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SPOT LIGHT ON SQUARE DANCING IN BUFFALO
This is the first of a planned series to bring to our readers informative reviews of the square dance movement as it exists in various areas near to Rochester. While we have attempted to secure accurate information from a variety of written and personal sources, some inaccuracies are bound to creep in. We would gladly print corrections received from our readers at apy time......The Editors.

Square dancing in Buffalo began ome about 25 years ago when Herb Suedmeyet was doing all the latest calls, Eastern style. Herb and his wife, Lou, have left a permanent mark on the area's growth into Western fyle dancing. He is now deceased but Lou still maintains some activity with various groups Western style was actually introduced throygh the efforts of Anne Barbour who located in Puffalo from Scotland. On a western trip, she/picked up the western" style, brought it back east with her and with her native ability, the taught a small church group.

Eventually, Merb Suedmeyer was to call a ont night stand for thfs groupmand Anne hadmer pupils demonstlate the estefn style Hond next attenfed a callind schfol run by Al Brundage and western squarf daping in Buffalo was on its way

The early club activity fentered around the Stylist Squares whose memorship included Make Stark, Jerry Reynolds, Art Harrior John Staby Budqy Stewart and others whoge napes are now fam ifar as callers. The brigt of 1956-58 saw thes fancers ettablish hempelves as callers, addind the name do Don luffin to their rosters Buffalp squares, now 12 years old, began to draw dacers ramochester.

The Westen New York Federation of Roynd and Square Danch Clubs, Inc. was estably hed in the 1957-58 period with a membership oleven clubs, including Rochester's Geneses Sanders and Belles 'n Beaus. The late George kerldge served as delegate to the Buf alo rederation at that time.
In 1966, the Federation has a membership of 24 clubs; four of thes. are round dance clubs, six are dancer operatpa clubs and eighteen are caller operated clubs. There are about 3 clubs in the area which do fot have Federation membership.

Member clubs are represented by one person acting as a voting delegat to the federation. There is also a one person flernate to represent the club in the absenge of the voting delegate.

COMMITTIES BEGIN TO PREP FOR 1967 DANCE-D-RAMA Under the capable guidance of Dorothy and Ambrose Baker, our chairmen, the plans for the 1967 Dancemanama are well under way. The comertities have been fermed, and all are workIng for one goal--"the BAST YET"!

The dance will be held at Bihop Kearney High School on April 1, 1967 at 2:0 P. M. and it will last until 12 Midnight. The dinner will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. All of you who went last year will remember the excellent facilities, and with a few minor changes, we feel we will again have a "night to remember".

We will discuss the callers in the fiture but you can be assured that wofwill have the best! So, polish up your bootg and slipperp and look forward to relaxing, cpallerting and fun dancing. Be sure to mark your dalendes. . . . . APRIL $15 T$ See you theirlipe Metherell
RICHMOND NEWS REPORTER INTERVIEWS THE TUCKERS In the October 29, 1966 isspreaf the Richmond Times Dispatch, columist Enma Livingstone interacieng Rochester's Chaklie ang Perkie Tucker as they served as Assdiat taff member at the lith Annual Rfchmpnd Square and Round - Aance Festival.

Talling to the Tuck frs as they arrifed for a wor) shop in the Rook Larden Ballropm of the Hotel Joh Manchall, the reporter was filled in on the beneftis of the round and/square dance activities by
"We'll probably be ready for retirement id aByt 10 years and we bellewe we have aqbby we can take anywhere in the United Statofs and we will be able to find places to dancy and people w An ow," commented Charlie. Ferkie added, "And when we get too old to pance, we'll probably sit the sidelines ang watch."
The Euckers who dimit to being in their 50s, learned to square demee orgt 15 years ago wile living in Philadelphia
"We were strangers, and loneske, and needed to meet people," Perkie said. "S I cam home and found myself enrolled in a class," added Charlie. "We've been dancing eyer ince and thru the years have met some wonferful and fascinating people."

Charlie and Perkie were first introduced to their first love, round dancink, by the nation-


As promised in the last issue of Cues 'n Calls, the figures which have been workshopped in this area appear in these percentages of usage nationally. These figures were taken from a survey of 330 callers across the country.

