for old figures which needed clarification. Backwards stars as used in *allemande* *thar* are new to square dancing; also, *box the gnat*, *rollaway*, *throw in the clutch* and *backtrack*. Emmette also mentions *travelling arches*, *turn from a right and left eight* (*double pass thru* to *single file promenade* and *break from a couple promenade to a right and left grand*.

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In "Taw Togs," Miriam Gray of Illinois describes two current styles of square dance toggery. "The square dress flourishes in greater numbers and fancier styles than ever," she says. Usually three-tiered, the skirt is lavishly trimmed with rows of braid, rick rack or laces. The standard blouse matches the skirt and is v-necked with a collar, though there are many variations.

From the Mexican *senorita*, square dancers have borrowed the circular skirt with its gaily hand-painted Mexican designs in large patterns and varied colors. Some variation of the peasant blouse is usually worn with the circular skirt.

Miriam advises, "Regardless of the number of petticoats, underneath them all should be worn pantalets"—to keep from "showing a wide expanse of bare leg on every twirl."

## 10 YEARS AGO— December 1970

Lib Eddy asks, "Is Your Halo on Straight?" Angels at holiday time are pictured bringing good news to the earth; angels in square dancing are

dancers who attend beginners' classes to help them learn more easily and quickly. Callers appreciate the assistance of angels, but all too often well-meaning angels prove a disruptive factor. Lib gives several pointers for angels to consider. Let the caller do the teaching. If there's a problem, tactfully call his attention to it and let him correct it in his own way. Be extremely careful not to embarrass any dancer by correcting him or by the way comments are made. Listen to the caller and let the beginners listen. Dance what the caller has taught. Don't add flourishes or gimmicks of your own. Remember, in your dress, your attitude, your courtesy, your friendliness, you are the models for the beginners, the only standard they have to pattern themselves on. Be the perfect angel, and "club dancing could become much more heavenly, couldn't it?"

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Quoted from "Building the Floor," by John Winton, Vancouver, B.C., from panel notes from the National Convention: "A square of dancers works as a team playing 'the game' with the caller. If a caller is smart, he will let the dancers win most of the time."

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New Gimmick: *Rainbow Stroll*—helps teach California twirl plus dancing in time to the music.

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This report comes from (Inter?) National News: *Dancing in New Zealand*: In 1965, there were two active clubs in the Christchurch, New Zealand, area. Now the movement has built to 32 clubs with eighteen callers and a steady annual growth.

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From the South Pacific Square Dance Review: "What is a Square Dancer?" "A square dancer is a person who knows



his left from his right but occasionally forgets it. A square dancer is someone who has learned to do as he is told (by the caller), but doesn't always do it.

He is fanatical in his search for a good time, travelling miles in all kinds of weather, going to places he would never go otherwise, spending all night on his feet which were killing him at work, and smiling happily all the time.

A square dancer speaks a language all his own. He calls his partner his law, date, honey, darling or pretty little thing, and he promenades, sashays, weaves, circulates, circles around the ring, circle or set.

He learns his dancing thru and thru; square thru, swing thru, dive thru, pass thru, turn thru, step thru, right and left thru, barge thru; and he must be agile enough to do such unlikely things as *box the gnat, shoot the star, pick up a girl or chuck the corn.*

If this description fits you, don't worry, although practically incurable, this disease is not at all harmful, and most square dancers have a strong desire to infect other members of the community."

## Golden Gem

### IT'S THE DOERS WHO COUNT

It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes up short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly; so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither defeat nor victory.

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# FEEDBACK

I read the article in your August issue on the dropout problem and I must say it really got under my skin. It has taken Callerlab and other organizations years to standardize the names and levels of dance. We certainly don't need someone to come along and start applying different names to these levels already well-established under names recognized and accepted by all in the activity.

Compared to many, I am relatively a newcomer in the square dance activity. I have been dancing for four years and calling for three. During this time I became club caller for a newly formed Plus Two club and have been guest caller for several Mainstream clubs. For the past three years I have been on the calling staff for the West Virginia State Convention in Salem at all levels from Basic through and including A-2. In all my travels and all the people I've met, I never heard anyone say that the Mainstream level had a stigma against it. Quite the contrary. I think most callers and dancers alike all agree that Mainstream is the backbone of square dancing. If not, when then are there so many Mainstream level clubs around?

What's in a name, anyhow? What difference does it make what this level is called? You can call it mainstream, party, George, Shirley, or whatever, and it will still consist of the 1-68 calls. The

makeup has not changed, only the name. So if (and I say if) the stigma exists, it must be against the make-up and not the name. To paraphrase, a rose is a rose is a rose.

We callers, as leaders in the activity, should not advocate the destruction of what has taken years to build. If you honestly feel a name other than Mainstream is necessary in your particular area, then by all means use another. But don't try to change the name activity-wide. In short, do what you think best for your area but don't make waves in other areas. If I had to pick another name for Mainstream I would have to choose "Bloodstream" as this level is truly the lifeline of square dancing.

*Bob Boswell  
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JUNE 25, 26, 27, 1981

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON



## CONVENTION MEMENTOS

### CONVENTION COOK BOOK

What do Rosalynn Carter, Joan Mondale, the Governors of Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington have in common? They along with the mayors of many northwest cities, members of Washington's congressional delegation and square dancers contributed to the collection of 505 recipes of different national cultural backgrounds comprising "Northwest Potluck," the 30th National Convention's official cookbook. Many dancers find 'potluck' a necessary adjunct to a dance and as this is the Northwest, the book is well titled. Interior dividing pictures are from Josef Scalyea, courtesy of the *Seattle Times* and the cover depicting the Seattle skyline overlooking Puget Sound is by Hal Mize. Cold glue binding allows the book to remain open when slightly pressed. Available at \$6.50 each or \$6.00 when ordering ten or more, they may be ordered from Mary and Jim Knight, 25209 34th Ave., S., Kent WA 98031. Make checks payable to 30th National Square Dance Convention.

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### WHO ATTENDS A NATIONAL CONVENTION

Cacti Pete of California, Willie Harlan of Oklahoma and Frank Kolland of Wisconsin are the only dancers known to have attended all 29 of the National Conventions. Do you know of any others? A review of advance registrants for Seattle '81 shows that two of the three are registered for number 30. Many other dancers have attended numerous conventions and visit the registration booth at one convention to sign up for the next. These dancers attend to renew acquaintances and enjoy the atmosphere that only large events generate.

Many dancers from local surrounding areas seize the opportunity to attend a national close to home and then become addicts and hit the convention trail. Reasons for attending are many and varied, from letters received from registrants and dancers seeking information. The combination of a National Convention and a vacation is a dominant one.

From Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas and other states: Combining attendance with a tour of Alaska, some prior to the convention and others after.

From many places: Combining Seattle '81 with a Hawaiian vacation.

From Arkansas, Utah: Arranging for AMTRAC, hope to have several coaches.

From California, Colorado, Texas, Oregon and other places: RV caravans.

From Australia: Including your convention as part of a tour of the Western United States.

From Alaska: Visiting the lower 48 and will take in your Convention.

From many places: Served in the Northwest during WWII (or the Korean conflict or Vietnam) and have always wanted to return and show my family your beautiful country.

From Japan: Our group would like lodging within walking distance.

From British Columbia: Have chartered a bus, looks as if we may need two.

From Southern California, the Golden

(Brown) state: Be delightful to see that Northwest greenery.

From just about everywhere: Send info on salmon fishing, RV parks, brochures on places to see.

From everywhere: Will be visiting relatives, parents, children, etc. (This is great as it reduces demands on housing.)

Yes, reasons for attending are many and varied. Should you attend? We could rate the Pacific Northwest and Seattle '81 the way Michelin rates French restaurants: A really good place is worth a considerable detour, a great place is worth a journey. SEATTLE '81 will be worth that journey.

#### REGISTRATION UPDATE

Let your feet meet in Seattle on June 25, 26 and 27, 1981. Join the 10,157 dancers registered as of the 30th of September for the 30th National Convention.

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# Sketchpad Commentary



## Symbols



Whatever we do,  
Wherever we go,  
We are guided  
By symbols.  
Symbols that suggest,  
Demand, preach  
Symbols that inform.  
Little designs  
That tell a story.  
Roadsigns, trademarks,  
Watermarks, abbreviations,  
Acronyms, pseudonyms,  
Stamps of quality,  
Brands of excellence.  
Orders, organizations,  
Heraldic signs, images,  
Logos, photos, go-go, HoJo.  
In our hobby  
We're asked to fall  
Into categorical capsules.  
We each carry  
A proficiency label—  
B, EB, MS, QS, Plus I, II, A-I, 2..  
A class graduate  
Goes for his PhD.  
A round dancer  
Can go LOD or RLOD.  
Callers plan to  
RLT, WD, DPT to a 1P2P.  
The big hands  
Of yesterday's clock  
Moved more slowly.  
Today's digital timepiece  
Flashes electronically,  
And we dash automatically.  
Flick. Flit. Go quick.  
Yesterday's dance  
Was majestically  
Timed to the rhythm  
Of a pendulum swing.  
Sometimes our modern  
Dingaling swing-thing  
Needs more canter  
And less gallop.



