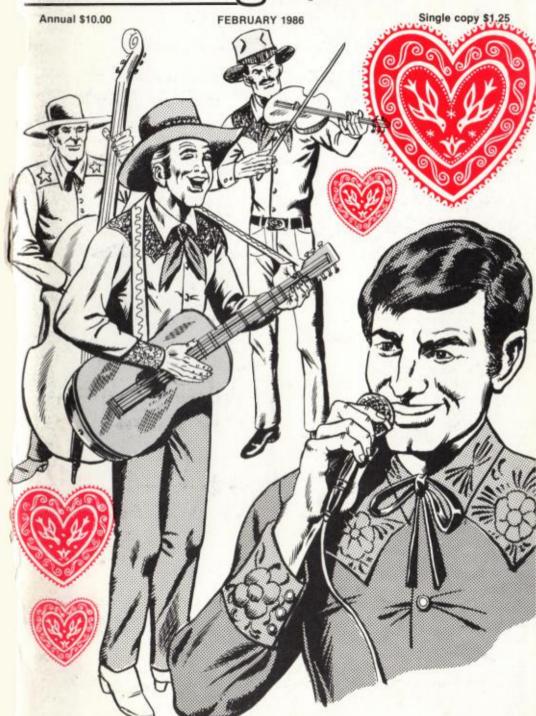
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Years ago when we struggled with elementary arithmetic, we learned the phrase common denominator. This was a factor that was a part of various numbers used. We want to resurrect this phrase today and apply it to our activity.

In all the discussions and solutionseeking going on, there is a common denominator that is being forgotten. Not only are we fractured into Mainstream, Plus. Advanced and Challenge dancers, a sharp distinction between "just dancers" and everyone else is surfacing. We hope this is not a necessary part of solving our problems, because we think our common denominator has been forgotten. Do you remember what it is?

We are all square dancers! Yes, we are! The one-night dancer, the class member, the club supporter, the shop owner, the magazine publisher, the caller and cuer- each is a dancer first. Most became involved in other aspects in order to be of service to fellow dancers.

One recent letter said, "The bottom line is money. If square dancing folded tomorrow, would you be richer or poorer? Dancers would be richer." We answer that all of us would be richer in



dollars and immeasurably poorer in friends, fun, and service to others. Most of the "successful" S/D business people were far more prosperous in the fields they left because they were seeking other satisfactions than money.

Some recent subscribers to ASD received subscription forms on which they could opt to check caller or cuer. Many wrote in dancer and checked it, and some mentioned that we forgot to include that category. We wanted the special listings in case we ever sent a special mailing to callers, but we consider that everyone who subscribes to ASD is a dancer. Your editors are dancers! Your advertisers are dancers!

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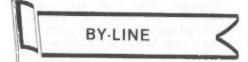
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Hearts and love are the themes for this month's reading, woven through articles by authors both familiar and new to the pages of ASD. Old friends include Betty Rosian who spins a romantic fantasy around a R/D lesson, Erma Reynolds who

weaves familiar dance terms into a clever poem, and Jo Jan Nunley who describes ways a club "with a heart" might plan to please new members. The theme is carried further by Dot Loewenstein, a caller from New Jersey, who urges callers to "love" those who perform their choreography.

Rounding out the issue, Bill Barr, a caller/writer from Connecticut, reports a telephone interview with Gordon Goss, a young man who has made an impact on the S/D scene since he published his first National Directory. Another young man, wellknown in the southeast for his expertise in the clogging field, is Bill Nichols, who shares some clogging history with us. And for this month's round dance article, Millard and June McKir...ey discuss the two-step (courtesy of Round Dancer magazine).

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It was a **big** surprise to find ourselves on the front cover of the October magazine. We appreciated the advance copy, that you so kindly sent, it helped to ready us for the barrage of congrats that we received for the next week or so. We perhaps should have realized that with a nice photo like that, you would obviously have the front cover in mind.

May we just say a simple **thank you**. Les & Marg Edwards Bramalea, Ont. Canada

Enclosed please find my subscription renewal for ASD. I was delighted to receive your second notice, as I had mislaid the first one. I truly enjoy this magazine and would not wish to be without it...Happy dancing for the coming year.

Donald Trammell Galesburg, Illinois

More subscribers, more work...My congratulations. I am a German square dancer and I read this news in my EAASDC Bulletin. I have a problem and perhaps you can help me. A year ago my own firm went...Since a year I have no work. This is not good for me, 49 years old, and my two daughters, 10 years and 6 years old. But I have hope that my square dance friends in the USA have an idea how to earn money again. Can you please publish this letter in your

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I really enjoyed my first year with ASD, and look forward to being a family member for a long time to come. I just inherited some back issues, and notice that the singing call reviews gave a synopsis of the figure, while more recently only an evaluation. Any chance of adding back the figure? The evaluation helps separate the good releases from the mediocre, of course, but having the figure helps me select records more suitable for my students, and for my graduate dances. Thanks, again, for a quality publication. Glenn Mercer

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Gems of wisdom come from many sources. Often an informal chat with a dancer around the edges of an event in Ottawa or Otisville will start to flex the reflections. Sometimes a letter comes across our desks that *literally* elicits literary response. Occasionally a phrase out of a sermon, seemingly unrelated, spins our gears towards a square dance theme discussion. That's the case this month. (Thanks, Dr. George Bell.) So before we hit the travel trail let's talk about it.

Dinosaurs die slowly. It's been said many times. Right now we're not concerned with why dinosaurs died, how they died, or when they died, despite new theories about the creatures' mass extinctions (Time, May 6, 1985). We have no intention of summoning geologists, astronomers, physicists and paleobiologists to study 28-million year cyclic conjecture. But maybe— just maybe— there's some correlation between dinosaurs (outmoded ideas) dying ever-too-slowly, so that new and better ideas get trampled underfoot.

Nobody believes that we need change just for change's sake. But when there seems to be a general groundswell (worldwide, it would seem) to make a change for the better, in order to repair an ailing activity, why do diehard individuals and conservative groups propose to harness and ride a limping and doomed tyrannosaurus right into the La Brea tar pits?

For example, we've assembled a group of tyrannosaurus jockeys whom you may have met, oblivious to impending danger signs, stubbornly resisting change, who simply choose to Alley-Oop their way down the lemming trail (ASD, April '85, p. 11) to the maelstrom of destruction. (With all due respect, Stan, you've tripled the mix of metaphors there.— Co-ed.)

Alley Oop #1: "I'm just a dancer. I can't do anything to change the whole activity."

Oop #2: "I'll just wait for Callerlab to do something. It's in their hands."

Oop #3: "I'm reluctant to make any effort to recruit new dancers after seeing what happens to them when they graduate. I'll wait until we 'put our house in order.'"

Oop #4: "Change the lists? Are you kidding? It took ten years to finalize those lists. They're sacred. They're engraved in bronze in a vault in Pocono Pines."

Oop #5: "Crossfire was a waste of time. They didn't give me a piece of paper telling what they plan to do. They just wanted me to tell what I plan to do."

From several participants in the Crossfire event we heard moanings and groanings afterward that "nothing was resolved," and "no positive solutions came out of the three-day meeting." Some complained that there was not a three-page document with highsounding rhetoric handed to each participant at the conclusion of that event. To all of this we say "baloney." What good is a document listing carefullycrafted phrases about what "they" ought to do? Generally "they" aren't going to do it anyway, simply by seeing it in print. The success of Crossfire was that it offered a good chance for experienced leaders to sit down and sift through many possible solutions to the problems we have, then propose ideas that can be the beginning of solutions— the seeds. In three days no final solutions can evolve, anyway. The most productive experience, we thought, was the final morning's testimonial by each participant, starting with the words "I can make a difference" and continuing into a personal commitment of what I (each one) will do, rather than what "they" can do.

Further ideas (not solutions, but seeds of the solutions) coming from Crossfire can be seen in the last issue of ASD, p. 23. We urge all those reading this to reread that article, and then say, as Crossfire participants said: "I can make a difference" (in my own way, in my own area), to make needed changes for the square dance activity, one step at a time

Incidentally, two needs that were emphasized by Crossfire attendees again and again at the Georgia meeting are graphically illustrated in our *Sketchpad Commentary*, p. 95, last issue: (1) a recreational dance level of 22 basics, and (2) a classic dance program of about 60 basics.

Probably the most exciting feature of the Crossfire experience for your editors was the discovery of all that has been started (much of it generated by Jerry and Becky Cope of Dillard, Georgia) to make 1986 a banner year for the recognition/promotion of the square dance activity. Some of the projects already underway leave us fairly breathless. For instance:

- 1. A couple of million balloons (or more) to be flown on Flag Day, June 14, country-wide. Square dance messages would be attached to each. This could become a Guinness record. It could really sell our activity. The idea started with Dan Martin at Crossfire. More details are coming soon.
- 2. The 1986 Golden Anniversary with its special golden nugget spinoff projects: the "Spirit of 86" movie now being filmed, the new Square Dance Song in preparation, the Grand March of square dancers with banners across America, tens of thousands of cookbooks to be sold with appeal to tastebuds as well as budding S/D fans, the year-end six million dancer reaffirmation moment, and the promotional video available for club and association use to "tell the S/D story." (These programs are all noted

last month, p. 15, and information is available from the Copes.)

- 3. Initial contacts have been made and definite steps have been accomplished to tie square dancing into some national product commercials for better exposure. Watch for specifics coming soon.
- 4. A country-wide "800" number is soon to be available for obtaining country-wide S/D information free of charge (see center pages, this issue).
- 5. The National Heart Campaign may afford a tie-in with square dancing (ASD, Sept., p. 16).
- 6. Plans have been started for a super Square Dance Month program to kick off next September (LEGACY-sponsored, your editors coordinating).

This is only the beginning. Let dinosaurs die, friends. Get on board the new train of the Spirit of 1986— our Golden Anniversary year— the year that the square dance promotion/population/perpetuation starts its *up-cycle!* Callerlab lists are not cast in stone or engraved in bronze. If it takes a better entry level to win fans and hold them, let's make it happen. If it takes better training for callers, let's cure the curriculum. If we need to teach dancers more thoroughly over a longer period, let's bite the bit and do it.

Enough soap boxing for this month. (My. My. Meanderings seems to have taken a hard-hitting soap-boxing stance this month vs a lovey-Dove-y, Caress-ing, Ivory-pure soft soap approach!—Co-ed.)

Dillard, Georgia— Because of my long-winded figurative filibuster just quilled and scrolled and nailed to the ponderous portals of St. Dilemma Cum Magna Tempus Illicitus Illis, I'll now have to be brief with travel reports, so I'll simply talk in partial participles and bony bon mots. Cathie and I both flew to Atlanta (separately) the end of November for the Crossfire Summit (ASD last month, p. 23) and returned (together) after three days' deliberations, at Copecrest in Dillard. Great place. Great food. Great people there.

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico— As December rolled around we both flew to sunny, splashy, splendorific P.V. with our little band of lucky tourists. Read all about it on page 81, this issue. Fantastic

hotel. No trace of a tremor or damage of a previous quake, despite unfounded earlier speculation! Enough said.

Berlin, Pennsylvania— ASDance on a sunny Sunday afternoon with over 20 's in that spacious fire hall for the Wheelers & Dealers again. Super crowd. Super supper. Thanks, Bob and Shirley Huston (set-up); and Fred (sound) and Eva (rounds) Strang.

