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The Fourth Annual Muscular Dystrophy Benefit Square Dance will be swinging on April 30th at the Gates-Chili High School, 910 Wegman Road off Buffalo Road. Joe Reilly, Bud Redmond, Mike Callahan, Bruce Shaw, Howie and Dot DeGrave, Charlie and Perky Tucker, Mike and Mary Prado, Gene and Mary Knisley will be calling from 8 to 11 pm. Donation is \$2.50 per couple, Teens \$.75 each, Swinging Squares \$.50 each. Tickets are available at the door or from the Shaws, 889-4829

CLOVERLEAF SQUARES for single people 18-35 dance at Chili Town Hall, 3235 Chili Avenue with caller Bruce Shaw. The class also meets the same time and place with Mike Callahan instructing. Dances start at 8 pm on the following nights:

Tuesday March 30	Tuesday March 2
Tuesday April 6	Tuesday March 16
Sunday April 18	Sunday March 21

New officers for the CLOVERLEAF SQUARES are:

Pres: Ron Hyman 240 Walworth-Ontario Road
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All club level dancers are welcome.



ATTENTION CALLERS

According to the Dance-O-Rama people, they will be scheduling an Open Calling Segment for local callers. There will be 10 half-hour periods between 4 and 7 pm on April 17th. If you are interested in calling at our Dance-O-Rama, call Ed Hasman, 225-2541 as soon as possible.



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by HAL ABBERGER

How about that! I finally found the Boots and Slippers. I have been looking for them for many moons.

Now some of you may say, "What is Boots & Slippers?" and somebody may answer "Maybe its a shoe store".

Nooo Boots & Slippers is not a shoe store, it is the name of a group that dances in Hilton.

Now you may say, "Hilton, where is Hilton?" and that's a very good question. Even Rocky, when he is looking for new taxes, says, "Where's Hilton?" Well, I'll tell you. I found it on an old map.

First let me tell you that you do not need a passport or shots to go there. I had flu shots anyway but they were unnecessary. Nobody in Hilton had the flu, but don't let any flu bugs read this, they haven't found Hilton either.

To get there you take Ridge Road West until you come to Route 259. Now don't turn left or you will end up in Spencerport. I did! I stopped in Spencerport and asked one of the natives if this was Hilton. He said it used to be but the people didn't like it so they moved it farther north.

Soooo turn right on 259. Keep going north and the town of Hilton is just past the Igloos. Ask anyone of the Eskimos where the Johnathan Underwood School is, but don't eat the yellow snow.

When we arrived we were greeted warmly by the club's president, Dean and Terry Harris. After we had danced in their set they paid me a compliment. I think! They said that I didn't charge enough for staying out of sets.

Howie DeGraves cues the rounds and does an excellent job. It's hard to understand how he remembers all those dances. Well, I don't like to give his secret away but for the benefit of my fellow man I feel I must.

I was standing near Howie when he put on a record and saw him hesitate than turn to his pretty wife Dorothy and ask "How does this dance start?"

Mike Callahan called a very good dance. He called in English which was a surprise to me. I thought sure, with a name like that, he would call in Gaelic.

Of course I could still be right. There is a rumor going around that his girl friend, Wanda Germeroth, is a ventriloquist.

When I was leaving, Ray Brown came over to say goodbye. He raised his hand with one finger pointing up. I thought he was trying to tell me something, then I realized the other fingers were bandaged. Come to think of it, the bandaged fingers were on the other hand.

Why that son of a gun! Well---

Thanks anyway,
Hal Abberger

The 11th Annual TEEN O RAMA presented by the Teen Twirlers will be held Saturday March 13th at East-ridge High school. The agenda will include a workshop 2:30 - 5:30, dinner 5:30 - 6:45, evening dancing 8 - 11 pm. Call 544-6530 for information.

LET'S GO DANCING!!