More pace, less race.  
But ours is the ultimate,  
Modernized, symbolized,  
Stylized society.  
We must fuss and rush  
Hustle and bustle  
Before we sleep.  
The seasons hasten on.  
December.  
Time for stylized Santas,  
And snowflakes and candles  
And candy and gifts,  
Tinsel and mistletoe.  
And last but not least  
A Baby we simply  
Symbolize with an "X."  
A light, a lamb, a dove,  
A cup, a crown, a tree,  
And finally, a cross.  
God rested on the  
Seventh day.  
We sometimes take a  
Seventh inning stretch.  
Then dash onward,  
Pellemell, helter-skelter.  
Too busy, perhaps,  
To read between the symbols—  
An "X" and a "†" and then "8."  
We saw the movie,  
Why read the Book?  
Maybe this Christmas  
We'll find time  
To reread the Story.  
And re-explore  
Its meaning—  
Its many symbols  
And its application  
To our lives.  
Hope. Peace. Love.  
They're all there.  
And best of all,  
It's rated "G."



by Yeeds



# Dancing Tips



A traveling caller sees many things on his tours that would surprise some of the leaders around the country. For years we have worked to standardize our movements, and we have been quite successful in this. But there is no way you can standardize leadership. We see dancers going through the calls as they have been standardized, but the action and flow of the dancers can be very varied.

When a caller is calling for a group of dancers he has not called for before, he is very apt to get a strong opinion of the leadership in the area. I do not mean he is judging the dancers, but he is judging the way they have been taught. Dancers that dance smoothly, with grace and timing, have been well taught and well led; dancers who execute roughly with no thought of timing are poorly taught and poorly led.

We don't see "poor dancers;" we see dancers who have not been taught correctly or who are misled by poor leaders. To me most of the blame lies on the callers who have been teaching there, but there is also the "ringleader" among the dancers who kicks, hops, skips, twirls, and runs through the so-called dance. It is a pity, but often this fellow is imitated!

I am not a "stiff neck" who thinks we

should not relax and have a good time! I want the dancers relaxed, I want them to have a good time, I do not look down on any dancer who makes a mistake, but I do feel dancers should dance and not just clown their way through the evening.

Any caller who calls regularly for a club, a club caller, should bring these things to the attention of his dancers. He could show timing of a call, he should show proper hand holds, he should show smooth dancing, he should show styling. He should not turn his back on the wrongs he sees; if he does, it is his fault if the dancers do not perform correctly. A caller is a teacher and a leader; he should conduct himself accordingly. I grant you that sometimes dancers do not listen, but he should try in a friendly easy-going way to show what is right and what is wrong. Of course there are many clubs that have no regular caller; here the leadership falls on club officers and other club leaders.

Many callers attend callers colleges and callers seminars. These things are usually discussed at such sessions, and should be. At our such events, we are often asked by newer callers just how we should teach— and of course, this goes into a time-consuming discussion for there is much to be said. Let me just mention a few little helps we have come up with in 25-plus years of teaching.

One of the first important things is learning proper hand holds. In the *ladies chain*, the *right and left thru*, or any other movement that uses the courtesy turn, there are specific hand holds. Practice with the new dancers from squared-up position: have the lady extend her left

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## Calling Tips

by Gene & Thelma Trimmer

Many times we hear the term "caller etiquette" and see lists and do's and don't's associated with it. Far too little has been said about "guest tips" when you are visiting where another caller is working the dance. In some areas, especially rural areas, the opinion seems to be that a caller is expected to put a visiting caller on for a tip. Nothing could be farther from the truth! If you are a visiting caller and the resident caller puts you on for a tip, it is strictly as a courtesy to you and there are certain guidelines you should follow when that courtesy is extended.

First, do not get the microphone in your hand and start blowing your own horn. If you have been put on for a guest tip, the chances are good the caller extending the courtesy has already said all that needs to be said about you. The dancers already know all they need to know about both you and the resident caller and they are there to dance.

Second, a guest tip is not the place to sell package weekends, cruises, tours or special dances in which you are involved. These are covered by flyers and bulletins you should have brought along and asked to display when you signed in at the door. Contrary to what seems to

be the hucksters call, there is such a thing as too much advertising. You can become saturated with that as easily as you can become saturated with noise.

Third, you may be capable of calling a much better tip or dance than the resident caller. A guest tip is no place to prove that point. The choreography you call should be straight forward, smooth and free flowing, and should not be full of little gimmicks. If you choose to try making the resident caller seem incompetent by contrast with your superior command of the calls— you lose. The dancers are not dummies and you, rather than the resident caller, will lose their respect. Square dancers are wonderful, sensitive people and you may rest assured they like to see everyone look good.

Fourth, do not workshop anything. If the singing call you want to use has some special little call you are not sure the dancers can do, and you are incapable of changing the figure, then change the singing call. It is really the duty of the resident caller to stop you from any workshoping if you attempt it unless the caller has asked you to do so. You can be stopped by some sign or by something whispered in your ear, and you should heed the sign.

In summary, you will be far ahead of the game if you accept the microphone offered to you, say "Hi!" to the dancers, thank the caller for the courtesy and then call the tip. When you finish the tip then get off the stage as graciously as possible. Just use some little rule like "Take the mike, do the tip, put down the mike and leave the stage." If you cannot "sell" yourself in that manner, you never will.

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by Bob Howell

# easy level

## WHITE CHRISTMAS

A simple mixer involving beautiful Christmas music.

MUSIC: White Christmas, Lloyd Shaw 4591

FORMATION: Large single circle, facing partner with right hands held in a right hand star position. Partner should be slightly to your right.

ROUTINE:

- 1-2 Touch left toe forward and to the left. Touch left toe to the left side. Grapevine to the right (Cross left foot behind right, step to the right with right foot, close left foot to right.) Change hands.
- 3-4 Repeat same action with a right foot lead. Change hands again.
- 5-6 In a right hand star position, turn partner with two running schottische steps (L,R,L, Brush; R,L,R, Brush:)
- 7-8 With four slow walking steps, walk past your partner and form a right hand star with new partner to begin again.

## CHRISTMAS SQUARE

RECORD: Blue Star 1858

CALLER: Dick Bayer

FIGURE:

Allemande your corner, walk right by your own  
 Turn your right hand lady right, partner left  
 Four ladies chain straight across the ring  
 Rollaway circle to the left  
 All four ladies rollaway you circle left and then  
 Left allemande, a do-sa-do, heads get set to go  
 Square thru, you know, four hands around  
 Now do an eight chain thru  
 You'll know that Santa's on his way  
 He's bringing lots of toys and games for you to play  
 Swing your corner lady round and then  
 Left allemande and weave the ring  
 So I'm offering this simple phrase, do-sa-do and promenade  
 Although it's been said, many times, many ways  
 Merry Christmas to you.



*Here is a pretty contra that Glen Nickerson of Kent, Washington, sent to me. Glen got the dance from Cindy Green in Worcester, Mass., and believes it was written by Pat Shaw. We did it while singing the Shaker hymn, "Tis A Gift To Be Simple," and all that participated enjoyed it very much. Most simple gifts are the most precious.*

## SIMPLE GIFTS

MUSIC: Any 64-count jig or reel (or may be sung)

FORMATION: 1, 3, 5, etc., active but not crossed over.

- 1-8 Everybody forward and back
- 9-16 Everybody do-sa-do partner
- 17-24 Actives down the center
- 25-32 Wheel around and come back



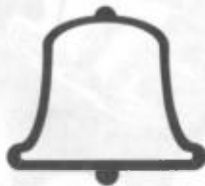
- 33-40 Cast off and ladies chain
  - 41-48 Ladies chain back
  - 49-56 Just the actives balance and turn (Petronella turn  $\frac{1}{4}$  to face up or down line in center)
  - 57-64 Balance and Petronella turn one more time
- Begin again. Actives only do the two Petronella turns.