Syracuse, New York- Back again after many years' absence. Good flight. First winter snow for me. Genial hosts: Maurice and Dorothy Warner (childhood chums) and Jay and Charlotte Austin. Wall-to-wall dancers, new club: the Plank Road Pioneers. Prexies: the Buttons. Cuer: Claire Wilcox. Such eats, such decking out the deco decor, such door prizes! Callers besides Maurice in attendance: Mike (Lou) Havill, Phil (Fran) Bolson, Cliff (Donna) Austin, Bob (Carol) Stearns. Location: church close to the first plank road ever laid in N.Y. state (or perhaps anywhere). Whadayaknow, I'll be back.

CIRCLES & SQUARES

Montreal (Pointe Claire) Quebec—Caller Allan (Mary) Marjerison shuttled me from the airport to their home for lunch and on to an afternoon clinic with the Champlain Callers and Cuers (Subjects: Trends, and others). Then the evening dance was with Circles & Squares (Smooth MS dancing), followed by an after-party, home of Bill and Kay Burton, prexies. My hosts again were Jennifer and Charles Norman. Emcee: Roy (Cynthia) Shetler. Cuers: Pat and Ann D'Cruz. Next a.m. we beat the first English Sparrow chirp to trek to Dorval to jet to Georgia.

Wabash, Indiana— About 15 □'s mushed to the beautiful Wabash Civic Center, named after Honeywell, the town's benefactor and father of the thermostat. (Hmm. Betcha his wife was a therMOMeter and they made a lovely thermo-couple!— Co-ed.) Caller Larry and Ellen Cole set up the dance, which he co-called; Virgil and Lois Cole (Larry's

parents) gave me real Hoosier hospitality. Dub B. (club clown) was there. Cuers were Dave and Shari Kohlmeier. Thanks to Dixie Stars, Paws & Taws, Wing Dings, Bells & Beaus, Eagle □'s and Twin Bridges. Ditto to callers Dick Homier, Jerry Davidson, Dale Cooper, Moe Brewer, and Oren and Joan Cox, plus cuers Norma and Charles Shafer and Mary Brower.



Barryton/Remus, Michigan— Second leg straight northerly drive on this two-day excursion, brought me to my Doherty hotel home in tiny Clare, ready to call again for the Chippewa Chiefs & Squaws. Foggy night: crowd didn't burst out the walls as last year's crowd. Keyordinator: Al and Lucy Dellapenna; R/D cuer Helene Chase. Sam and Bonnie St. Marie caravan-ed with me all the way back to fog-bound Clare. Suddenly December had arrived, and I took the long pleasant crescent drive around part of Lake Erie to home.

December! Color it blue and white. In other words, slightly poetic— "Time t' render the end 'er November for splendor, Brenda; render it a blend'er true blue and new porcelain hue!" (That couldn't be much verse.— Co-ed.)



Ashland, Ohio— Cold night cavorting by car southward to call for the Y-knots. Christmas theme. Warm Y hospitality. Lavish refreshments. The Mays of Bucyrus cued. Records show my first

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A fable is told of the lumberjack who had a perfect axhead but no handle for it. He went into the forest and said to the trees, "I need a strong ax handle." The tall trees conferred and said to him, "Take the ash tree. The tree is small but sturdy, and its limb will make a fine ax handle." The lumberman chopped down the ash tree, shaped a handle, and did indeed have a fine strong ax. He went to work, cutting first the ash tree and then approaching the larger oaks and redwoods. Many trees fell. The last tall trees standing said to each other, "Alas, if we had not sacrificed the smallest among us, we would all be still standing."

What relation does this have to our square dancing picture?

One of the needs defined by the Crossfire committee dealt with new dancers. The new dancer question has two facets: interesting people in becoming square dancers, and giving new dancers a solid grounding in the basics in a reasonable length of time. Suggestions for meetings these needs have been made: Clubs should provide the opportunity for others to dance just for fun, enjoying the participation as long as they want, until classes start, at which time these dances might provide a source of dancers who want to learn additional figures; these fun dances would include a minimum number of figures (perhaps 22); the teaching time for square dance classes should be trimmed to 25-30 weeks with a lesser number of figures to be taught than are presently on the Mainstream list; that a new name be given to this program (Classic Square Dancing was suggested.).

Agreement on these needs at Crossfire was almost unanimous. On the other hand, since that November meeting, we have heard several say that the problem does not exist—for them. Can we afford to hide our heads in the sand, ignoring the plight of the "smaller trees" until the whole forest is felled? Will we then wonder what undermined our whole activity?

Once an activity is underway, changes are very hard to instigate. An article last spring likened the mad rush to complex square dance programs to the lemmings' dash to the sea, where of course they drown. Are we involved in a lemming-like push, so headlong that we see only the other lemmings near us and not those newly caught up in the stampede?

Only by taking a stand can concerned leaders in the square dance activity insure a healthy, happy activity that will continue to bring satisfaction to thousands of dancers. What stand will we take? Hard decisions face us all this year, perhaps even a sacrifice or two. Can we do it?

Are we willing to give an evening a month to running an open dance, for fun, and to dance with those who come without a thought to the program level we'd rather dance? Are we willing to adapt to yet another change in the entry-level class program for new dancers? Are we really interested in perpetuating square dancing for all, or are we satisfied as long as we have a place to dance? Hard questions. Hard answers. The time for decisions is now.!

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Why can some clubs hold onto their students throughout a long series of lessons and then add them to their club as members and some clubs cannot successfully get through lessons? As with all of life's puzzles, the answer to that question is not cut and dried.

Luck plays a part in successful lessons, but any club can focus on successful patterns to increase their chances of graduating a big group of students versus having to disband lessons. Through the years of dancing, I have had the pleasure of witnessing many square dance lessons, either as participant or club member.

The successful lessons churned out dancers who became eager club members and often immediate club officers. I have also seen lessons fold up completely and graduate not one single student.

The starting time of lessons can often play a crucial part in making lessons a success or not. In the Amarillo, Texas, area, for example, sometimes the start of club lessons has coincided with the Tri-State Fair. Now the Tri-State Fair in this area is big news. So timing of lessons to avoid a major clash could prove beneficial to a club in the long run.

If new beginners know they have to miss the first lesson, for instance, they may not want to come at all. They might say, "I'll be so far behind that I'll never catch up." Of course, this is not true, but beginners don't know this.

Texas Twisters, a club in the Amarillo area, began a new practice with lessons in the fall of 1985. They charged for the whole set of lessons, payable at the

start of lessons. Clubs I have belonged to before had students pay by the month as clubs do their members.

The advantage of having students pay in advance is twofold. The club has the use of that money earlier, and if a person has put down cold, hard cash for anything, he usually wants his money's worth. The only way to get his money's worth in this situation, of course, is to finish lessons. A little psychology never hurts.

Another successful ploy in attracting young dancers with small children is to either have a place for the children to amuse themselves, or have club members act as babysitters during the lessons. Parents are more likely to come and take lessons if they don't first have to hire a babysitter and watch the time to make it back home.

Be aware if babysitting is provided that it works better if the children are out of eye contact with the parents, especially when dealing with toddlers. Rather than being satisfied seeing Mommy and Daddy whirl around the floor, some little ones will fuss and cry to join Mommy and Daddy. This can lead to a rather unpleasant atmosphere for the caller and students alike, not to mention the babysitter trying to juggle an unfamiliar wailing little one on her lap.

Also with babysitting, it is imperative that enough of the club members are willing to "take their turn up at bat." If the workers are short and the children are many, embarrassing situations such as youngsters wandering off from the babysitting area have been known to occur.

In fact, this very situation occurred when I was babysitting for club lessons. A little girl almost wandered out the door of the building, but her father, a student, noticed and called it to our attention. What could we do but apologize? Avoiding a situation like this is much preferable to trying to mend broken fences later.

Although timing lessons, exchanging money for lessons, and providing baby-sitting are important things to consider, the most important of all is making students feel welcome and wanted by the club. The best way for a club member to do this is to pause a moment and think back to your own lessons.

It seems to me that in any set of lessons there is always at least one, and hopefully many, people who really make the students feel as if they are appreciated. And, of course, they are appreciated because without students, clubs would soon be without members. Members move, join other clubs, get sick, even die. Clubs must add new members or become stagnant.

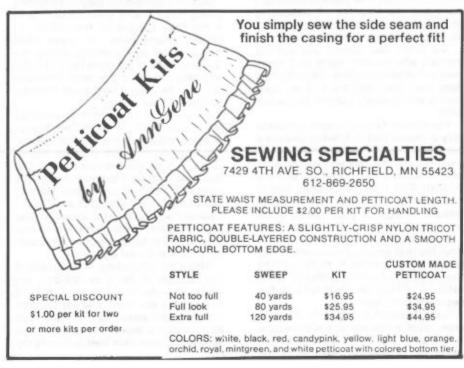
Remember back to your own experi-

ence at lessons. Think of the people who would willingly always be the partner for the odd-student out. That club member would not have to be asked to fill in or drag his feet getting over to the square. Usually he would be the one who would ask the student before it became obvious the student was shy a partner.

This attitude is what it takes. We all know these people. Think how pleasant lessons would be for everyone, if we all became that considerate. It can make a difference, just as greeting the students by name each week and telling them you are glad they came out can make a difference.

We become used to our caller and don't listen actively to his instructions, except to let them go in one ear and out the other. But, callers verbalize good manners all the time. Haven't we all heard, "Thank everyone in your square." Or, "Make yourself known to everyone in your square."

Good manners by club members will pay off in goodwill and in students that stay for the duration. And, after all that's the reason clubs have lessons.



AN INTERVIEW WITH GORDON GOSS

Editor, National Square Dance Directory



by "Railroad Bill" Barr West Haven, Connecticut

ASD: Gordon, your National Square Dance Directory is most useful and unique. Are you planning any changes or improvements?

GG: That's a good question. We are constantly searching for ways to upgrade the listings and make them more complete and accurate. The next edition will have an additional section geared towards the new dancer. We will also be extending and expanding our current contacts with the local, area. and regional associations to get last minute changes and updates from them in time to get them into print.

ASD: How about changes in format, style, or features?

GG: We are now in the process of computerizing the entire book so that the job of revising the listings can be done more efficiently and at less expense. This way we can spend more time gathering information and less time just putting the data we have into the proper format. This may cost us more in the short run, but we expect great savings and better accuracy in the future.

ASD: Since you mentioned cost, do you expect any increase in the \$7.00 retail price?

GG: No: we're running some specials right now, in fact, and the 1986 edition. the one we are working on, will stay at this price or perhaps even go down a bit, due to the expected savings from computerization.

ASD: Your title is National (interviewer's emphasis) Square Dance Directory, and yet, almost from the beginning it has had international listings. Do you anticipate changing the name to reflect your broader outlook?

GG: Probably not, because the majority of sales are in the U.S.A., and even our out-of-country listings are most often used by Americans going abroad. Also, people are used to the name as it now is. When we first started putting the book together in the 70's we really didn't expect to discover much square dancing outside of the U.S., but, of course, we were pleasantly surprised. Incidently, the book was first published in 1978, three years after I began dancing with the Dixielanders Square Dance Club here in Jackson, Mississippi.

ASD: Having read your directory thoroughly, I surmised that you might be a fellow square dancer, because it is laid out the way a travelling dancer would want it. What other areas of our activity have you been involved with?

GG: I was given the honor of being elected to LEGACY's Board of Directors in 1983, and I'm currently Secretary-Treasurer of the National Association of Square & Round Dance Suppliers.

ASD: Many people may have the impression that you are old and gray, wear a green eyeshade and are constantly peering over a typewriter by candlelight. Is this accurate?