FEDERATION SQUARE DANCES

March, 1971

1 Mon	Belles 'n Beaus	Art Harris	Greece Olympia High School, 1139 Maiden Lane	8:00
2 Tue	Triggers	Myron Huss	Parkland School, 1010 English Road	8:00
3 Wed	EKC-O Squares	Jim McQuade	Kodak Elmgrove Auditorium, 901 Elmgrove Road	8:00
4 Thu	Genesee Dancers	Don Duffin	Cutler Union, 560 University Avenue	8:00
4 Thu	Wayne Westerners	Don Stumbo	Marion Elementary School, Marion, N. Y.	8:00
5 Fri	Boots 'n Slippers	Mike Callahan	Jonathan Underwood School, Hilton, N. Y.	8:30
5 Fri	Web-Spinners	Bill Wilcox	Herb Schroeder School, Ridge Rd., Webster	8:00
5 Fri	Geneva Friendship Squares	Don Pratt	Gulick Hall at Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y.	8:00
5 Fri	Lima Grand Squares	Don Stumbo	Lima Town Hall, Lima, N. Y.	8:30
5 Fri	Country Twirlers	Bob Page	Washington Irving School, 2400 Chili Ave.	8:15
6 Sat	Batavia Twirlers	Larry Dunn	John F. Kennedy School, Vine St., Batavia, NY	7:30
6 Sat	Swingin' Eights	+ MO Howard	Hosea Rogers School, 219 Northfield Road	8:30
6 Sat	Swinging B B	Bob Brunshidle	Town Line School, Spencerport, N. Y.	8:00
8 Mon	Belles 'n Beaus	Art Harris	Greece Olympia High School, 1139 Maiden Lane	8:00
8 Mon	Swinging Singles	Jerry Carmen	Raymond Memorial Baptist Church, Fairport, NY	8:00
9 Tue	Triggers	Myron Huss	Parkland School, 1010 English Road	8:00
10 Wed	EKC-O Squares	Ken Anderson	Kodak Elmgrove Auditorium, 901 Elmgrove Road	8:00
11 Thu	Genesee Dancers	Art Harris	Cutler Union, 560 University Avenue	8:00
12 Fri	Boots 'n Slippers	Mike Callahan	Jonathan Underwood School, Hilton, N. Y.	8:30
12 Fri	Lima Grand Squares	Don Stumbo	Lima Town Hall, Lima, N. Y.	8:30
12 Fri	Web-Spinners	Bill Wilcox	Klem Road School, W. Webster, N. Y.	8:00
13 Sat	Irondequoit Squares	Mike Dallahan	Hosea Rogers School, 219 Northfield Road	8:15
13 Sat	Henrietta Friendship Squares	* Don Pratt	Floyd Winslow School, 755 Pinnacle Rd	8:00
13 Sat	Country Twirlers	@ Jim McQuade	Washington Irving School, 2400 Chili Avenue	8:00
13 Sat	Swinging B B	Bob Brunshidle	Town Line School, Spencerport, N. Y.	8:00
15 Mon	Belles 'n Beaus	Art Harris	Greece Olympia High School, 1139 Maiden Lane	8:00
15 Mon	Swinging Singles	Jerry Carmen	Raymond Memorial Baptist Church, Fairport, NY	8:00
16 Tue	Triggers	Myron Huss	Parkland School, 1010 English Road	8:00
17 Wed	EKC-O Squares	Deuce Williams	Kodak Elmgrove Auditorium, 901 Elmgrove Rd	8:00
18 Thu	Genesee Dancers	Don Duffin	Cutler Union, 560 University Avenue	8:00
19 Fri	Geneva Friendship Squares	Jerry Carmen	Gulick Hall at Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y.	8:00
19 Fri	Web-Spinners	Bill Wilcox	Klem Road School, W. Webster, N. Y.	8:00
19 Fri	Boots 'n Slippers	Mike Callahan	Jonathan Underwood School, Hilton, N. Y.	8:30
20 Sat	Batavia Twirlers	* Larry Dunn	John F. Kennedy School, Vine St., Batavia, NY	7:30
20 Sat	Swingin' Eights	+ Tom Trainor	Hosea Rogers School, 219 Northfield Road	8:30
20 Sat	Wayne Westerners	Orphie Easson	Marion Elementary School, Marion, N. Y.	8:00
20 Sat	Swinging B B	Bob Brunshidle	Town Line School, Spencerport, N. Y.	8:00
22 Mon	Belles 'n Beaus	Art Harris	Greece Olympia High School, 1139 Maiden Lane	8:00
22 Mon	Swinging Singles	Jerry Carmen	Raymond Memorial Baptist Church, Fairport, NY	8:00
23 Tue	Triggers	Myron Huss	Parkland School, 1010 English Road	8:00
24 Wed	EKC-O Squares	Ken Anderson	Kodak Elmgrove Auditorium, 901 Elmgrove Road	8:00
25 Thu	Wayne Westerners	Don Stumbo	Marion Elementary School, Marion, N. Y.	8:00
25 Thu	Genesee Dancers	@ Sam Mitchell	Cutler Union, 560 University Avenue	8:00
26 Fri	Boots 'n Slippers	? ? ? ? ? ?	Mystery Ride ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?	? ? ?
26 Fri	Web-Spinners	Bill Wilcox	Klem Road School, W. Webster, N. Y.	8:00
27 Sat	Irondequoit Squares	* Bill Wilcox	Dake School, 350 Cooper Road	8:15
27 Sat	Henrietta Friendship Squares	Don Pratt	Floyd Winslow School, Pinnacle Road	8:00
27 Sat	Country Twirlers	Jim McQuade	Washington Irving School, 2400 Chili Ave.	8:00
27 Sat	Swinging B B	Bob Brunshidle	Town Line School, Spencerport, N. Y.	8:00
29 Mon	Swinging Singles	Myron Huss	Raymond Memorial Baptist Church, Fairport, NY	8:00
29 Mon	Belles 'n Beaus	Art Harris	Greece Olympia High School, 1139 Maiden Lane	8:00
30 Tue	Triggers	Myron Huss	Parkland School, 1010 English Road	8:00
31 Wed	EKC-O Squares	Ken Anderson	Kodak Elmgrove Auditorium, 901 Elmgrove Road	8:00
APRIL, 1971				
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1 Thu	Swinging B B	Bob Brunshidle	Town Line School, Spencerport, N. Y.	8:00
1 Thu	Wayne Westerners	% Don Stumbo	Marion Elementary School, Marion, N. Y.	8:00
2 Fri	Geneva Friendship Squares	Don Pratt	Gulick Hall at Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y.	8:00
2 Fri	Boots 'n Slippers	* Al Howe	Jonathan Underwood School, Hilton, N. Y.	8:30
3 Sat	Swingin' Eights	+ Tom Trainor	West Irondequoit High School, Titus Avenue	8:30
3 Sat	Web-Spinners	Bill Wilcox	Herb Schroeder School, Ridge Rd., Webster, NY	8:00
3 Sat	Country Twirlers	Bud Redmond	Washington Irving School, 2400 Chili Ave.	8:15
5 Mon	Belles 'n Beaus	Art Harris	Greece Olympia High School, 1139 Maiden Lane	8:00
6 Tue	Triggers	Myron Huss	Parkland School, 1010 English Road	8:00
7 Wed	EKC-O Squares	+ MO Howard	Kodak Elmgrove Auditorium, 901 Elmgrove Rd.	8:00