*This is a circle mixer which utilizes the old-time basket figure that was part of the dance many years ago. For old-timers this will create a nostalgic mood and for newer dancers it should create some rollicking fun.*

**JINGLE BELLS**

RECORD: Jingle Bells, Folkraft 1080x45A  
 FORMATION: Single circle, lady on gent's right.  
 ROUTINE:

- 1-8 Circle left.
- 9-16 Circle right
- 17-24 Ladies to the center 8 steps (small ones).
- 25-32 Ladies join hands and back out of the center. (As they back out, they raise joined hands over the men's heads and lower their arms behind the gents' backs. The men also joined hands, and with hands kept joined, they duck forward under the ladies' held hands, which formed arches. This forms a zig-zag crossed arm position referred to as a "basket" formation.)
- 33-40 In the basket formation, sashay eight steps to the left (Sing chorus of song).
- 41-48 Turn the basket inside out, go back the other way. (Ladies raise joined hands up and over the gents' heads and bring them down in front of the gents. The gents raise their joined hands over the heads of the ladies and bring them down in front.)
- 49-56 All sashay right in the basket formation.
- 57-64 Break the ring and all swing corner lady, ending with her as your new partner on the right, facing center of circle.  
 Repeat entire dance with new partner.



Dance may be cued as follows:  
 Circle left go round the ring  
 It's eight steps left, my friend.  
 Circle right the other way back  
 Eight more steps and then  
 Ladies to the center  
 Men make a ring outside  
 Ladies back and arch on over  
 Make a basket and circle wide.  
 Oh, sashay left around you go  
 Sashay left I say  
 Turn the basket inside out  
 Go back the other way.  
 Sashay right til you get home  
 Then swing your corners all  
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black and blue with his  
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BALL FIELD GOALER**—  
as high a kicker as  
you'd see this side of  
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**FREDDY, the FINGER-  
PRINTER**— leaves  
thumbprints on every  
girl he arm-turns

**PATTY, the PATTY  
CAKER**— slaps each  
person on the grand  
right and left

**ROBERT, the ROBOT**—  
stiff dancer

**BERTHA, the BIG  
BUMPER**— figures  
she'll lose weight by  
bumping each man

# Holly Gollies

st of good square dance  
e a few leaves out of our  
*Styling* book and give you  
ee" characters to avoid in  
dancing— They'll *mistle-*  
*stuffing* out of your *cheer*  
nd *yule* certainly *pine* and  
ust *Claus*.

**GEORGE, the GORILLA  
GRABBER**— has a grip  
like a vise



**NELLIE, the NAILER**—  
long nails leave a mark  
on her unsuspecting  
victims

**FINNEGAN, the FLA-  
GRANT FLIPPER**—  
twirls any girl in a tri-  
ple hook if he can



**LINUS, the LITTLE OL'  
LINEMAKER**— makes  
lines in an unorthodox  
manner



**GARRULOUS GUS-  
SIE**— yakity-yaks you  
out of hearing the  
caller



**TIM, the FAIRY TUR-  
NER**— no courtesy  
turns, doesn't know  
what courtesy is



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## CANADA

Have you heard of the Canadian HI Level Dancer's Directory? They have one and it's a good one. The need for a directory was fast becoming apparent as groups sponsoring dances didn't know

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## SHORT SHORT

We need your help. No one has sent me any information for this column for a long time. I have gleaned a little here and there and occasionally add a few of my opinions, but I need information from readers who are involved.

## AUSTRALIA

Ken Rigby sends a word of hope from Down Under. We sent him some information a few years ago and now he has three tape groups working on the Advanced-Plus, with five couples at the C-1 level. Sure appreciated hearing from him. He says Kip Garvey gave them a tremendous boost with his "Partners in Progress," dancing mainly to his tapes. He says he has made another very rewarding contact with Ed Foote.



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Right and left thru, pass thru  
Partner trade and roll, right & left grand..

Sides rollaway, heads lead right  
Circle four, boys break to a line  
Pass thru, chase right,  
Right and left grand.....

Heads lead right and circle to a line  
Pass the ocean, girls run, boys hinge  
Diamond circulate, flip the diamond  
Right and left grand.....

Four ladies chain three-quarters  
All rollaway, heads (or sides) pair off  
Right and left grand.....

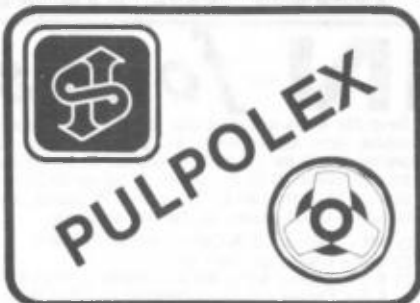
Heads flutter wheel, square thru  
Two hands, right and left thru  
Flutter wheel, single circle half  
To a right and left grand.....

Heads lead right and circle to a line  
Pass thru, wheel and deal  
Centers pass thru, ocean wave, recycle  
Single circle half to a wave  
Spin chain the gears  
Right and left grand.....

Heads lead right and circle to a line  
Right and left thru, ladies lead  
Dixie style to a wave, left swing thru  
Trade the wave, right and left grand.....

Heads lead right and circle to a line  
Pass thru, wheel and deal

Centers pass thru, right and left thru  
Flutter wheel, ocean wave  
Turn and left thru, right and left grand.....



Callerlab has initiated a program to select quarterly movements for the advanced and challenge level dancers. The advanced selection for the third quarter is:

TALLY HO

Description: From parallel ocean waves, all circulate half, those in the center wave hinge a quarter and box circulate one half, as those meeting on the outside arm turn half (a momentary six-hand wave), center four of this wave arm-turn three-quarters as the remaining dancers move up to become the ends of the finish-up parallel ocean waves.

NOTE: *Tally ho* is exactly equivalent to *spin chain thru*.

EXAMPLES by Ed:

Heads square thru four, ocean wave  
*Tally ho*, swing thru, recycle  
Square thru three-quarters, trade by  
Pass thru, left allemande.....

Heads half square thru, ocean wave  
*Tally ho*, swing thru, recycle  
Square thru three-quarters, trade by  
Square thru three-quarters  
Left allemande.....

Heads square thru four, ocean wave  
*Tally ho*, boys run, crossfire  
Coordinate, bend the line  
Square thru four, trade by  
Left allemande.....

Four ladies chain, heads square thru  
Four hands, ocean wave, *tally ho*  
Right and left grand.....

FIG. 1

Parallel waves  
all circulate half

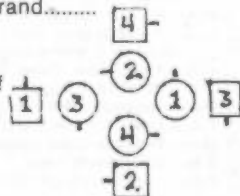


FIG. 2  
Centers hinge  
a quarter and box  
circulate half  
as outsides trade,

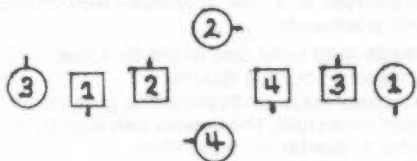
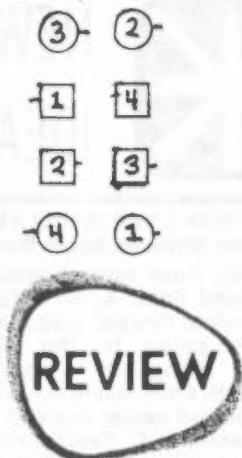


FIG. 3  
Center four arm-turn  
three-quarters as  
outsides move up



### CHECKMATE (THE COLUMN)

Description: From parallel columns, lead two dancers in each column single file promenade to the right one-quarter plus about two steps and face in as a couple; trailing two dancers in each column single file double pass thru, then individually quarter right and step forward as a couple to join the outside two in a two faced line. Dancers in a left-hand column will go left and quarter left.

**3x1 CHECKMATE:** From columns, the lead three dancers in each column promenade single file around the adjacent column to the farthest spot and quarter in, as the trailing dancers in each column do a pass thru and go to the original leaders' position in their own columns, quarter in and walk straight out to become the end of the 3x1 line.

**1x3 CHECKMATE:** From columns, the lead dancer in each column promenades single file around the adjacent column

and goes to the farthest spot to quarter in; trailing three dancers in each column do a triple pass thru, quarter in and walk straight forward to form a 3x1 line.

NOTE: Those who promenade around the adjacent column always ends facing in, and those remaining always end facing out.

### EXAMPLES by Ed:

Heads lead right and circle to a line

Touch a quarter, *checkmate*

Boys cross run, girls trade

Bend the line, left allemande.....

Heads pass thru go round one to a line

Touch a quarter, *checkmate*

Centers trade, couples circulate

Tag the line in, pass thru

Wheel and deal, centers pass thru

Left allemande.....