GG: I received varsity letters in tennis and football and continued playing football in industrial and church leagues after I graduated from Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York in 1968. My two daughters would be amused to see me in an eyeshade, no doubt having a bit to say about it, as Sandy is 11 and Kelly is 15; girls that age are not known to mince words, generally speaking. On the other hand, I enjoy duplicate bridge and have played in many tournaments. I also coach soccer, and am involved in the stock market and investments, generally. I received a MBA from Jacksonville State University in Alabama in 1973, while I was working for Allis Chalmers. I'm an engineer by trade, and I was born 38 years ago in Fulton, New York, near Syracuse. By the way, I don't even type; I leave that for Associate Editors Sherry Creel and Valerie Thornton, whose two daughters, Kim and Julie, along with my own, help out part-time. They do all the work, while I take the credit.

ASD: What do you see in the future for the square dance movement?

GG: The number of clubs will remain the same or decrease a bit for the next few years, I'm afraid, as will the size, on the average, for many of the Modern Western clubs. That doesn't mean that new clubs shouldn't be started if there is a need, or that each club shouldn't do everything possible to bring in new dancers. They should! In five years or so, I expect to see what can only be described as the square dance explosion!

ASD: What do you mean?

GG: Just that: a virtually unlimited source of new dancers taking lessons and joining the clubs. I also predict a large increase in clogging and possible contra activity.

ASD: (Incredulously) Why?

GG: In a word, demographics. Most of our areas report that those now joining our movement are in their forties, or very close to that age, and when the post World War II baby boomers come of age, the clubs which are now struggling had better be ready to accept them and keep them dancing, or the outcome will be negative instead of positive.

ASD: OK, let's talk about the "drop-

out" rate, or as I hear it was called in one instance, the "push-out" rate among new dancers, which can be as high as 80% or more in some areas. Do you have any thoughts about solving this problem?

GG: We've got to get more people dancing at the same level and perhaps not as many calls as we now have in each program. We discussed this problem at LEGACY, but this group only meets every other year. A study group I'm involved with called Crossfire will be dealing with this issue, hopefully with input from Callerlab, rank and file dancers. as well as with leaders throughout the activity. Our currently pitiful 10 to 20% (long-term) retention rate must be improved drastically.

ASD: Now that Bob Osgood's Square Dancing magazine is ceasing publication at the end of the year, do you feel this will affect our activity, or will perhaps another magazine start up?

GG: If the magazine isn't sold, then I imagine the law of supply and demand will determine the number of publications in the field. You must remember there are just so many advertising dollars out there. I do think a national organization of square dance clubs with strong active leadership can be formed and this would be more important and helpful to square dancing than any one publication, even ours.

ASD: In 25 words or less, what would you like to say about square dancing today?

GG: "The evolution of square dancing has fragmented our activity into

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by Bill Nichols From Wooden Shoe Dance

During the 1960's Americans became more conscious of the unique heritage that binds the many different backgrounds of the American people. Still, multitudes are in search of the things they can identify with their past.

Certainly one of the things that contributed to this search for their past was the renewed popularity of American folk music. In the late 1950's and 60's folk groups, like the Kingston Trio and Peter, Paul, and Mary, created an awareness of a great heritage through music. With this renewed interest in folk music it was only natural that the folk dance would also enjoy a new serge of popularity.

People attending folk festivals in the Appalachian region became aware of a folk dance that is native to that area—Clogging. From the Appalachians, clogging has now spread across America, and has become a dance in search of a history. A true folk dance or folk song is a dance or song that is passed from generation to generation, from person to person, by word of mouth or demonstration without ever being put into written form.

The very name, clogging, gives a clue to the origin of the dance. A clog is a wooden shoe. This suggests that the original dance was performed while wearing wooden shoes, thus, the dance retained the name of the shoe. This also suggests that the original dance was performed by Dutch and German ancestors (who are known to have worn wooden clogs).

What happened to the original dance? Why, when, and what changes have been made to it? These are questions that require a look at America and her people from a slightly different point of view. America is a mixture of the peoples of the world. As the people began to mix, so did the music and dances. This mixing process is what makes the history of clogging so hard to understand. I cannot, nor can anyone I have talked with, say for sure from where the original clog dance came or what the original style of performance was like. To the best of my research the following description is most satisfying: "A dance bearing the name of a wooden shoe, probably brought to America by German ancestors.

The original dance was mixed or influenced by dances of Scotch-Irish ancestry. These three influences can be readily identified by people who have studied folk dancing. However, some of the influences involved English, Polish, Cherokee and African, and cannot be readily identified because of the close similarities to the others.

In other words, the dance would vary from community to community depending on which influence was the strongest. This gave the dancer a great range of freedom which contributed to the variety of steps he could perform.

Limited only by the dancer's imagination, clogging became an expression of freedom. For many, many years, clogging remained under the influence of the Appalachian folk dancer without outside influence. So the people of Appalachia still dance the dance of generations past, handing it down from generation to generation, from person to person, preserving a part of the American heritage in a living transfer of past to present, and present to future.

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I was born a real princess. I'm convinced of it. If there were any doubt, the proof came one morning when, after a poor night's sleep because of a lump in the mattress, I found a hanky between the six-inch mattress and boxspring.

Fairy tales were our life and breath as children, back before the days of TV. Without a picture to cloud our imaginations, we could envision the characters, and choose whom we would to identify with. The real princess was me! It was the depression and it seemed reasonable that the only reason I was deprived of any luxury was simply that I had been accidentally placed in the wrong family.

Recently we began round dance lessons, and I knew immediately what it was that had fascinated me so much about watching the dancers before. This was the ball! It was the way I had always pictured it. The dancers lightly moving along a circle in butterfly position. Since the lessons preceded square dance club, I would be outfitted for the royal occasion in my fully-underskirted, grandly feminine dress, and pretty little dancing shoes. My Prince, in his matching, masculine outfit, wafted me gracefully around to the music.

But soon the unexpected happened. We backed to a count of four and came forward to a new partner. The class was large, 18 couples involved. It would be a long time and a lot of box steps before I would be safely back in the hands of Prince. Apprehensive of the unknown, I gingerly placed my hands in those of Count. "I'm having a marvelous time. How about you?" I murmured clumsily, looking over my shoulder to see if Prince was giving any serious attention to his new partner. And we backed away to the count of four, and on to the next.

The Duke was about my height, and unsettled me with eye to eye contact. We had been told to look over the person's left shoulder and he wasn't doing it. But then we backed away to the count of four.

What? Enid is here? I didn't know she was interested in round dancing. Get that smile off your face, Prince. Can't we speed up the music? Back away to the count of four.

Knight took my hands tightly in his. I wanted to scream for Prince to rescue me, but lost my voice. I hoped there would be time to wipe the perspiration off my hands before making physical contact with Lord. Back away to the count of four.

Lord was tall and handsome, and wore a smile of confidence as I placed my damp hands daintily in his. He pretended not to notice. "Do you come here often?" I whispered, and then bit my lip for having said it. Back away to the count of four.

It was getting increasingly more difficult to see who Prince's current dancing partner was. Oh, it's Gwenevere. She's almost old enough to be his mother. Not that I care, of course. Back away, two, three, four.

Knight must have forgotten to remove his foot plates. Clump, Clump, Clump, Clump. Never one to leave his body unprotected, we danced with elbows at sides. Back away, two, three, four.

On and on we went, the tall, the short, the graceful, the klutsy, each brief encounter a tabloid of reactions.

And forward, two, three, four. "Hi, Prince," I said huskily. "It's been a long time!"

"That was interesting," he commented, ignoring my lost-without-you approach. "How are the men doing, Princess?"

I looked back over the circle of dancers.

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Let's examine, for a bit, the history of modern square dancing. Years ago, we had traditional dancing where one couple visited other couples and moves were done equally by both partners. Then we began moving all eight dancers at the same time, which was fine, but somehow the equal got lost. Look, for example, at calls like recycle. How far does the man move (and we are talking "normal" positioning here) compared to how far the woman moves? My pet peeve is curlique. Why should the woman have to turn three-quarters, when the man gets away with only one guarter? Unfair! There are others, but I believe two examples are sufficient for the moment. (DBD is another story, but you can begin to see why some men object to "Dancing By Definition;" they suddenly find the moves are more difficult and tiring when dancing from the other position).

Now let's get into some choreography. And don't say, "Nobody ever calls that" because I will give you an example of a record release put out by a well-known label. The choreo, from a man's point of view, is not bad; in fact, it might even be termed interesting, but just try dancing the woman's part, and see what happens to your right leg, as it slowly gets corkscrewed into the floor. By the time you get to swing your corner, you don't care, and you hate not only the caller, but the other dancers in your set.

The promised dance, directly from the record, goes: Heads promenade half-way, lead right, veer left (not bad so far), girls hinge, diamond circulate, flip the diamond, girls run (you think that was bad? Look at what comes next!), tag the line all the way, boys go right, girls go left, swing your corner, promenade. Sure it resolves the square, but it kills the women.

Let's face it, men, half of your dancers probably are female (assuming the other half are male) and you are losing half your audience. Women are waking up and refusing to go to dances when they recognize the caller is one who uses corkscrew choreography. Have you noticed your attendance dwindling? Perhaps you are causing it to happen, without realizing it, because when you work with your checkers at home, you are busy resolving squares, and if you

TOUT THY BANCERS



by Dot Loewenstein from The Caller's Gazette

dance the moves, you do it most naturally from the man's position.

Do us all a favor, gents—try dancing from the lady's position. You might have a big surprise! "Do unto others," and don't ask a woman to do anything you would feel uncomfortable doing. We are your biggest fans and supporters, but only as long as it remains fun. We love you and hope you will show your love for us, O.K.?

Caller's Gazette editor, Jim Hilton of Hilton Audio Products, added to this: Thank you, Dot. You have made your point very well. All of us need to be more careful with our choreography; "overflow" without hand contact is still overflow. Some of us are guilty of "corkscrew choreography" (a neat phrase) for men, too. Pass thru, chase right, boys run, pass the ocean, linear cycle, slide thru sounds pretty good unless you are unfortunate enough to be dancing at the time. We do love our women and we don't want to lose them. We'll try to be more aware in the future.

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THE TWO-STEP

by Millard & June McKinney from Round Dancer Magazine

The two-step is a dance step in which three steps (changes of weight orcounts) are accomplished in four beats of music. The usual music is considered to be 4/4. When this type of step is accompished in two beats of music, the term triple timing is applied. Several popular S/D rounds are in triple timing. Hot Lips and Street Fair are two.

When performing a two-step basic, the second step must be a closing step. The first step can be in any direction, but the second step must close. The third step is accentuated by taking two beats of music. Thus the rhythm pattern for the two-step is Q.Q.S .-; with three weight changes (counts) in four beats (one measure of 4/4 music). This rule applies to all two-step basic figures.

If the two-step is performed in a forward, sideward or backward direction, the travelled distance (or progression) of the body is equal to "two steps," thus the name, two-step. The three changes of weight must be on alternating feet: R.L.R. -; or L.R.L .;

The basic two-step box is: Side left, close right, forward left, side right, close left, back right .-: The primary basic rule is confirmed: feet together (a closing step) on the second step in the rhythm pattern, Q.Q.S .:

NOTES:

Two side touches is not a true basic two-step. A vine 3, vine 4 or vine 8 is not. These figures do not contain closing steps on count two, and because of this, the travelled distance or progression is more than "two steps."

Walking steps, one change of weight, or one count to every other beat of music, are not "two steps," and the closing rule is not evident. Running steps, one change of weight or one count to every beat of music also fail the closing test. If one were to invert the rhythm pattern from QQS to SQQ, the rules of closure also fail to apply. However, the SQQ foxtrot is a delightful rhythm using the "rule inversion" and certainly adds interesting figures to 4/4 music.