* Class Graduation

@ St. Patrick's Day Dance

% Gimmick Night

+ Rounds - 8 to 8:30 p. m.



FEDERATION ROUND DANCES

MARCH, 1971

3 Wed	Twirl A Rounds	The De Graves	Fairbanks Road School, N. Chili, N. Y.	# 8:30
8 Mon	Fiddle A Rounds	The Tuckers	Echo Club, 26 Sobieski St.	8:00
10 Wed	Twirl A Rounds	The De Graves	Fairbanks Road School, N. Chili, N. Y.	# 8:30
15 Mon	Fiddle A Rounds	The Tuckers	Echo Club, 26 Sobieski St.	8:00
17 Wed	Twirl A Rounds	The De Graves	Fairbanks Road School, N. Chili, N. Y.	# 8:30
22 Mon	Fiddle A Rounds	The Tuckers	Echo Club, 26 Sobieski St.	8:00
24 Wed	Twirl A Rounds	The De Graves	Fairbanks Road School, N. Chili, N. Y.	# 8:30
29 Mon	Fiddle A Rounds	The Tuckers	Echo Club, 26 Sobieski St.	8:00
31 Wed	Twirl A Rounds	The De Graves	Fairbanks Road School, N. Chili, N. Y.	# 8:30
APRIL, 1971				
5 Mon	Fiddle A Rounds	The Tuckers	Echo Club, 26 Sobieski St.	8:00

Beginners at 7:30

ROUND OF THE MONTH

JUST A LITTLE LOVIN'

Dance by Merl & Delia Olds

Record: HI-HAT 881

Starting Positions; Open-Facing for Intro, Banjo M facing LOD for Dance

Footwork: Opposite, Directions for M except where noted.