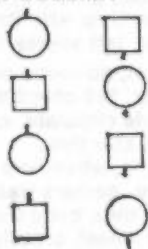
Heads lead right and circle to a line

Rollaway, touch a quarter, *checkmate*

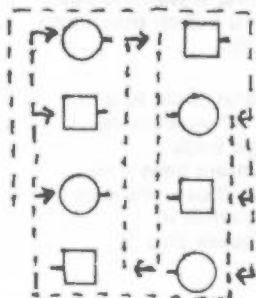
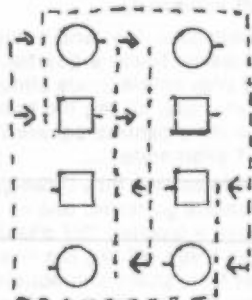
Crossfire, trade and roll

Crosstrail thru, left allemande.....

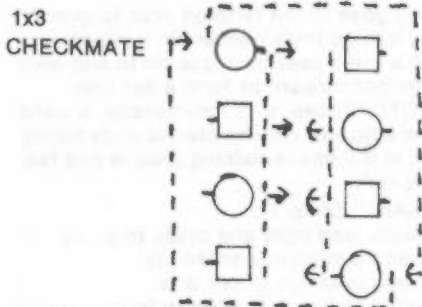
### RIGHT HAND COLUMN



### CHECKMATE



### 3x1 CHECKMATE



Heads square thru three-quarters  
Separate go round one to a line  
Touch a quarter, *checkmate*  
Ferris wheel, girls swing thru  
Turn thru, star thru, ferris wheel  
Centers flutter wheel, zoom and  
Square thru three-quarters  
Left allemande.....

Heads lead right and circle to a line  
Touch a quarter, *3x1 checkmate*,  
Ends circulate, girls trade  
Boys ferris wheel, girls recycle  
Zoom, girls turn thru, star thru  
Wheel and deal, left allemande.....

Heads pass thru, go round one to a line  
Touch a quarter, *3x1 checkmate*  
Boys trade, ends circulate, ends fold  
Those who can star thru,  
Others quarter in, wheel and deal  
Touch a quarter, centers trade  
Boys run, pass thru, bend the line  
Reverse flutter wheel, crosstrail thru  
Left allemande.....

Heads lead right and circle to a line  
Rollaway, touch a quarter,  
*3x1 checkmate*, ends circulate  
Boys trade, all tag the line in  
Star thru, centers square thru  $\frac{3}{4}$   
Left allemande.....

Heads square thru three-quarters  
Separate go round one to a line  
Touch a quarter, *3x1 checkmate*  
Boys trade, all tag the line in  
Star thru, zoom and square thru  $\frac{3}{4}$   
Slide thru, pass thru, wheel and deal  
Centers square thru but on third hand  
Dixie grand (R, L, R)  
Left allemande.....

Heads lead right and circle to a line  
Touch a quarter, *1x3 checkmate*  
Centers trade, boys trade  
Ends circulate, centers pass thru  
Centers cross fold, those who can  
Star thru, others quarter in  
All ferris wheel, square thru  $\frac{3}{4}$   
Left allemande.....

Heads pass thru, go round one to a line  
Touch a quarter, *1x3 checkmate*  
Boys trade, boys run,  
Girls walk and dodge, girls crossfold  
Curlique, right and left thru  
Circle four to a line, crosstrail thru  
Left allemande.....

Heads lead right and circle to a line  
Rollaway, touch a quarter  
*1x3 checkmate*, ends circulate, girls trade  
Ends crossfold, those who can star thru  
Others quarter in, pass thru  
Wheel and deal, square thru  $\frac{3}{4}$   
Left allemande.....



### SWITCH OVER CIRCULATE by Don Malcolm, South Dakota

Description: From parallel ocean waves or two-faced lines: A. Ends facing in, slant circulate forward (diagonally walk forward), going to the opposite line/wave, taking the vacated center positions; B. Ends facing out, cross run to the vacated center position in their own waves/lines; C. Centers roll out to the vacated end positions. Ends become centers and centers become ends.

Right-hand ocean waves end in clockwise two-faced lines.

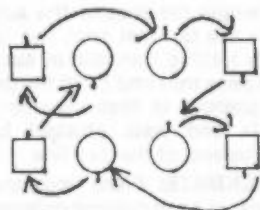
Clockwise two-faced lines end in left-hand ocean waves.

Left-hand ocean waves end in counter-clockwise two-faced lines.

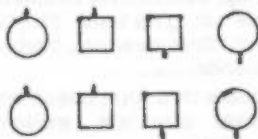
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(Parallel ocean waves)

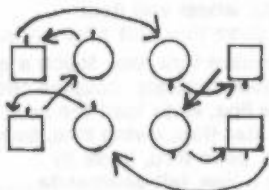
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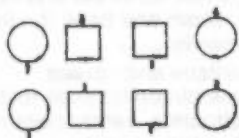
Result



(Parallel two-faced lines)  
Switch over circulate



Result



EXAMPLES by Author

Heads square thru four, swing thru  
*Switch over circulate* ferris wheel  
Right and left thru, square thru ¼  
Left allemande.....

Heads square thru four, swing thru  
Boys run, *switch over circulate*  
Trade the wave, swing thru, boys run  
Bend the line, crosstrail thru  
Left allemande.....

Heads lead right and circle to a line  
Dixie style to a wave, left swing thru  
*Switch over circulate*, ends circulate  
Bend the line, right and left thru  
Crosstrail thru, left allemande.....

Heads square thru four, swing thru  
Boys run, tag the line left  
*Switch over circulate*, centers trade  
Swing and promenade.....

SINGING CALL ADAPTATIONS by Author

Heads/sides square thru and go  
Do-sa-do and then, swing thru and go  
Boys run right, *switch over circulate*  
Boys trade, boys circulate, swing  
Allemande left and promenade (Add  
16-beat tag)

Heads/sides square thru and go  
Do-sa-do and then, boys trade  
*Switch over circulate*, couples circulate  
Couples trade, bend the line,

Square thru and go three-quarters around  
Swing and promenade (Add 16-beat tag)

Heads/sides square thru and go  
Do-sa-do, made a wave (take a peek)  
Trade the wave, *switch over circulate*  
Ferris wheel one time, flutter wheel  
And then, square thru three-quarters  
Swing corner and promenade  
(Add 16-beat tag)

(Heads/Sides/Heads/Sides)  
Heads square thru four, do-sa-do  
And then, swing thru, boys run right  
Tag the line, face left and then  
*Switch over circulate*  
Boys run and promenade (16-beat tag)

EXAMPLES by Ed:

Heads square thru four, ocean wave  
*Switch over circulate*, boys hinge  
Diamond circulate, flip the diamond  
Boys run, couples circulate, girls trade  
Ferris wheel, square thru three-quarters  
Slide thru, crosstrail thru  
Left allemande.....

Heads square thru four, swing thru  
*Switch over circulate*, crossfire  
Split circulate, boys run,  
Square thru three-quarters  
Left allemande.....

Heads square thru four, sides rollaway  
Ocean wave, *switch over circulate*  
Ends run, *switch over circulate*  
Bend the line, left allemande.....

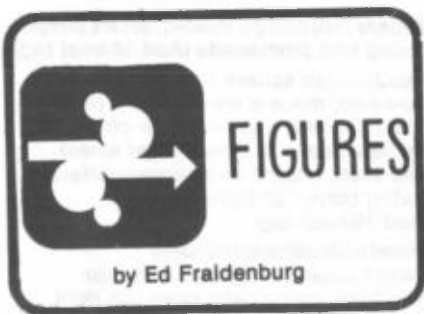
Heads square thru four, sides rollaway  
Swing thru, *switch over circulate*  
Wheel and deal, star thru, ferris wheel  
Centers sweep a quarter, crosstrail thru  
Left allemande.....

Heads lead right and circle to a line  
Pass the ocean, *switch over circulate*  
Couples circulate, boys cross run  
Ferris wheel, square thru three-quarters  
Left allemande.....

Heads square thru four, swing thru  
Boys run, *switch over circulate*  
Boys run, girls cross run, bend the line  
Crosstrail thru, left allemande.....

Heads square thru four, ocean wave  
Centers run, *switch over circulate*  
Trade the wave, turn and left thru  
Pass thru, left allemande.....

Heads lead right and circle to a line  
Curlique, coordinate  
*Switch over circulate*, recycle  
Pass thru, trade by, pass thru  
Left allemande.....