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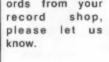
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The club's purpose is to provide a Basic square dance program, since Mountain Home is a retirement area, and so many dancers travel or go south during the winter months. When dancers return, nothing new has been added, and dancing is still comfortable.

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Lorna Kelley of Manhattan, Kansas. has visited the ASD booth at several conventions. Complimented on her beautiful brown dress, she revealed that it was made from a pair of crisscross curtains purchased at a garage sale for \$2. Lorna says that living in a college town is a great advantage, and she has bought formal gowns to be remade into square dance dresses, as well as curtains. "Dancers are always shocked when you tell them you have a 'curtain' dress on," Lorna relates. And of course. husband Ray tells them that the Kelleys have to hurry home and get the curtains back up at the windows.

The Kelleys have danced for 28 years, and teach an easy level group called Kelley's Round-a-bouts.

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25 YEARS AGO - February 1961

"Many club or western callers feel that the type of dancing done at onenight-stands is not square dancing," writes Bart Haigh.

"This argument as to which is really square dancing and which isn't is silly and useless. It's like two boys standing on the sidewalk saying, 'My cherry sucker tastes better than yours 'cause mine's square and yours is round.'

"The one-night-stand caller can help club callers by sending new dancers to the clubs. Cooperation between the club caller and the one-night-stand caller could only lead to the promotion and growth of square dancing in both aspects."

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The Round Dance Workshop features Remember When by Chet and Barbara Smith and Good Night Two-Step by Gordon Moss. 10 YEARS AGO - February 1976

After Louise Sutton and her partner endured a bad experience of being "invited guests" at a S/D club they were not familiar with, she offered several suggestions that clubs might think about when they invite a particular group to visit:

—Have a welcoming committee to take care of visitors' questions and needs i.e. parking, coats, etc.

-Know the levels of the guest club and key the calls to accommodate them.

—Alert the members to be friendly and cordial to all guests.

—Try to welcome at least one couple into each member square.

—Be sure the caller speaks distinctly for it is hard to follow a strange caller.

—Save the teaching for other nights and stick to singing calls and easy hash.

"It is a nice idea for clubs to visit but it is a disaster when they are merely 'dollar' customers."

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I can't imagine anyone wanting to dance with the same three couples all evening long. B-O-R-I-N-G!

If you fall into one of the categories mentioned above, take note: We all make mistakes, but recoup, thereby averting a major disaster. And shyness can be overcome fairly quickly. Just keep saying, "I'm okay, just the way I am "

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Members decorated the hall for the festive occasion in traditional red, white. and blue. Streamers, balloons, and tiny American flags draped the walls and hung from the ceiling. Old Glory hung most proudly next to the caller's table. Even the dancers were dressed for the occasion in patriotic colors.

Dancing began at 8:00 p.m. to the masterful calling of Chuck Myers. Every so often, Jack, also a caller, would join Chuck at the mike to help double the fun. The ceremony was held at 9:15 with Jack's commander, Major Michael D. Zaloudek officiating, and First Sergeant, Master Sergeant Charles Bibbee alongside, 90 dancers formed a semicircle around the threesome to complete the setting. For many of the on-lookers, it was the first time they had the



eft to right: Maj. Michael Zaloudek, SSgt. Jack Pladdys, MSgt. Charles Bibbee.

pleasure of attending an actual military ceremony. On the other side of the coin. it was the first time that MSqt. Bibbee. Mai. Zaloudek, and his wife, Anna, had a chance to check out square dancing. You could tell by the smiles and toe tapping that they were impressed.

Jack is a Staff Sergeant assigned to the 4950th Field Maintenance Squadron at Wright-Patterson A.F.B., Ohio. He. and his wife. Althea, moved to the Dayton area in August of 1983 after returning from a 31/2 year tour at Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan. They have been square dancing for five years, and Jack has been calling for three. He currently calls full time for one club in Cincinnati. two in Fairfield, and one in Dayton, They are also on the guest staff of the Spring Rebel Round-Up at Fontana Village, N.C. Jack is the only active duty military caller in southwestern Ohio.

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Should you want to take time out from all that square dancing, there are many interesting sightseeing attractions in and around the city of Indianapolis. If you are not into museums or monuments, markets or historical features, maybe your interest is shopping in one of the fine department stores or the newest shopping complexes located directly across from the convention center. The 35th National will have a "Square Dance Shoppers' Paradise" within the convention facilities, all catering to your square dancing needs.

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ROUND DANCE TO '500' THEME

Round dancing at the 35th National Square Dance Convention in Indianapolis will have a 500-Mile Race flavor. And hash cueing will be introduced for the first time at the national square dance convention.

Intermediate dancing and the daily morning showcase of round dances will take place in the 500 Ballroom of the Indianapolis Convention Center. The ballroom is the same room in which the winners of the annual "500" receive their winning checks after the May race.

Next door to the ballroom is a reception area designated the Pit Stop, a name which reflects moments during the 500-Mile Race when competitors pull into the pits for fuel, tire changes and consultations.

Adjacent to the Pit Stop is the Andretti Room, site of beginner rounds. This room takes its name from Mario Andretti, winner of the "500" in 1969. The name was chosen because a member of the Indianapolis organizational committee for the square dance convention is associated with the Andretti racing team.

Hash cueing, to be conducted for 15 minutes every night of the convention, will test the ability of dancers and cuers to respond to impromptu basic steps which are not part of a regular dance. Cuers will be Frank Lehnert of Ohio, Richard Lawson of Alabama, and Barbara Blackford of Florida, well known to square dancers because of her round dance exhibition group, the Reflections.

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FEEDBACK

An important issue was raised in the "Lemmings to the Sea" editorial. The comments made in following issues were very interesting. I believe Les Gotcher said it all and said it well in "Straight Talk." ASD. March 1985.

I would like to comment on the practice of calling Star Tips. The Mainstream clubs call Plus tips; the Plus clubs call A-1, etc. In our area publication for December, 1985, 90 clubs are listed: six clubs dance MS or MSQS: 84 clubs dance one or more Plus or Advanced tips.

Question: Where to go on a club visitation, considering (1) in your club you have newly graduated MS dancers, (2) dancers who are not high-frequency dancers do not dance Plus, APD-DBD? Do you tell these folks: "You will not be able to dance every tip, even after all these weeks and months of lessons

because you are less than the best and square dancing has become very competitive? What sort of feelings can something like this cause?

I would like to suggest a square dance program with no name or label, simply to be called "Square Dance." This program would contain no more than 60 calls (not families). Only calls from this program would be used, no star tips. Any call not on the Square Dance program list would be drooped or moved to Challenge.

This may or may not be a proper solution, but I believe we all agree that some sort of action is going to have to be taken if square dancing is to survive. Clever wording or catch phrases are not going to change what is, and right now "what is" is not too whippy.

> Milt Bennett Kansas City, Kansas

NOTE: Milt's suggestion is the same one that arose from the Crossfire Committee deliberations. If you agree, write to this magazine. Editor Stan is a member of the Callerlab Ad Hoc Committee seeking solutions, and he will pass on your comments.

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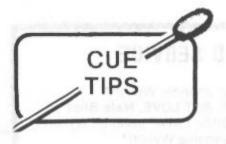
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1-2 Wait one meas (count it "ah 1/&,2,ah 3/&,4;"); Step apt L, pt R twd ptr, stp tog R, tch L to bfly wall;

PART A

- 1-4 FC/T0,FC,BK/T0,BK;FC/T0,FC,BK/T0,BK,CRCL AWY/2,3,4/5,6;STRUT T0G,2,3,4 T0 RH STAR; 1-2 From bfly pos & traveling LOD do a fc to fc & bk to bk stepping L/R,L,R/L,R; repeat to end in bk to bk pos M fc COH
 - 3-4 Circle away LF(W RF)L/R,L,R/L,R; strut tog L,R,L,R; to a R-hand star M fc ptr & wall;
- 5-8 CURLIQ/2.3.4/5.6; STAR R/2.3.4/5.6(W SOLO RF SPIN): ROCK APT.REC.APT.REC. OPEN VINE.2.3.4.
 5-6 Stepping L/R.L.R/L,R M travels fwd turning ¼ rf to end fc RLOD (W stp R/L.R,L/R,L turns under joined R/R hands ¾ LF dance curlique in triple rhythm); Star R L/R,L.R/L,R turning ¾ to fc wall (W star R R/L, R, solo spot RF spin L/R,L to end in bfly).
 - 7-8 Rock apt L, rec R, apt L, rec R travel twd LOD approx 6-8 inches on each rock & rec; op vine L, RXIB, side L, thru R:
- 9-12 PRETZEL TURN R/2,3,4/5,6; ROCK,REC,ROCK,REC, UNWIND/2,3,4/5,6; ROCK,REC,SWIVEL WALK 2:
 - 9-10 Retaining M L & W R hand with progression twd LOD do pretzel wrap M turning RF (W LF) stepping L/R,L,R/L,R end with both fc LOD with joined hands & arms at their backs in a hammer lock or pretzel position with M free R hand (W L) extended twd LOD; Look at ptr & rock fwd L, rec R, fwd L, rec R;
 - 11-12 Retaining handhold (M L & W R) with progression twd RLOD unwind L/R,/,R/L,R to SCP LOD; Rock bk L, Rec R swivel walk L,R;

PART F

- FWD/.2,3.4/5.6:RT FC TRIPLE TURNS/2,3,4/5.6;VINE TWIRL,2,3/&,4;REV TWIRL,2,3/&,4;
 Scp/lod do two qk triples L/R,L,R/L,R; two RF turning triples L/R,L,R/L,R;
 FC wall and M vine side L, RXIB (W RF twirl, 2), in place L/R,L; repeat RLOD to bfly wall;
- 5-8 BAL L/2,3,TO SCP/2,3;ROCK BK REC,SWIVEL WALK,2;BAL L/2,3,TO SCP/2,3;ROCK BK,REC, SWIVEL WALK,2;
 - 5-6 With small steps side L/R,L,R/L,R to SCP LOD; Rock bk L, rec R, swivel walk LOD L,R; 7-8 Repeat 5 & 6
- 9-12 FWD/2.3.4/5.6;R FC TRIPLE TURNS/2.3.4/5.6;TWIST VINE,2.3.4;PVT,2,TWIRL,2; 9-10 Repeat Meas 1-2 Part B
 - 11-12 Twist vine L,RXIB(WXIF),L,RXIF(WXIB); blend to CP RLOD & pivot RF L,R to SCP LOD, walk fwd L,R blending as last step is taken in preparation to go to Bfly wall (W RF twirl R,L;) ENDING

Finish A the last time through and pause one beat, then quickly rock apart L to open pos and freeze.

ASD TOURS FOR 1986

As you read this (early February) your editors will be enjoying a touch of paradise with many others in Hawaii. The prospects of future ASD tours are exciting: Spring in Europe (3 countries, p. 26); Spring in Britain, Scotland and Wales (also p. 26); Alaska cruise (with free air) in June (p. 102); and the exciting Oktoberfest trip (Munich, Vienna, the Rhine, Holland, p. 26). Then in '87— hold your breath— here comes another Caribbean cruise in January, other European countries in mid-year, and the South Pacific in September. Details: write this magazine.

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Dancing Tips

by Harold & Lill Bausch

Dancers who have gone through lessons in the last five years or so may have learned some things that earlier graduates missed. For example, we teach in classes today that as you complete a call, you should reach to the side and touch hands with adjoining dancers (if there are adjoining dancers). This helps establish proper formations. You, and the other dancers, then know if you are in a wave or a line. You are better prepared for the next call.