Slide thru (95-100\%), Round Off (60-70\%), Turn Thru (60-65\%), Dixie Spin (40-45\%), and Alamo Circulate (40-45\%). All of these figures were expected to be doing well nationally by the local callers with the exception of the Alamo Circulate which may rate another look. This one was a surprise to many of us since most callers had treated it as a gimmick and stopped using it.

Dixie Spin -- This is a combination call of dixie style and spin the top. The call was written by Chuck Raley of Lakewood, California in February 1966.

Definition: the designated persons give a right, pull by, turn the one you meet by the left, as to go into a dixie style ocean wave. Centers swing right $3 / 4$, ends move up $1 / 4$.

Head ladies lead to a "Dixie Spin", then slide thru and star thru would be a zero movement bringing you back to original starting position.

Dixie Turn Thru -- This is a combination call of Dixie Chain and Turn Thru. As you might expect, it can easily be confused with the above call, Dixie Spin. This call was written by our own area caller, Dan Dedo, of North Tonawanda, N. Y.

Definition: Girls (or men) start a Dixie Chain. However, the men instead of following their partner all the way thru as in a regular dixie chain, do a "Turn Thru" and follow the girl that was originally opposite them.

This call should rate a second look for no other reason than the fact that it was written by a local boy and is now in the hands of callers across the country. It works real well in the cloverleaf and roundoff patterns which are presently much used in our square dance choreography. If you haven't heard much of it, it's probably because it is hot off the press, so to speak, being in the November issue of Callers Material.
promenader goes FIRST CLASS MAIL
With this issue, PROMENADER will come to you via First Class Mail. For economy, we have used Third Class Mail which, of course, has low priority and deliveries at best were slow, uncertain and, sometimes not at all. We are striving to give subscribers this extra service without asking for more subscription money.
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Since there has been no group hysteria or mob vialence, I will continue on with the "desert station" on extra curricular activities of some fellow members. Sooooooo,

First, there is Larry Spavin of the Friendship Squares. He is a bird watcher. Hard to believe? Would you believe a tree peeper? Well, it doesn't make much difference what you believe because I got it straight from his wife, Hazel, who says, "He is strictly for the birde."

Now we have Dick Van Hook of the Boots ' $n$ Slippers. Likes to walk in the woods. Would you believe that at one time he wanted to become a lumber jack? That is, until he nearly got killed by a falling tree. There he was, standing still, just like he was at the dance the other night, saying, "I didn't hear that last call."

Chariie Tucker of the Rollaways is a round dance teacher at the Fiddle A Rounds. This is easy to believe but would you believe he was once an Arthur Murray dropout?

How about Jim Higqins of the Country Twirlers? He trains rabbits. I'm not going ta ask you to believe that ald adage that he taught them to multipy, but would you believe that when he dances he can make your hare stand on end?

From one of the "foreign" clubs, the Harris Squares of Buffalo, we have Morey Olson, whose first loves were skin diving and swimming but would you believe he had to give up both? He gave up skin diving when he realized it was quite dangerous and the other fellows started calling him "chicken of the sea". Next, he became a life guard and he had to give that up because he became emotionally involved everytime he had to give mouth to mouth respiration

Bill Tacy of the Triggers, would you believe has a great talent for art and illustrations? He did some wonderful drawings and sketches for PROMENADER but would believe he has difficulty drawing flies? Would you believe he can't draw hard cider? I can. You can. I do

This is all for now and you might as well know that I'm leaving town for awhile.

Oh, before I close, I wish to inform you that I am still giving Stamps and the price is still $50-c e n t s$ for staying out of your sets. Some women picketed the house, carrying signs that read, "Stop the stamps and cut the price!" but I received many many letters and calls from other women saying, "Don't stop the stamps!" so the price stands.

Thanks anyway,

> Hal Abberger

Illustrations in this issue courtesy of Bill
Tacy.
NEWS DEADLINE FOR JANUARY ISSUE IS DECEMBER 15TH. PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR PROMPTNESS-IT'S A TREMENDOUS HELP TO THE STAFFI


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## Triggers

All the Triggers seemed just a wee bit logier and a teeny bit heavier at the last dance in November. Could be we just indulged in a bit too much of that old turkey with all the trimmings? Back to the diet, folks!

We were wondering the other day where our "Golden Door", which symbolizes our "open door" policy to all, might have gotten to by now. We should have put an odometer on it just for kicks. Chances are it gets around farther than most of us, though it would have a hard time beating the Dantzes, just back from Florioa, and the Lawsons, recently returned from Colorado.