**FIGURES by Ed:**

Four ladies chain, heads lead right  
 Circle to a line, touch a quarter  
 Checkmate, couple circulate  
 Tag the line right, crossfire  
 Coordinate, crossfire, boys run  
 Trade by, left allemande.....  
 Heads square thru four, split two  
 Line up four, touch a quarter  
 Checkmate, crossfire, boys run  
 Trade by, square thru three-quarters  
 Trade by, left allemande.....  
 Four ladies chain, heads lead right  
 Circle to a line, touch a quarter  
 1x3 checkmate, ends circulate  
 Boys trade, all tag the line in, star thru  
 Partner trade, centers pass thru  
 Star thru, pass thru, wheel and deal  
 Zoom and pass thru, left allemande.....  
 Heads square thru four, split two  
 Line up four, touch a quarter  
 3x1 checkmate, tag the line in, star thru  
 Dive thru, square thru three-quarters  
 Left allemande.....  
 Heads lead right and circle to a line  
 Spin the top, boys run  
 Switch over circulate, crossfire  
 Trade and roll, pass thru, wheel and deal  
 Dixie grand (R,L,R), left allemande.....  
 Heads square thru four, ocean wave  
 Trade the wave, switch over circulate  
 Tag the line left, promenade.....  
 Sides rollaway, heads square thru four  
 Swing thru, centers run  
 Switch over circulate, swing thru  
 Trade the wave, centers run  
 Bend the line, pass thru, ends fold  
 Star thru, promenade.....  
 Heads square thru four, sides rollaway  
 Ocean wave, centers run  
 Switch over circulate, trade the wave  
 Boys run, crosstrail thru  
 Left allemande.....

Heads lead right and circle to a line  
 Spin the top, switch over circulate  
 Boys cross run, girls trade, recycle  
 Square thru three-quarters, trade by  
 Left allemande.....

Heads square thru four, ocean wave  
 Switch over circulate, switch over  
 circulate

Switch over circulate, switch over  
 circulate

Hinge a quarter, split circulate, boys run  
 Pass thru, wheel and deal

Centers pass thru, left allemande.....

Heads square thru four, touch a quarter  
 Switch over circulate, couples circulate

Bend the line, ends load the boat

Centers star thru, swing thru, boys run

Star thru, pass thru, trade by

Circle to a line, left allemande.....

Heads curlique and spread

Switch over circulate, centers trade

Ends boys run, all wheel and deal

Star thru, zoom and bend the line

Left allemande.....

Heads curlique and spread

Switch over circulate, ends fold

Centers circulate, center boys run

Square thru three-quarters

Trade by, left allemande.....

Heads curlique and spread, acey deucey

Switch over circulate

Centers walk and dodge, clover and

Star thru, swing thru, circulate

Boys run, partner trade and promenade..

Heads square thru four, swing thru

Boys run, girls walk and dodge

Switch over circulate, boys cross run

Girls pass the ocean, diamond circulate

Flip the diamond, recycle

Left allemande.....

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In the article about Allemande Hall in Chattanooga which appeared in the center spread of the October issue, the name of Gloria Roth was inadvertently omitted from the list of nationally known callers who are calling at the hall in the current season. Gremlins again! Our apologies to Gloria.

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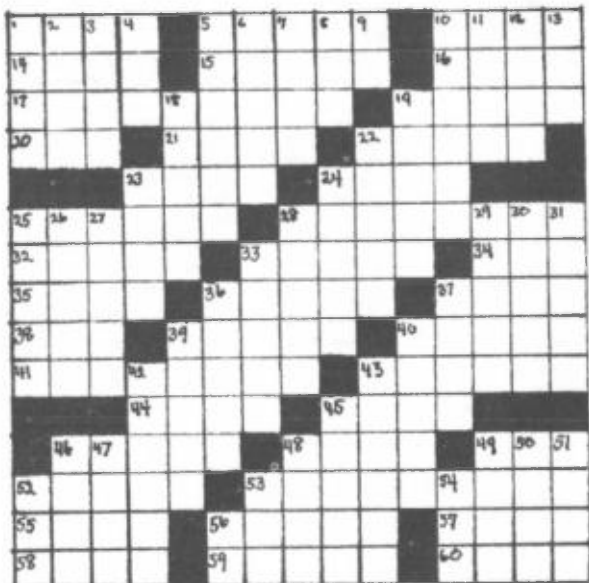
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5. Tree decorations or holiday dances
10. --- off
14. Table spread
15. Close (poet.)
16. Celebes ox
17. Pachyderms
18. --- square
20. Lone Swingers Soc. (abbr.)
21. Namesakes of Lincoln
22. City in England
23. Prejudice
24. Celebration party
25. Chorus words of "Deck The Halls"
28. Extremity (3 words)
32. "---- little breeze...."
33. ---- the ladies
34. Asian language
35. In vain
36. S/D shoe brand name
37. --- slide & slither
38. Nervous reaction
39. Push aside
40. "---- Foolish Things"
41. ---- Touch --- anything
43. Felonies
44. West's opposite
45. TV Show or detergent
46. Kind of dress (2 wds)
48. Potato (slang)
49. Acted
44. Christmas decorations
53. ----/--- hop
55. Per person
56. ---- chain
57. Sloped entrance
58. Item of men's wear (var.)
59. OBYTE (abbr.)
60. ----r (Man's name)



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1. Carol
2. Allment
3. Third letters
4. Travel ad agency
5. Sheep's sounds
6. Mrs. McMillan & Mrs. (var.)
7. "---- Dance"
8. The (Abbr.)
10. Calling can be one
11. Assoc. of Names And Dances (Abbr.)
12. Children
13. Small boy
18. Sleety
19. Board the bus (2 wds)
22. Legal (slang)
23. Old s/d location
24. Christmas dinner
25. Not the right hands
26. Use
27. Camera brand name
28. ---- swing
29. ---- and left
30. Cross under----d hands
31. Sits depressedly
33. "Who Can I ---- On?"
36. ---- right
37. "Leader---- shape" book
39. Caller Burdick et al
40. ---- the wave
42. Noises made by animals pulling sleigh
43. Grand ---- Dam
45. ---- circulate
46. ----we go
47. Holiday dress material
48. Provocative
49. Wheel and ----
50. Poetic foot
51. Fool
52. Four couples
53. Apron
54. Item of underwear
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IN THE NEWS

**Chuck Marshall**, caller from Pekin, Illinois, reports that when the Tribal Squares of Lewistown, Illinois started their lessons in September, and were surprised to have two full squares of beginners (very good for a country town), including a young lady from Husnes, Norway (population 2,500) named **Ase Vigdis Velure**, 17 years old, and a foreign exchange student staying with **Stan & Dian Cook** of that area.

Since she will be in the USA until July, it is hoped that she will take a new hobby back to Norway and become a square dance promoter. Readers who know of other square dancers in Norway may wish to pass on information to **Ase** by writing to **Chuck Marshall**, 5 Pilgrim, Pekin, IL 61554.

**Art and Blanche Shepherd** were honored recently by more than 250 club members for 20 years of dedication and leadership of the square dance activity in New Zealand. **Art** is a well-known international caller, and the couple has credits too numerous to mention, all documented in an anniversary booklet sent to us by **Gwen & Gordon Nuttall**.

**Ken & Judy Curtis**, active caller/leaders in southern Texas, will soon be leaving their home in Kingsville and moving to the Hampton, Virginia area.

In the October *Prevention* magazine, an article appeared entitled "The Happiest Way to Health and Tranquility" by **Kerry Pechter**, tracing the roots of square dancing and praising its healthful qualities. The author drew information from many sources, including this magazine and its editors (mentioned as a resource), Callerlab, CROWD, and the National Square Dance Convention. Persons mentioned are **Penny & Rick Relchenbacher** (PA), **Steve Stephens** (TX), **Bob Osgood** (CA), **David Westlake**



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Caller **Marvin Labahn** of Chicago Ridge, Illinois sent us another almost-full-page ad he ran in an issue of the *Worth-Palos Reporter*. In order to promote area square dance interest. Similar efforts by **Marv** are continuing, but he says most of the results are centered in his one-night-stand bookings, rather than in class recruits.

**Jim & Bonnie Bahr** of Denver, Colorado, sent a picture-page feature from the *Hanna Herald*, showing a typical night's performance of the Jim Dandies exhibition team. The Jim Dandies specialize in formation dancing with international ballroom overtones.

Caller **Jack May** of Toledo and the May Dancers were featured on AM Magazine, channel 24 recently with host **Paul Smith**. **Jack & Lil** were interviewed, and Jack taught **Paul** a few square dance figures, including a "yellow rock" with (lucky) **Kathy Lark**.

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Charles and Bebita Camp were general chairmen in charge of the gala celebration.

*Bebita Camp*

**IN MEMORIAM**

Echo Grunthal of Lewiston, Idaho, died of a pulmonary embolism in August. She and her husband, Otto, were very active in the Lewis Clark S&R/D Federation and the Idaho Federation and for eight years edited the *Idafed Tattler*.