Remember this is not just for your own sake, but for all. Square dancers are a "team." Keeping in mind that we succeed as a group or fail as a group helps us to realize just how much of a "team" effort square dancing is. We are all part of the group and not "stars" on our own. If our square does well, we all do well.

If you do become confused, do not turn around. Most movements are of a forward nature. By turning around, one makes it impossible for any fellow dancer to help. If you just hesitate without turning around, someone in the square may notice and point just where you should be. Notice I say point, for speaking out loud could prevent you and others from hearing the next call, and this would make matters worse. Hand signals are much better than voice signals.

If you must help someone get turned the right way, remember that you "guide" them, not pull or push.

If a call is given with which you are not familiar, don't panic; listen closely. Often the caller will give directions just how to complete the call.

If your square breaks down, a popular way to get started dancing again is to establish lines of four and wait for the next time dancers are in lines of four and pick up on the next call. A good way to establish the lines is for each man to return to home, take the nearest girl, then heads turn ¼ left and sides turn ¼ right. It makes no difference if your lines are in a different position than the other squares. You may end the dance with a new partner, but at least you will not be standing. The reason for lines, instead of squaring up at home, is that in today's choreography lines are used much more than the square formation during the dance.

It would be wise for all dancers to start thinking of centers and ends positions. When in waves, for example, you are either an end or a center. Sometimes the spots could be occupied by one woman and one man, so the call would be centers run instead of men run. Be aware of this as such calls are used more today than in years gone by.

If you are setting up a square with two experienced and two inexperienced dancer couples, be sure to have the newer dancers across from each other so that each has an experienced corner.

At times dancers hesitate to do a call, because they have not done it just that way before. Trust the caller; we should assume he knows what he is doing. If you go ahead and the square breaks down, at least you will have done your part. No one can help a dancer who will not try.

Do not shortcut any call; it spoils the dancing for others in your square. Besides, in today's dancing, what starts out to be a familiar call could be changed halfway through. For example, square thru, but on the third hand, swing thru.

The first lesson we teach new dancers is to listen. This is my advice to experienced dancers, too. If you have danced a long time, we don't need to tell you; you've had to listen to succeed.

Remember, touch hands to the side, if possible, at the completion of each and every call. Practice this for a while and soon you will be doing it without even being aware of it, and your squares will get through more calls without mistakes.

Last thought: If you do make a mistake, it is not the end of the world.

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Calling Tips by Orlo Hoadley

This month's column completes the outline by Orlo Hoadley giving ideas for putting fun-type variety in dances:

4. Progressive Squares: With the sets on the floor all lined up, two or four couples from one set move into the next set to make new squares. Ways to do this:

a. From lines of four facing out, call pass thru, all lines facing a wall of the room do a bend the line, pass thru, bend the line (couples trade):

 From a clover formation, call double pass thru; couples facing a wall should do a leading couple partner trade, dive

thru;

c. From a clover or trade by formation, call for a pass thru by two couples facing out (on opposite sides of the square);
d. With the four couples facing out on four sides of the square, call pass thru for everybody;

e. From parallel waves or two-faced lines, call ends, centers, or all eight grand circulate. Choreography for this type has not yet been developed.

Comments: Of course, the idea is for the caller to get the original squares broken up and the dancers scattered around the hall in all directions, then reassemble them all. It's spectacular if he stops them in set formation, expresses his concern and his apologies for getting them into such a horrible mess, then brings them back together with the last section or two of a singing call. It's even more impressive to the dancers if he brings them back by a different route from the one they went out on.

Progressive squares are practically impossible to sight call; the caller has to keep track of not only where the dancers are within a set, but which set they are in relative to the one they started in, and what he has to do to get the dancers all home again. Also, if he forms scrambled sets to start a singing call, he has to direct the dancers into their home posi-

tions in the scrambled sets (like a stir the bucket routine), because there will most likely be two men in the set with the same number.

5. Exploding Squares: Sometimes the terms Progressive Squares and Exploding Squares are used interchangeably. Usually Exploding Squares means a different type, wehre the four couples face out as in (d) above, then do a star thru, pass thru to form new squares in the corners between the original squares.

Comments: Procedures for exploding and reassembling the sets can be quite simple and easily remembered. However, they should be used very infrequently because each "explosion" leaves a layer of dancers standing around the edges of the floor with nothing to do except watch the active squares in the middle. For instance, from a starting array of 12 squares, after two explosions, there are only two active sets in the middle of the floor with everybody else standing.

6. Unusual kinds of sets:

a. Minisquares: two facing couples. A surprisingly large number of the Mainstream calls can be done by only two couples. In fact, if two couples are left over after normal sets have been formed, they can have a lot of fun by dancing as a minisquare, doing all of the calls they can do legitimately, and fudging the others.

b. Siamese squares: Large squares are set up with two couples on each side. The man and woman of each couple hold on to each other as in a star promenade, and don't let go throughout the hash tip. The left couple acts as a man, and the right couple acts as a woman. Part of the fun comes because the woman of the M-couple has to use her right hand to do the things the man usually does, and the man of the W-couple has to use his left hand. For variations, make the Siamese couples sashayed or mixed,

c. Hex sets: sets with six couples in each, usually putting two couples side-by-side in the head positions. Again, a surprisingly large number of Mainstream calls work as well as with sets of four couples. A good thing to do if there are 6

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by Bob Howell

easy level

With hearts and flowers for Valentine's thoughts this month, how about Keeping the Faith to get us started. Toots and Claire Tousignant of Brocton, Mass., choreographed this solo dance to a real line beat.

KEEPING THE FAITH

FORMATION: Solo

MUSIC: Keeping the Faith, Billy Joel, Columbia 38-04681

ROUTINE: Sixteen count intro, begin on the vocal.

- Step forward on R foot, step forward again on L foot, step in place R.L.R. (While doing the quick R,L,R, bend at the waist and pretend to be punching the ground with the R.L. and R hands. (Involve good shoulder action, too.)
- Back up, step back on L. R. and a rapid L.R.L. (This time wave both hands high in the air, L.R.L.) 5-8
- Vine R with a clap, clap, clap, (Step R with R foot, cross L behind R, step R, L, R and clap hands over 9-12 head three times while shaking hips.)
- 13-16 Vine L and stamp, stamp, stamp, (Step L on L foot, cross R behind L, stamp L.R.L, turn 180° to begin again.)

NOTE: In using this dance. I prefer to turn only 1/4 L on each sequence rather than 1/2.

Jean Siffin of Solon, Ohio, sends along this trio dance which she says she "put together" for the Western Reserve YMCA dancers and their offspring. She calls it ...

FORMATION: Circle of three facing three as in spokes of a wheel (3CCW, 3CW); Join hands with your opposite.

MUSIC: Any 64-count

- Outside couple sashay away four. 1-2
- Middle couple sashay away four. 3-4
- 5-6 Inside couples sashay away four.
- 7-8 All turn right four steps (spot turn R.L.R.L)
- Repeat starting with inside couple sashaying back to place. 9-16
- 17-20 Clap own hands, clap R with opposite, clap own, clap L with opposite. Repeat.
- 21-22 Balance right and balance left.
- 23-24 Turn R four steps (R,L,R,L)
- 25-28 Do-sa-do
- 29-32 Pass thru and balance R and L, and you're ready to go...with a sashay...

Gloria Roth, who spends part of her year in Clementsport, Nova Scotia, and her winters in Palm Beach, Florida, wrote a real neat quadrille and dedicated it to Vern Carmichael, a caller who was greatly loved by many of his friends and followers. Vern passed away last year.

CARMICHAEL'S QUADREEL

MUSIC: Suggested: Folkkraft Shadrack's Delight

Intro (before music starts): Bow to your partner Head ladies chain over, head ladies chain back

Side ladies chain over, side ladies chain back

Gent #1 reel the girls, corner left, opposite right, right-hand left, partner right

Everyone do an allemande left and promenade...

Side ladies chain over, side ladies chain back Side ladies chain over, side ladies chain back Head ladies chain over, head ladies chain back

Gent #2 reel the girls, corner left, opposite right, right-hand left, partner right.

Everyone allemande left and promenade...

All lead right for a Bay Path Twirl*

Head couples right and left thru, head couples right and left back Side couples right and left thru, side couples right and left back Gent #3 reel the girls, corner left, opposite right, right-hand left, partner right. Everyone allemande left, come back one and promenade...

Side couples right and left thru, side couples right and left back
Head couples right and left thru, head couples right and left back
Gent #4 reel the girls, corner left, opposite right, right-hand left, partner right
Everyone do an allemnade left, come back one and promenade...

Gent #1 and 3 reel the girls, corner left, opposite right, right-hand left, partner right Everyone allemande left, come back one and promenade...

Gent #2 and 4 reel the girls, corner left, opposite right, right-hand left, partner right Everyone allemande left, come back one and promenade...

*Bay Path Twirl (32 beats): As couples, all lead right (4), California twirl (4). Repeat above three more times.

NOTE: If a person wanted to use this 496-beat dance in a standard signing call, the six allemande lefts couple be omitted.

From Sedalia, Missouri, Dr. Donald Donath shares an easy contra with us:

D & E CONTRA FORMATION: Alternate duple, 1,3,5 etc. crossed over.

— — — Everybody go forward and back — — — Same ladiés chain
— — — With your corner do-sa-do — — — Same two flutter wheel
— — — Same girl swing and whirl — — — To a right-hand star
— — — Across from your right and left them.

--- Across from you right and left thru
--- Cross at the head, left-hand star, and cross at the foot

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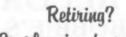
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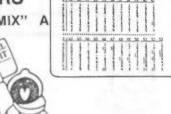


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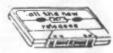
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We received several requests for the new Advanced list from an excellent cross-section of the country: Ohio, Texas, Arizona, Virginia, Florida, Pennsylvania, and Kansas. Here are examples of the notes we received along with the requests: "Look forward to meeting you sometime, having returned to square dancing after a 10 + lapse (we lived in Ireland), we find that the lists are really helpful and tho' there are problems (aren't there always?) the Callerlab lists are really terrific!" and "Thanks for your informative column in American Squaredance. A/C Lines is always read first upon receipt of the monthly issue." We also received an interesting letter from West Richland, Washington, about which we talked to several dancers and a few callers. We found many people very interested in the Left and Right Brain Theory as it applies to square dancing. We decided to share the letter with you, knowing it is going to kick off an opinionated discussion. Since this topic does not necessarily confine itself to the A/C portion of our hobby, this magazine will print your responses as space permits.

"Thank you for publishing Craig Shucker's intellectual clarification of the terms DBD and APD. It is true in theory that the recalling of one definition is easier than the learning of a move from 56 possible starting positions—if dancing were an intellectual exercise, which it is not. If DBD were a physical possibility, we should all be accomplished dancers in as little time as it takes to learn the definitions.

"How many times have you heard or said, 'I've never danced it that way before?' when the introduction of a call from an unfamiliar position stops all action? Why were you or the other dancers not able to put the definition into play to

keep the square going? While you may have wished to do it, you were not physically able to, because your intellectual/verbal (left) side of the brain was not in control. Are we not merely calling a rose another name when we assign left brain function an activity which still must be executed by the same old right side of the brain?

"It is possible to learn dancing by definition. During the learning phase, the definition satisfies the left brain's desire to learn how to perform the maneuver, but to really learn it, the right brain must take over and learn by watching and imitating. (Thomas Blakeslee, The Right Brain) Time is another factor. When the right brain hears motivate, it can immediately and holistically react by setting the body in motion non-verbally. The left brain can accomplish the command, but must recall the whole definition and play it back, which takes anywhere from 25 to 40 times longer. The right brain's reaction to left brain stored material will be too slow to keep up with the flow of the music. 'Floor time' needed to learn smooth dancing is really right brain learning, no matter what name we give it.