We've got some royal badgers this month, namely the Lawsons, the Kausched and the Nesbitts. Congratulations, folks, this is the kind of whole hearted interest we like to see in square dancing.

We never saw anyone work as hard as Helen Allen and herassistants to make our graduation a very impressive and memorable evening. The candle light rites were beautiful and afterward we all had a great time with the "goofy" squares that were rigged up to initiate our new members. We're all very happy to have these fun loving couples join our club: Mike \& Marge Dudash, Dick \& Marge Benner, Lee \& Helen Cooper, Rudy \& Mariette DeMartelaere, Harry \& Sharon Doty, Bill \& Phyllis Hamlin, Jake \& Dee Koch, Don \& "Willie" Mondy, Gage Transue, Bill \& Shirley Tschorke, Mike \& Betty Tymkin, Keith \& Pauline Young, Paul \& Fayne Doering. Congratulations from all of us and may you all enjoy many happy years of square dancing. We all appreciate your thoughtfulness in remembering your "Angels"-the Allens, Biehlers, Lawsons and Nesbitts, and join you in commending them for a job well done.

Triggers will have a Christmas dance on Dec. 20 which will be open to all other clubs. We hope to see many of you there.

To Lew Dietz and his wife, we wish to extend our sincere wishes for great happiness and good fortune in your new home.

> ...Jim and Marion Holden

## Swingin' Eights

A great time was had at the Ghost Walk when we were guests of the Irondequait Squares. Dur Stan Kubasiewicz took first prize for his costime of Mr. Rooster.

We thank the Lima Grand Squares and Belles 'n Beaus for being our guests on Nov. 5th. Tom Trainor was in good calling voice and a lively time was had by all.

We wish to apologize for Bob Dubree not being at our Nov. 19 th dance. Due to other cancellations on his Eastern trip he had to cancel our date. We were very fortunate in securing our own Tom Trainor for that evening.

Dec. 3rd is an important date for all the Swingin' Eights--election night. We urge all members to be present in order to vote their candidates to office. The installation will take place at our Christmas party on Dec. 17 th. 5

Also present on this date will be Bruce Shaw's Little Dancers. We are all looking forward to their exhibition. And to add to our enjoyejent the EKC-D Squares and Triggers will be our guests. Looks like a busy night.

Plans are under way for our Christmas Dinner party to be held again this year at Wandtke's on Dec. 17th at 6:30 P.M. Dur chairmen are Janet and Bob Meagher, assisted by Ronni and Florian Czerniak and Arlene and Stan Kubasiewicz. Guests are welcome but reservations are necessary. If you wish to attend, please contact Iva Allen at 266-8510.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Loretta Barker on the death of her brother.

It's a new daughter for Jane and Al Manning-our congratulations to all.

We are delighted to have Bob Hendel dropping in for a visit on one of his quickies to Rochester Stop in any time, Bob and Kathy.

At least one member of the club is lucky. Dick Wahl won $\$ 100$ in the Star Market contest. Someone tells us his wife, Barb, won a sum of money in a Century contest a year or so ago.

We of the Swingin' Eights wish to wish all square dancers a Merry Christmas and good dancing in the New Year.

## ...Bill and Ginnie Sanderson

Genesee Dancers
Our annual Hallowe'en dance was held Oct. 27 th with about one-third of the members dressed for the occasion. After the march, prizes were awarded as follows: Prettiest, Art \& Pauline Bennett, Japanese outfit; Most Original, Mel \& Laura Craft, baby in carriage; Funniest, Brian \& Gail Hopkins, sailor and girlfriend; Ugliest, Bill \& Dot Hamill, native and Chinese lady.

We had a wonderful time Nov. 1Oth dancing with the lively teen-agers. Teen clubs represented were Tumbleweeds, Skirts \& Shirts, Hilton Hillbillies, Square Knots and Teen Twirlers. We hope we didn't miss anyone.

Ray and Thelma Springett have been travelling again, this time toward Skyline Drive, Virginia spending time at Front Royal. Instead of square dancing, they were dressed in hiking clothes, taking beautiful trails in the mountains.

Christmas partywill be Dec. 15th with our new class members invited. Don Duffin will be calling.