INTRO: WAIT; WAIT; APART,-, TOUCH,-; TOGETHER (to B jo), TOUCH,-;

1-4 In Open-Facing pos with M facing wall wait 2 measures; Step apart on L, hold 1 ct, point R twd part, hold 1 ct; Step together on R, hold 1 ct while blending to Banjo pos with Man facing LOD, touch L to R, hold 1 ct;

PART A

(1)(Bjo) FWD TWOSTEP; (2) FWD TWO-STEP (turn to Scar); (3) (RLOD) FWD TWO-STEP; (4) FWD TWO-STEP

1-2 In Banjo pos start on M's L and do 2 fwd two-steps LOD Pivoting on last step (both turn $\frac{1}{2}$ R) to end in Sidecar pos with M facing RLOD;

3-4 Starting on M's L do 2 fwd two-steps RLOD (remain in Sidecar pos);

(5)(Hitch 3) FWD,CLOSE,BACK,-; (6) BACK,SIDE,THRU (to CP) -; (7) VINE,2,3,4; (8) PIVOT,-,2,- (to Banjo);

5 Step fwd RLOD on L, close R to L, bwd LOD on L, hold 1 ct;

6 M steps bwd LOD on R, faces partner and steps swd LOD on L, cross thru twd LOD on R (W two-step LOD L,R,L), hold 1 ct blending to Closed pos;

7 In Loose-Closed pos step swd LOD on L, cross R behind L (Both XIB), swd on L, cross thru on R (both XIF);

8 In Closed pos and do a R-fc couple pivot L,-,R,- ending in Banjo pos with M facing LOD ready to repeat from start;

(9)(Bjo) FWD TWO-STEP; (10) FWD TWO-STEP (turn to Scar);

(11)(RLOD) FWD TWO-STEP; (12) FWD TWO-STEP;

9-12 Repeat the action of Meas 1 thru 4;

(13)(Hitch) FWD,CLOSE,BACK,-; (14) BACK,SIDE,THRU (to CP) -; (15)VINE,2,3,4; (16) PIVOT,-,2,- (to Butterfly);

13-16 Repeat the action of Meas 5 thru 8 except end Butterfly pos M face wall;

PART B

(17) SIDE,CLOSE,APART,KICK; (18) CHANGE SIDES,2,3,TOUCH; (19) SIDE,CLOSE,APART,KICK; (20) CHANGE SIDES,2,3,TOUCH;

17 Starting in Butterfly pos step swd LOD on L, close R to L, step bwd away from partner on L to full arms length, while leaning slightly away from partner do a slight brush kick fwd with R;

18 Give a slight tug on the joined M's L hand and W's R (release other hands) then raise joined hands and change sides with W doing a 1/2 LEFT FACE turn under the raised hands as M moves 1/2 R-face around W stepping R,L,R to end in Butterfly pos with M's back to wall, touch L;

19-20 Starting twd RLOD repeat the action of Meas 17 & 18 to end in Butterfly pos with M facing wall;

(21) SIDE,CLOSE,SIDE,TOUCH; (22) (Scis thru) SIDE,CLOSE,THRU,-; (23) TURN TWO-STEP; (24) TURN TWO-STEP;

21 Starting in Butterfly pos but gradually blending to Loose-Closed pos step swd LOD on L, close R to L, swd L, touch R to L;

22 In Loose-Closed pos step swd RLOD on R, close L to R, cross thru twd LOD on R (both XIF), hold 1 ct;

23-24 In Closed pos start on M's L & do 2 R-face turning two-steps LOD and end in Butterfly pos with M facing wall;