Mom Allison died in September in Tyler, Texas. In the fifties and early sixties, the Allisons were active in the St. Louis Association and were life members of the Federation and Callers'

Guild. Last June, Mom attended the national convention in Memphis and enjoyed seeing her many friends. Sympathy is extended to her daughter, Jane.

*Marie Tueth*

Aaron "Doc" Heimbach, caller for many years for the Blue Island Boot and Slippers, as well as many other clubs in the area during the fifties and the sixties passed away in October, 1980. Doc was a pioneer in establishing square dancing in the Chicago area. Caller Joe Louis, his very good friend, came from Texas and delivered the eulogy at the memorial services held for Doc.

*Dick Guber  
Midlothian, Illinois*

**ROUND DANCE INSTRUCTION FOR CALLERS**

The Alberta S&R/D Instructors Association have just completed a weekend of instruction with Charlie & Bettye Proctor with Red Deer, Alberta. Most of the members of the organization are square dance callers who wanted instruction on presenting rounds to dancers in square dance clubs. Charlie and Bettye did this presentation for the first time, and they know and see a need

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for more weekends of this type.

The format included three "callers only" sessions and two "caller and dancer" sessions. The Association wishes to thank all the dancers who supported the dance sessions, since the continuing education of the callers will lead to a better round dance picture in Alberta.

### CREELS HONORED IN LOUISIANA

President John Geauthreaux presented Johnny and Janie Creel with a plaque and Johnny with a sterling silver engraved tie from the Metropolitan New Orleans Area S&R/D Association. The Creels were chairmen of the 11th Louisiana State Convention, the largest in attendance so far.

At the MNOASRDA annual festival, Janie was presented a special award, given for the first time, for exceptional dedication to the square and round dance association over the last 23 years.

Johnny and Janie, as presidents of a local club, helped organize the MNOASRDA in 1958. They have served as officers of the association and as presidents in 1977 formed the past

presidents club, members of which assist the association board and help stage the state convention. During that year the Creels also initiated the newsletter which is such a success. Janie coordinated the first fashion show in 1974. Johnny, besides the many executive duties for the association, several years ago made 32 banner stands and a backdrop stand for use at the festivals.

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etc.

The Indiana Dancers Association, Inc. held their first mini-LEGACY seminar, titled "etc." (Education Through Communication) in September at the Best Western Beech Grove Motel. Twenty-two couples and two singles attended. Topics for discussion were dedication, leadership and communications. All attendees wish to hold a second seminar next year. Bob Howell, LEGACY chairman, was guest master of ceremonies for the event.

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Her job's the crowd to gauge,  
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She's proud to hear him call,  
That's not the point at all.  
Love brought her to the hall,  
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by Lib Eddy

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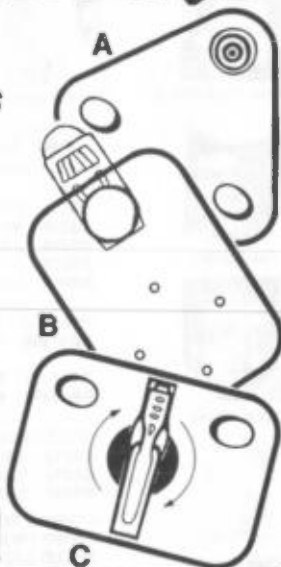
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## ROUND REVIEWS

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Good music on the flip of "Lazy Sugarfoot;" solid intermediate three-part two step with change of rhythm.

### EVERYBODY LOVES MY BABY— Hocter 681

**Choreography by Charlie & Bettye Proctor**

Good swinging music and a good quickstep with a shag sequence.

### TANGO CANADIANA— Hocter 627

**Choreography by Charlie & Nina Ward**

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### BAUBLES, BANGLES AND BEADS— Telemark 929

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**Choreography by Peter & Beryl Barton**

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### ALL THAT JAZZ— Educator 4659

**Choreography by Marie & Stan Shipman**

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### SMOOTH SAILING— Warner 49214

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| Lotus Blossom Waltz       | Grenn 14290    | P2-83/0 = 83     |
| Sweet Misery              | Sierra 5180    | P2-83/0 = 83A    |
| Buster                    | Hi-Hat 987     | P2-85/0 = 85     |
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| Oh                        | Hocter 166     | P2-109/0 = 109   |
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| Things                    | RCA GB10672    | P2-112/5 = 117A  |
| Beautiful You             | Capitol 4772   | P2-89/30 = 119A  |
| Honky Tonk                | Hi-Hat 988     | P2-12205122A     |
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| Rockin' Around         | MCA 65027      | P2-134/0 = 134   |
| Loving Me Again (Cor)  | WBS49176       | p2-115/35 = 140A |
| Since You Went Away    | Epic 9-50912   | P2-133/10 = 143A |
| Carnival               | Hocter H1645   | P2-146/0 = 146A  |
| All That Jazz          | Ed 4659        | P2-92/55 = 147A  |
| When                   | Epic 9-50912   | P3-146/8 = 154   |
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### INTERMEDIATE: 176-250

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| Are You Lonesome      |               |                  |  |
| Tonight               | Roper 137     | P3-179/0 = 179   |  |
| Girl That I Marry     | Hi-Hat 986    | P3-183/5 = 189A  |  |
| Hello Dolly (revised) | Hocter 1781   | P3-173/27 = 200A |  |
| Somethin' 'bout You   |               |                  |  |
| Baby I Like           | Capitol 4865  | P2-176/25 = 201A |  |
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| Waves of the Danube     | Roper 149    | P3-234/25 = 259A |
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# Flip Side

## SQUARE REVIEWS

by John Swindle

*Merry Christmas! It's that time of year again. We had some interesting records to dance this month: sad songs, happy songs, some cute songs and some downright funny songs. There were good figures, interesting figures, easy figures, and some worn out figures. Twenty-four singing call flips and one patter record make up the review this month. Until next year, y'all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Swindles.*

### **TEXAS BOUND AND FLYING— Chaparral 308**

**Caller: Gary Shoemaker**

The theme from "Smokey and the Bandit II" has now made the square dance disc in a big way. The Roadrunners do an outstanding job on the instrumental with banjos, harmonicas and fiddle as leads with a tremendous rhythm track. Gary put a simple but very effective figure together that will keep dancers moving. FIGURE: Heads square thru do-sa-do, swing thru, girls circulate, boys trade, boys run, bend the line, forward and back, touch a quarter, circulate, boys run, swing, promenade.

### **PECOS PROMENADE— Chaparral 406**

**Caller: Beryl Main**

Beryl chose one of today's popular country western songs for his latest release. A well-timed but simple figure on the flip side was enjoyed by our review dancers. FIGURE: Heads promenade half, sides do-sa-do, star thru, pass thru, swing, left allemande, weave the ring, do-sa-do, promenade.

### **YOU'RE NEVER GOIN' TO TAMPA WITH ME— Red**

**Boot Star 1256; Caller: Elmer Sheffield Jr.**

This tune was not quite as popular on the charts as the flip you may remember ("The Shriner's Song). It's a little novelty song with a play on words that was enjoyed by the dancers. Junior uses a *load the boat* in his figure but came back in the fourth figure with *eight chain four*. Both were well-timed. FIGURE: Heads promenade half, sides right and left thru, square thru, right and left thru, slide thru, load the boat, swing, promenade.

### **COLUMBUS STOCKADE BLUES— Prairie 1030**

**Caller: Al Horn**

This tune is no stranger, but we feel this record is worth a listen. Prairie has put out good music in the past but we feel this is one of their best instrumentals yet. Al's figure was very well-timed

and metered. We were pleased with his yodeling rendition on the flip. FIGURE: Heads lead right, circle four, break to a line, forward and back, right and left thru, touch a quarter, coordinate, bend the line, star thru, pass thru, trade by, swing, promenade. ALTERNATE: Heads promenade half, lead right, circle four, break to a line, forward and back, touch a quarter, coordinate, bend the line, star thru, pass thru, trade by, swing, promenade.

### **GRANDMA GOT RUN OVER BY A REINDEER— 4 Bar B 6030; Caller: Mike Sikorsky**

The dancers fell in love with this tune. Not many songs are Christmas oriented. This is a novelty but very appropriate for this time of year. The instrumental is well done and Mike does his usual super job. FIGURE: Heads square thru, touch a quarter, walk and dodge, partner trade, pass the ocean, ladies trade, recycle, sweep a quarter, slide thru, swing, left allemande, promenade.

### **ALABAMA— Red Boot 255**

**Caller: Johnny Jones**

Another popular song from the CW charts moves up to take its place in the square dance world. Red boot has done one of their better jobs in capturing the sound that became so well known in the popular version. Johnny's figure, although not too original, is well-timed and well done on the flip. FIGURE: Heads promenade half, square thru, right and left thru, veer left, ferris wheel, square thru three-quarters, swing, promenade.