As our news is on the light side this month with all preparing for the upcoming holidays, we would like to take this opportunity to extend to all a very Merry Christmas and a most prosperous and Happy New Year. Keep Dancing!

Congratulations are extended to Jim and Mabelle Bushnell upon being winners during a daily radio program.

## ...Bernice and Bob Bourne

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## Boots 'n Slippers

The weather man gave us a clear moonlit night for our first hayride, with more then 50 persons on the wagons. After jogging thru the corn fields, observing the cows observing us, we ended up beside the woods where a giant fire had been laid. While we sat around the fire singing, preparations were made for a cookout. Hot dogs never tasted so good, and those who weren't hungry ate at least 2. When the fire became a huge bed of coals, we gathered blankets and climbed into the wagons for the return trip. Many thanks go to the Hitzkes, the Eichases and all who helped make our first hayride such a success.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Bob and Mary Lou Sweeney in learning of the death of Bob's mother. The Sweeneys belong to several area clubs.

George and Peg Mullan alsa have our sincere regrets over the death of George's father after a series of operations.

Augie De Schoolmeester's father passed on suddenly. He and Naomi are members of the beginners' class.

Our Hallowe'en party was a lot of fun. It was hard to guess who was who because the costumes looked so real.

Jerry Carmen did a fine job of calling for us on Friday, Nov. 4th when Art Harris was snowed in at Buffalo. With only an hour's notice, Jerry arrived and started to call. Then many people dashed home for their Century Club books, because Jerry moved into the area just recently with his wife, Betty, from Chicopee Falls, Mass. We are glad to know of another caller in the area.

Our dancing activities have been moved to the Merton Williams Junior High School. The club signs have been placed on West Avenue to help dancers find the school.

President and Taw Herb and Gene Hitzke celebrated their $23 r d$ wedding anniversay on Armistice Day. Best of wishes to a wonderful couple. ...Bob and Dorothy Woodams

## Country Twirlers

The club owes thanks to the Balsams and the Millers for a most delightful Hallowe'dn Party. We musn't forget Dan Dedo, either. All feet, whether they were bear feet, bare feet, or what have you (and we had a good assortment) were happy feet when Dan called.

Our nominees for the coming election will not be announced until Nov. 18 th. Elections will be held on December l0th so be sure to come and cast your ballot.

Dn Dec. lith, we will have our annual Christmas dance. We look forward to having our friends in the beginners' class dancing with the club as guests for the first time.

Another reminder--we know you will want to welcome the coming Happy and Prosperous New Year with all your friends, so come prepared to make your reservations on Dec. 17th for the New

Year's Eve party.
Ann Gantles will be sitting on the sidelines until after the first of the year due to a recent operation. It must be hard for an enthusiastic dancer like Ann to watch everyone else sashaying by, but cheer up, Ann, you know "tempus fugits".

We had a pleasant evening of dancing to Ken Anderson Nov. 9 th. It was good to join all our friends and gracious hosts, EKC-O Squares.

Curley Custer gave his usual fine performance Nov. llth. You have to admit he is just what the doctor ordered. His tempo made all dancers feel the same--young.

## ...Joe and Tina Mann

Friendship Sqs.
Hazel and Larry Spaven have been travelling. They went to Prudhommes Labor Day, followed by a trip to Ann Arbor, Michigan, to dance with the Fun Shop Squares, then a trip to New Jersey and then with the Dizzy Eights in Ludwig, Kentucky. Last stop was the Fall Festival in Syracuse.

Larry is also doing a bit of deer hunting with the bow and arrows. His favorite spot is in Penn Yann.

The Christmas party will be held in Geneva with our sister club, Dec. 10th., at the Geneva Country Club. For more information, call Judy Coe at ED4-1594 or Lucille Pratt at H07-0887.

Christmas party for the beginners will be held at Floyd Winslow school on Dec. 19th. Chairmen for the party are Barb and Ken Kassel.

Henrietta Brewster went into the hospital on Nov. l9th. Get well soon, Henrietta. She is our treasurer this year.

Eli and Eleanor Lipschuts are going to North Miami in December. Al and Rosemary Fisher are going to Mexico where they will visit an exchange student who was up here a few years ago.

Shirt Snatchers received their badges this month, thanks to Don Pratt for going along with the gag. LaRitta Hackler and Estelle Katz are hard at work sewing up our club banner.