When we are involved in a non-verbal activity such as dancing, our verbal left brain should be switched off. Continuing to use the left brain for an inappropriate task (one for which it is not suited) will result in inept dancing, apathy, and then a dislike for square dancing. Your verbal left brain may want to dance DBD, but your spatial right brain is controlling the action... Ardie Coble "P.S. In addition to an interest in square dancing, I teach learning disabled students, and have done extensive research on brain functions, primarily to help my students. We entered square dancing in 1981, and have been continually impressed with the brain processing in-

"Our verbal left brain is not much help

in really getting the feel of dancing.

vanced level.

"Most of the information included in the article was taken from Mr. Blakeslee's book, for easy reference. I don't believe I've committed plagiarism, but I've included parts of the article for comparison. I think any analysis of the

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decline in square dancing should include some discussion of the activity as it relates to the brain's ability to process and perform it. I would like to see some future articles relating to the subject I've tried to cover briefly."

As we mentioned, we have talked to many people on this subject and there is more than just a passing interest. We

refer you to an article that appeared in the June 1985 issue of the New England Caller. Written by caller Kip Garvey of Union City, CA., it is entitled "Bolstering Up Our Beginner Program."

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SLIDE THRU

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SAMPLE CHOREO:

Heads slide thru, turn thru, all slide thru Centers pass thru, all cast off ¾ Slide thru, left allemande...

Heads lead right and circle to a line Rollway, slide thru, trade by, turn thru Centers slide thru, others cloverleaf Slide thru, cast off 34, ends trade All slide thru, pass thru, trade by Slide thru, left allemande...

Heads pass thru, go round one to a line Pass thru, wheel and deal Centers pass thru, swing thru Ends circulate, centers run, bend the line Slide thru, girls walk and dodge Those who can slide thru, others face in All slide thru, pass to the center Square thru ³/₄, left allemande...

Heads pass thru go round one to a line Slide thru, zoom and slide thru Left allemande...

Heads square thru four, sides rollaway Slide thru, cast off ¾, ends trade Slide thru, left allemande...

Heads pass thru, go round one to a line Pass thru, wheel and deal, zoom Centers slide thru, box circulate Single hinge, step thru, slide thru Partner trade, circulate 1½ Bend the line, you're home...

Heads rollaway, sides lead right Circle four, men break to a line Girls circulate, those who can slide thru Others face in, all slide thru, pass thru Trade by, left allemande... TURN THRU/LEFT TURN THRU
Heads lead right and circle to a line
Pass thru, wheel and deal, left turn thru
Swing thru, turn thru, left turn thru
Centers in and cast off 34, pass thru
Boys fold, touch 1/4, right and left grand...

Heads slide thru, left turn thru Swing thru, ends circulate, swing thru Boys run, left allemande...

Heads lead right and circle to a line Boys turn thru, all left turn thru Boys turn thru, centers in and cast off 3/4 Touch 1/4, circulate, boys run First couple left, next right, pass thru Wheel & deal, zoom and square thru 3/4 Left allemande...

Heads lead right and circle to a line Centers turn thru, all cast off 3/4 Step thru, centers turn thru, centers in Cast off 3/4, left allemande...

Heads pass thru go round one to a line Pass thru, wheel and deal, turn thru Left turn thru, swing thru, turn thru Centers in and cast off 3/4, pass thru Wheel and deal, turn thru, left turn thru Right and left grand...

Heads square thru four, turn thru Left turn thru, centers in and cast off ³/₄ Star thru, trade by, turn thru Left turn thru, centers in and cast off ³/₄ Star thru, trade by, left allemande... Heads lead right and circle to a line

Ends turn thru, all cast off ³/₄
Ends turn thru, all cast off ³/₄
Pass the ocean, same sex trade
Right and left grand...



FLOW TO A DIAMOND by Lee Oliver

DESCRIPTION: From columns: #1 column dancer cross run and take one small step forward to become the infacing point; #2 dancer veer left to become the other point; #3 and #4 dancers extend to form a box foursome and single hinge. Movement ends in center-to-center diamonds.

NOTE: From left-hand columns, the veer is to the right.

SAMPLE CHOREO:

Heads lead right and circle to a line Touch 1/4, flow to a diamond Diamond circulate, flip the diamond Split circulate, boys run, pass thru Wheel and deal, pass thru Left allemande...

Heads square thru four, swing thru
Boys run, crossfire, flow to a diamond
Waves swing thru, diamond circulate
Flip the diamond, centers trade
Girls trade, pass thru, wheel and deal
Square thru but on the third hand
Dixie grand, left allemande...

Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass thru, wheel and deal, boys run All circulate, flow to a diamond Center boys trade, flip the diamond Boys run, square thru four, trade by Left allemande...

Heads lead right and circle to a line Touch ¼, circulate, flow to a diamond Diamond circulate, flip the diamond Boys run, left allemande...

Heads pass thru go round one to a line Touch ¼, flow to a diamond
Flip the diamond, ends circulate, recycle Square thru ¾, trade by, left allemande..
Heads pass thru, go round one to a line Touch ¼, circulate, flow to a diamond Center girls trade, diamond circulate In the wave, swing thru, flip the diamond Boys trade, pass thru, wheel and deal Swing thru, recycle, zoom, swing thru Recycle, zoom, pass thru Left allemande...

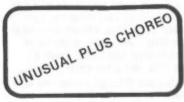
Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass thru, wheel and deal, girls run All circulate, flow to a diamond Diamond circulate, centers hinge Ferris wheel and spread, pass thru Boys fold, touch 1/4, right and left grand.. Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass thru, wheel and deal Double pass thru, boys run, flow To a diamond, flip the diamond Girls trade, recycle, left allemande... Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass thru, wheel and deal Double pass thru, girls run, flow To a diamond, diamond circulate Flip the diamond, trade the wave

Boys run, ferris wheel, square thru 3/4 Left allemande...

Heads pass thru go round one to a line Pass thru, wheel and deal, centers Pass thru, touch ¼, centers trade Centers run, ferris wheel, double Pass thru, boys run, flow to a dimaond Diamond circulate, flip the diamond Girls trade, right and left grand...

Heads pass thru go round one to a line Pass thru, wheel and deal, zoom Centers pass thru, touch 1/4 Centers trade, centers run, ferris wheel Double pass thru, girls run Flow to a diamond, diamond circulate Boys swing thru, flip the diamond Recycle, left allemande...

Heads lead right and circle to a line Load the windmill, flow to a diamond Diamond circulate, (waves) recycle Star thru, ends fold, those who can Star thru, others face in All right and left thru, slide thru Left allemande...



Heads lead right and circle to a line Touch ¼, coordinate and girls spread Boys hinge, diamond circulate, boys roll Extend, girls trade, all pass thru Wheel and deal, Dixie grand Left allemande...

Heads lead right and circle to a line Square thru but on the third hand Swing thru, explode and swing thru Scoot back, right and left grand...

Heads pass thru go round one to a line Pass thru, wheel and deal, swing thru Ping to a diamond, diamond circulate Boys roll, girls extend, girls trade Crosstrail thru, left allemande...

Heads square thru four, ocean wave Linear cycle and roll, all trade and roll Spin the top, recycle, pass to the center Square thru 3/4, left allemande...

Heads rollaway, sides square thru four Swing thru, spin chain the gears Girls trade, ½ square thru, trade by Left allemande... Heads pass the ocean, triple trade Sides cloverleaf, others single hinge Walk and dodge, pass thru, trade by Left allemande...

Heads square thru four, swing thru Boys run, ferris wheel, swing thru Ping to a diamond, diamond circulate (In the wave) recycle, others face in Zoom, swing thru, recycle, zoom and Square thru ³/₄, left allemande...

Heads square thru four, centers in Cast off 3/4, load the windmill All boys run, sides cloverleaf Swing thru, same sexes trade Right and left grand...

Heads square thru four, swing thru
Boys run, girls hinge, diamond circulate
Flip the diamond and roll, pass thru
Trade by, spin the top, center boys trade
All single hinge, boys run, double
Pass thru, track two, swing thru
Same sexes trade, right and left grand...
Heads lead right and circle to a line
Right and left thru, rollaway, touch 1/4

Coordinate and boys spread, couples

Circulate, girls hinge, diamond circulate

Flip the diamond, centers trade, recycle

Pass to the center, square thru 3/4 Left allemande...

Heads lead right and circle to a line Grand swing thru, spin the top Swing thru three hands, boys circulate Recycle, veer left, couples circulate 1½ Bend the line, you're home...

Heads lead right and circle to a line Pass the ocean, recycle and roll Centers trade, left swing thru Trade the wave (boys go twice) Square thru four, trade by, double Swing thru, right and left grand...

Heads curlique & spread, ends circulate Centers square thru three-quarters Boys partner trade, centers box circulate Those boys run, all pass thru Wheel and deal, boys swing thru, extend Single hinge, scoot back Right and left grand...

Heads square thru four, swing thru Boys run, crossfire, coordinate and Girls spread, crossfire, boys run Pass to the center, swing thru, extend Swing thru, girls trade, star thrtu Pass to the center, square thru ³/₄ Left allemande...

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Zero square: Head ladies chain Heads star thru, double pass thru First couple left, second couple right... Zero line.

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Zero line: Half square thru, trade by Veer left, couples circulate, ferris wheel Centers pass thru, star thru...zero line

Zero box: Split the outside two Around one to a line, everybody turn thru Left allemande...

Zero line: Pass the ocean, swing thru Girls trade, turn thru, left allemande...

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Zero box: Split two, go around 1 to a line Square thru, grand right and left...

Zero square: Head gents and corner girls Box the gnat, same four right & left thru Crosstrail thru, separate go around two To a line of four, just the ends do-sa-do Center four square thru, just the ends Allemande left, all grand right and left... Zero line: Pass the ocean, swing thru

Zero line: Pass the ocean, swing thru Girls circulate, boys run, wheel and deal Right and left thru, left allemande...

Zero box: Center boys only U-turn back Shake hands and pull by, circle to a line Zero line...

Zero line: Pass thru, wheel and deal Centers pass thru, touch ¼, swing thru Centers run, ferris wheel, double pass thru All face left and promenade...

Zero line: Pass the ocean, all 8 circulate Swing thru, girls trade, boys trade Boys run, couples circulate, ferris wheel Centers pass thru, box the gnat Right and left grand... MAINSTREAM PROGRAM, STANDARDS:

Zero square: Heads pass the ocean Girls trade, recycle, sweep ¼, pass thru Cloverleaf, new centers pass thru

All swing thru, boys run, couples circulate Bend the line, pass thru, wheel and deal Zoom, pass thru, swing thru, turn thru Left allemande...

Zero square: Heads slide thru, pass thru Touch ¼, split circulate, boys run Reverse the flutter, Dixie style to an Ocean wave, boys cross run, girls trade Recycle, veer left, couples circulate Bend the line, square thru, trade by Left allemande...

TAGS:

Zero line: Pass the ocean, swing thru Boys run, tag the line in, pass thru Wheel and deal, centers only allemande All right and left grand...

Zero line: Square thru ¾, courtesy turn Rollaway half sashay, pass thru Tag the line, ends only left allemande All right and left grand...

Zero line: Square thru ¾, courtesy turn Rollaway half sashay, pass thru Tag the line, leads turn back Grand right and left...

Zero line: Flutter wheel, pass thru Tag the line, leads turn back, swing thru Right and left grand...

Zero box: Square thru ¾, trade by Swing thru, boys run, tag the line Leads turn back, star thru Couples circulate, wheel and deal Left allemande...