### **I'LL BE DANGED— Chaparral 508**

**Caller: Ken Bower**

Ken chose a jumpy-sounding tune for this release. The instrumental features harmonica, fiddle, piano, topped off with a banjo. Ken did not call a fancy figure but put one together from the mainstream list that not only timed well, but was very interesting. FIGURE: Heads lead right, circle up four, break to a line, forward and back, curlique, circulate, boys run, right and left thru, roll away, pass thru, U-turn back, swing, left allemande, promenade.

### **RAIN ON MY PARADE— D & R 154**

**Caller: Nelson Watkins**

D & R presents a little Dixieland music. Nelson does a nice job on the flip with a figure that is not so complicated that you can't throw back your head and strut to the jazzy sound of the instrumental. FIGURE: Heads square thru, do-sa-do, swing thru, boys run, ferris wheel, curlique, make a right hand star, swing, promenade.

### **FADED LOVE— 4 Bar B 6034**

**Caller: Bill Owsley**

From 4 Bar B we have a little western swing. Willie and Ray joined forces on the country version; Bill and friend joined for the square dance version. The twin fiddles are reminiscent of the sound made popular by Bob Weir. FIGURE: Heads

promenade half, square thru, do-sa-do, touch a quarter, scoot back, boys run, slide thru, pass thru, trade by, swing, promenade.

**GONNA SIT RIGHT DOWN AND WRITE MYSELF A LETTER— 4 Bar B 6045; Caller: Bill Volner**

The instrumental features banjos and harmonizing trumpets. Bill chose a song from the past for this release. In order to get the standard 64-beats for the square dance figure, the song had to be chopped up but was well done. Bill does a nice job with a smooth-flowing figure. FIGURE: Heads promenade half, right and left thru, square thru, do-sa-do, make a wave, single hinge, scoot back, swing, promenade.

**I'M ALREADY BLUE— Big Mac 014**

**Caller: Ron Mineau**

It's hard to miss the beat in this tune—the Country Swingers give us a very distinctive drum beat. Ron gives us a figure that moves right along and times well with that beat. FIGURE: Heads promenade half, sides star thru, pass thru, do-sa-do, make a wave, ladies trade, ladies run, tag the line, face right, ferris wheel, double pass thru, track two, swing, promenade.

**THEY DON'T MAKE 'EM LIKE MY DADDY ANYMORE— Prairie 1025; Caller: Renny Mann**

Renny picked a tune very fitting for our times. It borders on the patriotic and was well accepted by the dancers. At points it seemed to drag a little but was still a nice, danceable tune. Renny uses last quarter's selection. FIGURE: Heads curlique, boys run, do-sa-do, make a wave, ladies trade, swing thru, boys run, bend the line, pass the ocean, linear cycle, star thru, swing, promenade.

**DO YOU WANNA GO TO HEAVEN— Prairie 1032**

**Caller: Al Horn**

Al gave a choice of three figures. Still, one does not have the freedom to do with the record what one wants when the producers put voices in the background. Al does a nice job and all his figures timed well. FIGURE: Heads promenade half, sides square thru, right and left thru, do-sa-do, eight chain six, swing, promenade. ALTERNATE: Heads promenade half, side ladies chain, star thru, swap around, right and left thru, eight chain six, swing, promenade. ALTERNATE: Heads promenade half, side ladies chain, curlicross, U-turn back, pass thru, right and left thru, eight chain six, swing, promenade.

**HELLO DADDY, GOOD MORNING DARLING— Red Boot 259; Caller: Jim Ray**

Red Boot sends us a good country western sound, dominated by a lead guitar backed by piano on a well done rhythm track. Jim uses ones of the plus movements in his figure. FIGURE: Heads square thru, do-sa-do, swing thru, girls fold, peel the top, right and left thru, square thru three-quarters, swing, promenade.

**SEA CRUISE— C Bar C 558**

**Caller: Edgar (Wiggles) Everett**

A late fifties' rock number was turned into a not very danceable square dance. Edgar gave us two figures on the cue sheet but used only one on the flip. FIGURE: Heads square thru, do-sa-do, swing thru, boys run, ferris wheel, right and left thru, square thru three-quarters, swing, promenade.

**TEQUILA SHEILA— Seven C's 105**

**Caller: Fred Drouant**

Our review dancers were not excited by the tag lines in this tune, but enjoyed dancing to the beat and Fred's calling on the flip. A key change in the instrumental added that little bit of excitement. FIGURE: Heads promenade half, curlique, walk and dodge, swing thru, boys run, bend the line, right and left thru, slide thru, square thru three-quarters, swing, promenade.

**THAT'S WHAT I GET FOR LOVING YOU— 4 Bar B 6033; Caller: John Marshall**

This record is full of banjos for banjo lovers, a really catchy tune with a good beat. John put an interesting figure on the flip. A key change at the end gave the finishing touch. FIGURE: Heads square thru, do-sa-do, right and left thru, swing thru, scoot back, fan the top, curlique, girls run, swing, promenade.

**LOOKING FOR LOVE— 4 Bar B 6036**

**Caller: Bob Carmack**

This is as pretty a square dance release as we've heard. Bob put together a figure that fit the tune and danced well. The beat is just a little different. FIGURE: Heads square thru, do-sa-do, swing thru, boys run, half tag, scoot back, boys run, slide thru, swing, promenade.

**TORPEDO— C Bar C 561**

**Caller: Jim Congleton**

We classified this tune as a novelty. It's about a girl that was a torpedo and when she exploded, the caller sank beneath the sea. The instrumental features sax, piano, guitar and comes complete with explosion at the end. Jim's figure was well-timed and moved right along. FIGURE: Heads promenade half, curlique, walk and dodge, swing thru, boys run, bend the line, right and left thru, flutter wheel, sweep a quarter, pass thru, swing, promenade.

**A SONG IN THE NIGHT— Seven C's 107**

**Caller: Posey Holbrook**

Posey offered a change-of-pace record with a smooth easy-going beat. The figure has nothing fancy, just nice workable basics. FIGURE: Heads promenade half, lead right, do-sa-do, swing thru, boys run, bend the line, right and left thru, slide thru, square thru three-quarters, swing, promenade.

**FRIENDLY FAMILY INN— C Bar C 559**

**Caller: John Griffith Sr.**



Piano, harmonica, sax are the main instruments in this instrumental. It's all about one of those family inns where rooms go for \$2.00 an hour. John used a simple figure that flowed fairly well. **FIGURE:** Heads promenade half, right and left thru, flutter wheel, sweep a quarter, pass thru, do-sa-do, swing thru, boys trade, turn thru, left allemande, promenade.

#### **LYING EYES— C Bar C 562**

**Caller:** Edgar (Wiggles) Everett

Sax, guitar and piano are the prominent instruments on this record. Although this tune came out a few years ago on another label you might want to

give this one a listen. Edgar's figure was the standard *eight chain four* which flowed well.

#### **SEXY LADY— Seven C's 104**

**Caller:** Ramon Marsch

The "sexy lady" the caller is speaking of in this tune is his wife. The middle break and closer feature almost a drum beat solo during which the dancers do a *grand square*. **FIGURE:** Heads square thru, do-sa-do, swing thru, boys run, couples circulate, wheel and deal, veer left, ferris wheel, square thru three-quarters, swing, promenade.



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*Pat Fellion*

Mike Holt of Memphis, Tennessee, was presented the \$300 scholarship award from Single Squares U.S.A. by Harold Huber, a former president of that organization. The award is bestowed on a worthy recipient each year following the annual Dance-A-Rama on Labor Day weekend. Mike is currently attending a specialized school for the blind in Little Rock, Arkansas.

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# UNDERLINING

## THE CALLER NOTE SERVICES

George Jabbusch in **NCR** comments: This is the time of the year when all clubs and workshops are getting into high gear. The trend around the country seems to be for the Mainstream level to be disappearing, with the Plus 1 and 2 levels being the most popular, and a lot of groups getting into advanced levels.

Every effort should be made by all clubs and callers to make sure the dancers are ready and able to handle the level they enter. I feel we are losing a lot of dancers because they are not ready to move along as fast as some groups would like them to. Don't let this happen.

Good thoughts in **Mainstream Flow** by Gene Trimmer follow: We have always been faced with many problems concerning the retention of newer dancers. There are certain factors we need to understand before we can even begin to solve our problems. One of the main things we have been doing for a number of years is to rush dancers through the basics. We then fail to provide them with a place where they can dance and enjoy what they have been taught while they sharpen their skills at that level.