Thanks to the Belles 'n Beaus for making an evening with Marshall Flippo so enjoyable.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas. ...Jack and Judy Coe ...Art and Lucy Mastellar
EKC-O Squares
Dur Hallowe'en dance was very nice with the class members dancing with us. They were all in costumes and with such good dancers it made an enjoyable evening. Also, thanks to the members for the decorations and treats.

We enjoyed having the Boots 'n Slippers and Country Twirlers as our guests during this past month.

It's nice to have Harry and Mae Malley back

EKC-O SQUARES (Continued)
after their trip to Jamaica. Dave and Fran Melton are now vacationing in San Juan.

Did anyone see m certain man swing a certain lady so hard her underskirt fell off? Well, they both were very good sports about it.

Best wishes to everyone for a Happy Holiday Season.

## ...Larry and Ann Bartlett

Irondequoit Sqs.
Our annual Hallowe'en Ghost Walk was held in conjunction with the Swingin' Eights this year. A broad selection of goblins, ghosts, witches and monsters participated. Really, the costumes were better than ever. Best costumes were the "chicken man", the Campbell's Soup twinds, and Tony the Tiger. Indians danced with ghosts, Raggedy Ann and Andy romped with witches. And then there was Bill Bibler in his red flannel undies with a padlock on the rear trap door. The calling of the "dynamic duo", Tom Trainor and Don Kennedy, was terrific.

We look forward to a good turnout at our annual Poinsettia Prom on Dec. loth at Pardee School. Don Kennedy is calling and the famous *Kissing Santa" promises to put in an appearance, girls.

On Dec. l7th, club members are urged to take their mistletoe and drop in and dance with the instruction class at Laurelton School. Bruce Shew is doing a fine job and they are a very enthusiastic group. The 17 th dance is the annual get-to-gether of the club with the class far a Chriustmas party, there will be refreshments and entertainment too.

SPOTLIGHT ON BUFFALD (Continued)
Officers of the Federation are elected from delegate membership. In contrast with our Rochester group, the Buffalo Federation incorporated immediately because of the apparent protection from liabilities, etc.

Buffalo's square dance newspaper, Seript-0Squares appeared in 1959 and has always been ably edited by Herb and Monica Seitz. In 1960, the Federation voted its cooperation with the publishing and decided that S-0-S would be sent out on a subscription basis. Subscription cost is $\$ 1.50$ per year, six issues, and is mailed First Class to approximately 550 subscribers.

See advertisement elsewhere in this issue for information regarding an upcoming subscription dance to be held in January.

At this time, the federation does not sponsor an area wide annual dance festival similar to our Rochester Dance-D-Rama. In past years, however, it has provided several March of Dimes dances, six summer festivals and two winter festivals.

The callers and teachers in the area are formed in the Western New York Callers and Leaders Association which is about as old as the dancers' Federation. At this time, there are about 30 members with most of the callers in the area maintaining membership.

We salute the square dancers of Buffalo whose efforts fostered our own Rochester dancing.


NEWS INTERVIEW WITH THE TUCKERS (Eontinued) ally known Frank and Carolyn Hamilton.
"We went home and started a round dance club of our own after visiting the Hamiltons' dance camp in Pennsylvania. We had 27 couples, we didn't know anything about round dancing and even less about teaching. We stayed about a half a step ahead of the group, with the help of Hamiltons' manual and sheer memory," recalls Charlie.

Charlie, a systems engineer at Taylar Instrument Companies, claims he is living proof of the recreational value of square and round dancing. He claims it involves the use of many muscles, providing good muscle tone in time. "When we enrolled I had bad leg circulation and did I ever get sore. Now I can dance all day and walk anyplace $I$ want. So, I am living proof."

Charlie credits Perkie as being his "private eye" during instruction and dancing. She picks out the couples having difficulties and thus can suggest where to go back and re-work the figures in question.

Looks like "Southern hospitality" takes to the Tuckers!

TEEN TWIRLERS--Dec. 2nd at St. Salome's Hall, 4240 Culver Road. Christmas Cotillion at CutLer Union, Dec. l6th. Mike Callahan will call for the Dec. 30th dance, focation to be announced. Frank Gillig will call for the Christmas dance which has milways been a "reunion" with members home from area schools. Call Westwaters for more information.

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