TOPS:

Zero square: Heads spin the top Swing thru, recycle, pass thru Spin the top, swing thru, recycle Crosstrail thru, left allemande...

DIVIDE:

Zero square: Heads square thru
Sides divide, slide thru, heads separate
Around one and squeeze in to line of four
Star thru, centers slide thru
Pass the ocean, recycle, square thru
Outsides divide and slide thru
All spin the top, single hinge
Eight circulate double, boys run
Swing thru, turn thru, left allemande...

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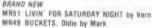


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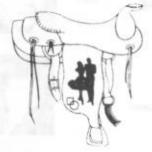
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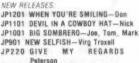
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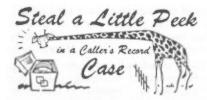
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When Hary first attended Callerlab. your editors noted his strong resemblence to the president whose birthday we celebrate this month. Harv and his wife, Carol, are from Clearwater, Minnesota, and have four children and three grandchildren. Harv is an assistant supervisor for the Cornelius Co in Anoka.

Harv has been calling ten years and calls for four clubs. He likes best to teach square dancing, and teaches three beginner and two plus classes each week. He has called at state and national conventions and at the Mt. Rushmore Hoedown. He and Carol formed the County Line S/D Club. Harv belongs to the Minn. Callers Assn. and Callerlab. He wears a stovepipe hat when doing featured tips* and many local dancers call him "Abe."

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John Pearson, a former member of the Chicago Area Callers Assoc, and president of the organization in 1968 passed away in December after a lengthy illness. He is survived by his wife Molly and children. Marv Labahn

Merle Orlich, wife of author and ASD workshop editor for many years, Will Orlich, died in November in California, where she had lived near her daughter since shortly after Will's death.

HOEDOWN! WILL PREMIER

HOEDOWN! a 28-minute, made-for-TV movie tracing square dancing back to its roots in 15th century England will have its premier showing at the National Convention in June before its release to the general public through national television and home video distribution. Fastpaced and packed with enthusiastic dancing, HOEDOWN! features accurate period costumes and the world-famous Berea College Country Dancers for historical scenes including Morris dancing during the 1400s, English country dancing in the 1600s, and a Kentucky running set in 1820. Western square dancers will be featured in the scenes which are set after Lloyd Shaw's influence in the 1930s.



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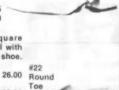
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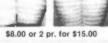
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1986: THE 50th ANNIVERSARY

It was 1936 when Lloyd "Pappy" Shaw was invited to bring a set of dancers to the famous play festival at Central City. Co. The form of "western" square dancing they introduced spread like fire. The 1986 edition of the National S/D Directory reflects the growth of the activity over the last 50 years. It includes over 10,000 club listings worldwide.

The updated edition of the Directory includes a New Dancer section which shares much of the heritage and spirit of square dancing with newcomers to the activity, and information on events that celebrate the golden anniversary year. Many projects, activities and special dances are being coordinated by the Spirit of '86 committee. Their goals are to inform the general public about square dancing, letting them know how to join the fun and fellowship, and bringing dancers together in the spirit of cooperation and friendship which is the true basis and attraction of the activity. Further information may be obtained from the Spirit of '86 Committee, PO Box 129, Dillard GA 30537.

The National S/D Directory has many features to aid dancers. Directories of festivals, publications, organizations, caller and leaders are among the sections. Details on square, round, contra and clogging products and services add to its usefulness. The 1986 edition will be published March 1 and will be available at most local S/D shops. Inquiries and information should be sent to the National S/D Directory, PO Box 54055, Jackson MS 39208.

1986 DOGWOOD ARTS FESTIVAL

Knoxville. Tennessee's spring spectacular, the Dogwood Arts Festival, will be held April 11-27. Nearly 300 events. Continued on Page 102

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SCOOT CROSS AND TURN by Johnny Wykoff

STARTING FORMATION(S): Box circulate foursome or parallel ocean waves with boys facing in.

DEFINITION: From right-hand box, with the boys facing in and the girls facing out, all scoot back, girls then pull by with right hands, extending the left to the boys who reach back and to the right for a courtesy turn. (Ends in facing lines if started in parallel waves, or in an eight chain thru if started from columns.)

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SINGING CALL FIGURE:
Heads square thru, do-sa-do
Scoot cross and turn, pass the ocean
Recycle, swing the corner, promenade...
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USEFUL MODULES FROM EIGHT CHAIN THRU (Box 1-4):

Touch 1/4, scoot cross and turn Flutter wheel, slide thru = zero.

Right and left thru, touch ¼

Scoot cross and turn and ¼ more

= swing thru and boys run.

Right and left thru, touch 1/4

Scoot cross and turn, flutterwheel

= star thru.

TYPICAL FIGURE:

Heads square thru, touch ¼
Scoot cross and turn, courtesy turn
And ¼ more, ladies trade, bend the line
Star thru, pass to the center
Square thru ¾, left allemande...

REMINDER: Ladies trade and bend the line is choreographically the same as chain down the line.



People

IN THE NEWS



Ace Japanese photographer Ichiro Fujima from Tokyo sent more photos of two important Far East events. In early October a group of about 50 square dancers from several Connecticut clubs were invited to a Japanese governmentsponsored tour and to participate in the Osaka Midosuzi parade, which was seen by about one million people. Dancers walked seven minutes, danced three minutes, then repeated that pattern for a total of one and a half hours. They also demonstrated at Nakanoshima Park and enjoyed a party set up by their hosts at the Osaka Grand Hotel. Shown here are callers Michell Osawa (top left inset). Davy Nakamori (top right), and Bob Smith (lower right) from Connecticut. One of the beauty pageant winners is also shown (bottom left).



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Some corrections and additions just arrived from Al and Donna Horn of Prairie Recordings. In addition to Grace Wheatley's promotion to the Desert label (Nov. ASD, p. 64), it should be noted that Dave Towry of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was promoted similarly at the same time. Al reports he just completed a twomonth, 27-state, two-province tour with 52 dances and festivals. Tom Trainor of the Mountain label just returned from a Europe tour and is back at his resident post at Sun City West, Az. Singin' Sam Mitchell returned from a three-month tour of 28 states and is back at this Florida base covering a full schedule plus operating (with Betty) Sam & Betty's S/D Store in Hudson. Vern Weese of Houston (Mountain label) is going full time. Ditto for Desert label stars Dave Towry and Grace Wheatley. Chuck Donahue of Prairie recordings is planning a tour next year into western USA. Canada and Alaska. Al also says that his Hornet's Nest recording studio is installing new equipment and may expand into radio lingle and commercial programs.

Veteran callers **Jim and Pat Alguire** are mentioned in a photo article in *Dance Nova Scotia* in connection with a dance at the World Trade and Convention Center in Halifax, attended by 1,000 dancers and 30 callers in November.

ASD staffer and full-time caller **Harold Bausch** was recently hauled off to jail in Fremont, Nebraska, for "insisting that square dancers do it his way." Behind bars, he had to call friends to get pledges toward his bail, as a gimmick to benefit the Cancer Fund, according to **Lill Bausch**.

Bill Burleson (coordinator of the well-known Encyclopedia of S/D Basics) assures us that he is very much alive and well, despite rumors to the contrary. Like Mark Twain's earlier remark, rumors of Bill's death have been "greatly exaggerated."

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MOVING TRAIN—Eagle 1701 Caller: Cindy Whitaker

Harmonica, fiddle, and guitars combine to create a nice train feeling to back up callers who like train songs. Balance of music and voice on called side is heavy on music. A review dancer said, "Train's gotta move faster," upon long wait between opener and figure.

UNTIL THE MONEY'S GONE—Eagle 2007

Caller: Little Joe Goins

Heavy banjo and traditional style country western tune make this one acceptable to a good number of CW fans. Good combo of Mainstream figures. Voice on the called side could be clearer.

The next three records use a minimum number of basics and are excellent for their special purpose.

Bob's voice is clear and crisp, and beginners will enjoy these.

BAD BAD LEROY BROWN—Wagon Wheel 912

Caller: Bob Ruff

The rhythm is easy, slow and synchopated, with a lovely jazzy piano lead. Callers may want to speed up the instrumental a tiny bit.

ENGINE 9- Wagon Wheel 913

Caller: Bob Ruff

Another oldie brought back, another train song, and a good one! Easy figures, using only Callerlab Basics 1-14. Our dancers thought men turn back and allemande from a single file promenade would be more descriptive for beginner dancers.

HOUSTON-Wagon Wheel 924

Caller: Bob Ruff

A "talk back" muted trumpet gives this slow classic tune a real life for new dancers (Basics 1-17). Note this is the original *Houston*, not the newer *Houston*, *One Step Closer to You*.

BOP-ESP 137

Called by Elmer Sheffield, Jr.

A syncopated beat, a nice sax, a forties' theme, and nothing harder than eight chain four combine to make this one different. Figure is interesting, well-timed, and called clearly by Elmer.



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Caller: Larry Letson

The TV show figures into this rouser, including J.R., Sue Ellen, and the bunch. Figure is moving and different: swing thru, girls fold, boys turn back, right and left thru, flutter wheel, veer left, ferris wheel, centers pass thru to corner.

HANG ON TO YOUR HEART-ESP 136

Caller: Elmer Sheffield Jr.

The familiar multiple star figure used here is followed by a pair of scoot backs for an easy figure set into a smooth and gentle love song. Dancers agreed there was not time to talk to your corner, the dance moves!

SMILE MEDLEY-ESP 133

Caller: Elmer Sheffield Jr., harmony by Tony O.

A happy little medley of seven different tunes (Smiles is only one of them.) is teamed with a combo of familiar basics delivered by Elmer with the help of Tony Oxendine.

IN A NEW YORK MINUTE—Dance Ranch 686 Caller: Frank Lane

The slow and easy tempo with an inspired and very different figure (Plus basic: track two) gives this one a different feel than one might expect. The call is perfectly timed, as one would expect from a Lane creation.

BLUE TRAIN— CW2005

Caller: Holger Willm

This first European record producer brings us another train all the way from Germany. Holger "has ways to make us dance" with his well-timed, smooth figure and clear calling. He nicely works in a square thru, on the third hand eight chain six.

BEER BARREL POLKA-Blue Star 2298

Caller: Johnny Wykoff

Key: 0

Well-timed different figure with a novel combo of basics: 3/4 chain, three in lines on sides, slide thru, swing corner. Note same title, same caller, different label, different figure in last month's review.

I CAN'T GIVE YOU ANYTHING BUT LOVE—Blue Star 2297; Caller: Nate Bliss Key: E flat

A might melodic xylophone is used in the peppy music of the instrumental. Figure feels rushed, and after *slip the clutch*, "pass by partner" is omitted.

RED HEAD—Bee Sharp 126

Caller: Wayne Spraggins

Key: F

Figure is O.K. The caller lacked inspiration in his voice, but music enhanced by piano, guitar, fiddle and clarinet has good possibilities. The tune sounds much like *Teasin*'.



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LOOK FOR THE SILVER LINING—Petticoat Patter 120; Caller: Toots Richardson Key: C

Tricky but smooth figure is called by Toots in a clear, low tenor voice. After a swing thru, girls turn back, ferris wheel is innovative. The instrumental, featuring the Rhythmaires, has a fine Dixieland jazz treatment.

FORGIVING YOU IS EASY— Hi-Hat 5077 Caller: Tom Perry

In the opener, men star 3/4 is refreshing and unusual. Tom's calling style is "laid back," his figure worked well and he is an accomplished vocalist. The good traditional western music features fiddle and piano, backed up a steadily thumping bass, for a nice effect.