We should allow new dancers to "rest" at the basics level for a time while we assist them with styling tips and perhaps give them the basics in more demanding choreography. Proper judgment during this period will also insure that everyone is provided a period of dancing to the music through moves that allow an enjoyable experience.

I personally advocate callers coordinating with one another on the progression of new dancers and programming Student Dances as often as the traffic will allow. By this I mean to say that all we call at these dances is what the students can dance and no one has a "special" tip to show what he can do. If you keep it fun for everyone, no one needs a "special" tip.

In this issue of **Minnesota Callers'**

**Notes**, Warren Berquam gives us the full directions for *beer mug chain*, as follows: Head men star left  $\frac{3}{4}$ , side men go to the left and turn head lady by the left; new head men star right  $\frac{1}{4}$ , go to the side, new side men go to the left, turn head lady by the left; new head men star right  $\frac{1}{4}$ . go to the side, new sides go to the left and turn head lady by the right; new head men star left  $\frac{3}{4}$ , new side men go to the left, everybody give a right to partner, go by, find corner, allemande left.

**Figuring**, by Barry Wonson, suggests callers try a little theme such as *right and left thru* and *a quarter more to promenade*. Example:

(1P2P) Pass the ocean, hinge a quarter Walk and dodge, boys run right Walk and dodge, partner trade Right and left thru, full turn and A quarter more, promenade.....

**ACVSDCA Notes** of California from Bill Davis, features these movements, plus others: *blackout, engage the diamond, hammerlane, release recycle, splitime circulate, truck on down, couple up, single wheel, pass in/pass thru quarter in, turning point, pass the diamond, scoot and quarter and zoom.*

**SDDS** from John and Evelyn Strong has the usual good collection of workable material, and features these movements: *couple up, beau cross/belle cross, fan to a box, replace the diamond, diamond walk and dodge, walk and dodge the column, chase right to a diamond, slip/slide and switch the waveline.*

**Toronto and District Notes** features the round "There Goes My Everything," and mentions that "Love Song" is the ROM. Other items covered are *couple up, quickstep and snake, all eight spin the top, explode the line, explode and anything, acey deucey* and *six by two acey deucey*, as well as other Plus 1 and

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| Ping pong circulate                                  | Track and trade |
| Roll (as an extension from)                          | Dixie derby     |
| a. Adjacent columns trade and roll                   | Linear cycle    |
| b. Centers of wave or two-faced lines trade and roll | Couple up       |
| c. Half tag trade and roll                           |                 |
| d. Partner trade and roll                            |                 |

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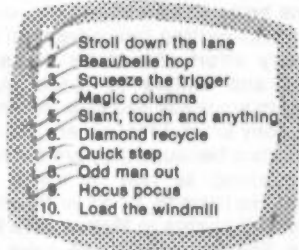
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8. Single circle to a wave
9. Spin chain the gears
10. Teacup chain
11. Trade the wave
12. Triple scoot
13. Triple trade
14. Turn & left thru

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1. All eight spin the top
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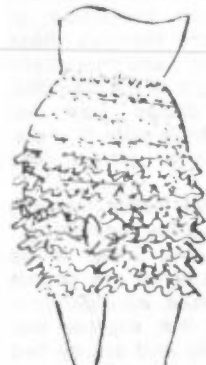
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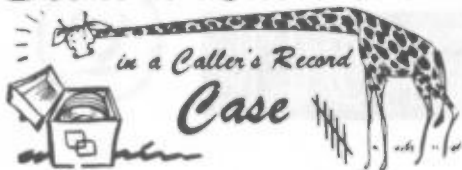
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Mitchell counts among his friends Lee Kopman, Elmer Sheffield and Ron Libby, who have visited his club. He visited the U.S. for the first time in August and attended the Montreal S/D Festival.

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2 materials. The A-1 move of the month announced is *stroll down the lane or pass and roll to a diamond*.

In **News 'N Notes**, Deuce Williams explores the popular QS offering, *couple up*, in this way:

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In **Notes**, Jack Lasry says: "Teach them well, teach them slowly, and please don't teach just basics, teach them how to dance, how to enjoy a square dance and what to expect out of square dancing!" He also covers these movements: *release the column, release recycle, roll and curlicross*.

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Stress the little shuffle step in the promenade and mention that this step can be used almost all the time when dancing the routines. Teach an easy walk-around swing to keep new dancers smooth. Mention smoothness. Remind the men that women wear rings and hands should not be squeezed hard

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**Kingsville, Texas**— Another couple of hours driving south to the Chemcel plant in Bishop where that company's club house was the site for the annual Do-Si-Dancers ASD dance on a Sunday afternoon. Crowd down a bit, but who isn't down a bit this year? Thanks to caller Dennis Pyron for the speaker. Interesting observation— "If the creek don't rise, we'll dance..." is a fact, since you must drive through a creek (about ten inches of rushing water) in order to get to that hall.

**Houston, Texas**— This may sound peculiar to those not actively engaged in

this full-time caller-travel game, but this Houston date started a brand new tour by air back to the same area where I had finished the previous tour in Kingsville. Between the two tours, I flew home for a couple of days rather than lay-over. If I had not had a surprise cancellation out of the Dallas area (Garland or thereabouts) I would have stayed through. Costly? Yes, but a couple of days worth of work at home is valuable, too. That's that way the game goes sometimes. Small crowd at the ASD dance. Anyway, thanks, Fair Bees, Wade and Gloria, Myrtle M. and especially to Zoy and Wilma Hann for hosting me with a good "Rainbow" reception.

**Amarillo, Texas**— All on very short notice, the Amarillo Square and Round Dance Council cooked up a whale of a dance with well over 30 sets and gave me a most magnificent West Texas welcome. Thanks, Browns, Osbornes, and all the others. Gosh, I like those Southwest flights (The flights or the in-flight sights? —Co-ed.)

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**Amarillo, Texas**— Back I went on Sunday afternoon to "clinic" with the Panhandle Callers (Over 20 callers/cuers/spouses all told) at the little hall at the Patrick (western wear) building. Thanks especially to presidents Helen (She's the caller) and Elmer Laughter (pronounced Law-ter) for the good yak klatch with no flak. Nice to see Weyman Box again. Doggone. There are so many good things happening in small to medium-sized square dance areas from Amarillo to Ocala to Augusta to Olympia.

On that note I'll wind up this humongous hunk of hamfat with a short curly *tail*. It goes something like this:

In the great northwestern USA, during the first Seattle National Convention of 1969 (or was it '68? — Never mind, we can't be bothered with details) an Oriental caller named Wong was to call a tip on the program. But Wong went to the

wrong hall and missed his opportunity. Meanwhile, the program coordinating officials paged Bob Wright to come and call the tip in place of Wong. Two Bob Wrights appeared to call for Wong at the very same time. One was Bob Wright, Sr. and one was Bob Wright, Jr. The Wrights decided to split the tip. They both called, and the dancers enjoyed the tip. However, Wong dashed into the hall as the Wrights were finishing, and asked if he could call his tip anyway. The officials said, "Sorry, there's a rule that prohibits it." Wong said, "What rule?" To which the officials responded: "One WONG doesn't make two WRIGHTS!" (Ugh—Co-ed.)

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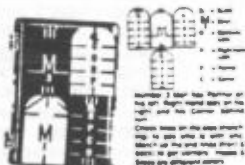
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We observed the notice of our South Central Fall Square and Round Dance Festival in the "Events" section of the October issue of *American Squaredance*. Thank you for publishing this information in your fine magazine.

We and many from South Central Kansas have subscribed to and enjoyed *American Squaredance* since the subscription dance in Wichita in 1973. We particularly enjoy reading "Meandering With Stan."

*Ted & Babe Mueller  
Wichita, Kansas*

In reference to "Straight Talk" by Al Eblen in the October issue of *American Squaredance*...Amen!

*Harold Davis  
McKenzie, Alabama*

The Belles 'N Beaux Square Dance Club would like to thank you for the article on our club caller, Al Schwinabart, in *American Squaredance* Magazine.

At our Fall Festival in October, we honored Al for his 30 years of dedicated square dance calling, and the article in your magazine was given special emphasis. His appreciation was obvious.

*Chris & Lawrence Brehm  
Cumberland, Maryland*

We have been in Australia for the year 1980 on an International Teaching Fellowship. We have enjoyed both the year of Australian teaching and square dancing and calling.

We have enjoyed Australia's different slant to square dancing and the many new square dancers and square dance leaders we have met. Many are doing dedicated jobs in square dancing in very rural areas. They are the unsung heroes. We would like to send all copies of ASD to our home address. We are looking forward to having Christmas at home.

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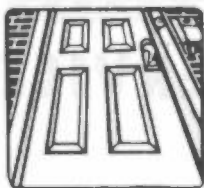
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