OUT ON THE TEXAS PLAINS— Blue Ribbon 239
Caller: Bobby Lepard

Good calling and good smooth music are features of this long-overdue remake of an old favorite. Star thru, promenade is a novel way of getting corners without the sometimes-overdone *swing*. We liked the Hawaiian guitar unerlying other instruments.

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DON'T BLAME IT ALL ON ME— Rawhide 123

Caller: Lee McCormack

The opener sports a good choreo touch: right and left grand, on the third hand turn thru, left allemande. Figure combines the usual basics. This too is a rollicking rebirth of another oldie. Instrumental features drumsticks, banjo and guitar.

GIRLS NIGHT DUT- Buckskin 0210

Caller: Al Saunders

Rock-oriented caller/dancers will like the heavy beat, plus instrumental fadeouts where a caller may vocally improvise. At calls the usual basics.

TAKES A WORRIED MAN— Sundown Ranch 105

Caller: Louis Sequin

Traditionalists will like this music; modernists may find it slightly monotonous. Instrumental features good banjo-pickin' and fiddle. The very basic figure would be good for class work.

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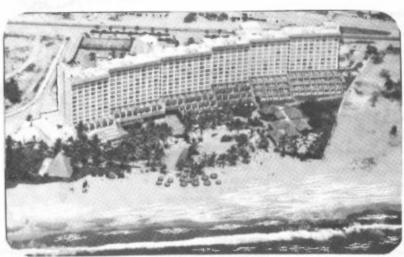
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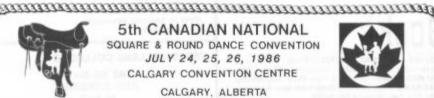
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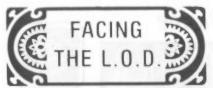
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They are serving as directors of workshops and showcases for the 35th National S/D Convention in Indianapolis in June.

Ed and Gloria cue rounds for several S/D clubs and teach basics each fall. Their intermediate R/D club in Fisher's, Indiana, begins at 7 p.m. with easy-intermediate rounds and proceeds during the evening through intermediate, high-intermediate and advanced rounds, ending at 10:30.

Ed is the plant manager for Bower's Envelope Co. in Indianapolis. Besides dancing, he plays golf, fishes, camps, and enjoys the good life of fellowship with friends. Gloria is a homemaker, has been active in Girl Scouting for 15 years and is serving as a Senior advisor. She enjoys flower gardening and planning parties, especially dance parties. Ed has two children, a son and daughter, and Gloria has two daughters, one of whom is planning a wedding next month.

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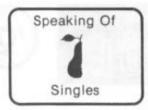


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The National Convention in Indianapolis has promised solo dancers a full-time 24,000 sq. ft. hall.

Ralph Osborne, vice-president of SSDUSA, attended the Crossfire Committee meeting in Georgia in November, as 54 square dancers deliberated on possible solutions to problems facing square dancers today.

The 1985/86 edition of the popular pocket-sized Yellowrock Directory is available for \$3.50 from Keith Turner, 7315 Switch Bark Rd., Louisville KY 40228. This directory lists clubs in the U.S. and Canada which welcome singles, and is meant to encourage the travelling dancer to visit. Listed by state and city, the entries give the club's dance night, dance location, and generally two local contacts so that the visitor may confirm the club's status prior to a visit. Profits from the sale of this book subsidize SSDUSA's scholarship program for beginner callers.

The most recent scholarship recipient was Jim Ryan of the Albany, New York area.

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A new note service came across our desk the other day: For the Record, published by the Texas State Callers Association. Hopefully we'll be on their regular mailing list. It is edited by Terry Kephart. Good stuff included has these pregnant titles: "Be A Needle Expert," "Fundamentals of Singing," "Cost of Living/Dancing," "Contras" furnished by ASD editors, "Holiday Mixers" (ditto), "Formations" (Callerlab), "Review of Callerlab," and a featured experimental named anything and chain thru. Good lineup for good reading.

Don Beck in Choreo Breakdown introduces us to the new Callerlab Advanced QS, shuttle, and features an experimental called get on board. Two separate series discussions appear—one by Bill Peters on "Choreo Difficulty," and the other by Don on "Mental Image." Several other experimental calls are listed. This issue completes Don's first year as editor.

From Lead Right by Malcom, Cole and Burdick, many gems can be extracted by thoughtful callers. Here are just three: Don brings up a few technical points including our ocean wave dilemma—palms up vs. the forearm styling. A recent survey indicated 34 states use the palms up ocean wave; 12 states use

forearms, and seven have mixed usage. Some areas seem to be sharply divided. causing much dancer confusion at large festivals and other club visitations. At the Callerlab Convention in Phoenix. 98% voted "palms up." In your onenight-stands, according to Walt, you should: include R/D mixers-they're great for moving with the music. Dig out your old Patty Cake Polka, Jiffy Mixer. Tennessee Wig Walk, and-everybody groans- but everybody (all ages) still get a bit of a foolish kick from the Birdie Song. In "Choreo Quiz," Stan proposes: "Start this way... Heads star thru, zoom... Now in one command, get in position for an allemande left.

Notes for Callers by Jack Lasry explores pass the ocean along with an experimental by Carl Hanks called star and (something). The latter call gets a lot of action out of our old familiar right hand star. Jack reports that the QS spin the net is not going over too well. RCW is hot, however.

Steve Turner in Callerlink from Australia, gives us many good ideas. "Ways to Improve Your Memory" is an example. ROM is Walking in the Sunshine. Other items include several singing call figures, dixie style review, spin the net examples. 3/4 tag stuff, load the

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dinghy experimental, a contra and much more.

In addition to all the usual good choreo this month, Barry Wonson of Figuring from Australia gives us two pages of drills for styling and coordination, for more smoothness in both square and round dance classes. Example from a circle of dancers facing CCW: Start with left foot. Extend the toe forward and tap 1,2,3,4. Shift your weight to the ball of your left foot and tap the right foot, toe pointing out, 1,2,3,4. Starting on the right foot, then shift to the left foot and walk ahead the 8 counts, L,R,L, etc. Use short gliding steps leading with the toes.

The Choreo Connection by Ed Fraidenburg especially features the experimental paper chase this month, and explores a little novelty called scoot back 1½ and ½, which seems interesting. He also looks briefly at all of these passing experimentals: anything sashay; anchor; arky magnetism; coordinate, rotary tag and exchange the gears; frame up; traction; hang it up; like a ripple; linear top;

mini-parade; point blank; scoot and touch 1/4,1/2,3/4; scoot your neighbor; short trip.

Mainstream Flow by Gene Trimmer praises spin the net (keeping its ending in a normal quarter tag position) and pans lead to a wave. He discusses the use of non-symmetric choreo, and even gives us one to use with any singing call, as follows:

Couple 1 (3,2,4) face corner, box the gnat Same sex couples promenade halfway Square thru, do-sa-do, swing thru Centers run, ferris wheel, square thru 3 Corner swing, promenade corner, tag...

Toronto and District Notes presents Never Should Have Told You as ROM, and reviews these items: spin chain thru, split square thru, dixie grand, spin the net, and shuttle.

In News 'n Notes, the commentary by Ed Foote raves about the dancers of Sweden he visited, and says the majority of dancers dance better than dancers in the U.S. at the same level. Why? Answer: 5 reasons. 1. Beginner classes last two years. 2. Beginners are taught Dance By



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The December SCVCA Notes included a session on "What Makes S/D Hard (or Easy)?" by John Sybalsky. He has some interesting thoughts. A large storehouse of other notes and choreo is included, and an experimental especially featured this month is walk thru the diamond.

Callers Assn. of Northern Calif. Notes has much good choreo and information. We especially like this adaptation by Mike Seastrom to the popular TNT record, Real Madrid, which he calls Bullfight Quadrille.

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Sides face, grand square, 4 ladies chain Four ladies chain back, roll promenade...

Figure: Heads square thru 4 hands Spin chain thru and girls circulate twice Turn thru, walk by corner, allemande next R&L grand, promenade new partner.



ANSWERS TO THIS MONTH'S PUZZLES

THRU: pass thru, right and left thru, square thru, dive thru, crosstrail thru, star thru, turn thru, eight chain thru, swing thru, double pass thru, slide thru, and spin chain thru.

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GORDON GOSS, Continued

competing levels and special interests. We are losing the togetherness required for a social activity."

ASD: Are you saying that some of the fun that used to be a part of the activity has to be revived?

GG: Absolutely. Now that Callerlab has frozen the Mainstream list until 1988, we can expect the Modern Western Clubs will be able to breathe a sigh of relief and continue training new dancers, hopefully with the emphasis on fun more than on finesse. Meanwhile, with the expected increase in clogging and contra dancing activity setting the stage for the expected square dance explosion to come in the early 1990's, we might give some thought to simplifying our current program, or at least extending the time devoted to the learning process.

ASD: Then you're hopeful about the future?

GG: I certainly am, and in the meanwhile, I hope our directory may be of some small service to the movement.

ASD: It certainly has proven its value over the years to thousands of dancers and leaders, and I'm sure it will continue to do so in the future. Good luck, and thank you for taking this time to speak with us, Gordon, I enjoyed it very much.

GG: My pleasure, Bill, and thank you for your kind words.

*Since this interview was written up, of course, ASD has taken over fulfillment of Square Dancing's subscriptions, and the latter magazine has ceased publication.



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PS:MSQS, Continued

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Zero square: Heads pass the ocean Girls trade, recycle, double pass thru Peel off, pass thru, wheel and deal Boys only swing thru, then turn thru Split the girls and separate around one To line of four, pass thru, half tag the line Walk and dodge, partner trade Crosstrail thru, left allemande...

Zero square: Heads star thru, zoom Centers swing thru, same 4 single hinge Box circulate, walk and dodge, cloverleaf Center four swing thru, spin the top Single hinge, same 4 walk and dodge Pass to the center, centers square thru ³/₄ Left allemande...

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date for Y-knots was in October of '69.

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Time to wind down and wind'er up for the month. Referring back to our opening pages, we're personally in an upbeat mood for an '86 upswing S/D cycle. The dinosaurs are dying. Our magazine keeps growing fast. From cold Ohio we wish you warm '86 success and cheer. After all, to quote a line we saw on a travel folder, "It's always summer somewhere.'

CALLING TIPS, Continued

or 18 couples available and they all want to dance.

- d. Tandem squares: Like Siamese squares, these have two couples on each of the four sides of the set, but in this case the couples are one behind the other.
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(c) The caller needs to be familiar with a list of calls that work with Hex sets and with the differences from the way they work in normal sets. He should also memorize or call from notes two or three interesting dance sequences that cannot be done with four-couple squares. It's not too difficult to work out good singing call figures. (d) Tandem squares require their own special choreography, to keep all eight couples involved as much as possible. (e) Similar

comments apply to Kaleidoscope squares, except these were developed by Gloria Roth. They take guite a bit of room on the floor, and should be used when very few dancers are left over from 4, 8, 12 or 16 normal squares, so dancers do not have to sit out.

References that will be helpful are: Choreography Gimmicks, by Will Orlich: Callers Guidebook to Complete Choreography by Orlo Hoadley; Progressive Workshop, various writers; all available from American Squaredance Magazine. Reference articles appeared in "Creative Choreo," Ed Fraidenburg, ASD Febraury 1983, p 54, and April 1980, p. 46.



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PEOPLE. Continued

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school, one of her protegès has been selected to participate in the Miss Michigan pageant.

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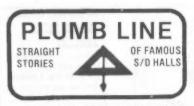
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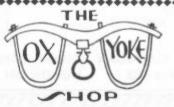
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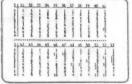




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