(25) SIDE,CLOSE,APART,KICK; (26) CHANGE SIDES,2,3,TOUCH; (27) SIDE,CLOSE,APART,KICK; (28) CHANGE SIDES,2,3,TOUCH;

25-28 Repeat the action of Meas 17 thru 20;

(29) SIDE,CLOSE,SIDE,TOUCH; (30) (Scis thru) SIDE,CLOSE,THRU,-; (31) TURN TWO-STEP; (32) TURN TWO-STEP (to Banjo)

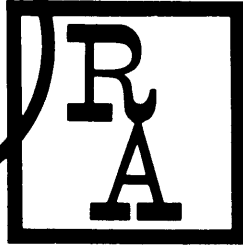
29-32 Repeat the action of Meas 21 thru 24 except end by blending to Banjo pos with M facing LOD ready to again start Part A;

DANCE GOES THRU TWICE (Plus Ending)

Ending: (Slow Twirl-Vine) SIDE,-, BEHIND,-; APART,-, POINT,-;

On 2nd time thru dance end in Butterfly pos then moving LOD W twirls R-fc as M steps swd L,-, cross R behind L,-; Step apart on L (change hands),-, point R twd partner and acknowledge as music ends,-;





DANCE-O-RAMA

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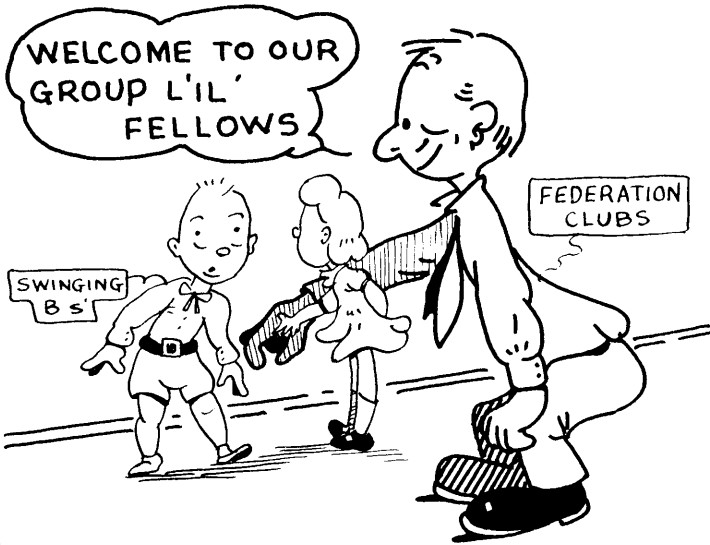
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A.R.S.

BUST'N BRITCHES



GIVE THE YOUNGSTERS A HELPING HAND..PATRONIZE THEIR SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES...

D-O-R Callers

Earl Johnston, John and Gloria Roth, and Reath Blickenderfer will be calling squares for the 13th annual Dance-O-Rama.

John and Gloria will travel from Anapolis Royal, Nova Scotia, where they run the "House of Roth" for dancing and caller training. They specialize in camping weekends and vacations for square dancers. Together, they combine over 26 years of square dance calling.

Earl Johnston of Vernon, Conn., will be taking time from a busy schedule of clubs, classes, and recordings. Earl has a successful callers school, and its graduates have spread the "Johnston touch" throughout the United States.

Reath Blickenderfer is a congenial, friendly caller from Massilon, Ohio. He has a pleasant voice and accompanies himself on the guitar, thus controlling tempo. He also yodels, and this leads to some very interesting singing calls.

Rounds will be cued by well known area callers. Jim Waters of Geneva, Betty Wolcott of Batavia, and Peg Huss, Mike and Mary Prado, Howie DeGraves, and Charlie Tucker of Rochester.

Ed Haseman, who is in charge of callers, states that for the first time rounds will be entirely separate and continuous, instead of being called between tips. (Editor's Note: We will include a program for 1971 Dance-O-Rama in our April issue of the Promenader)

PRESIDENTS'

CORNER



CINDY BRUST

President of "SWINGING SINGLES"

Cindy Brust is president of "Swinging Singles". This club, for young single adults (19-35 years of age) recently joined the Rochester Area Federation of Western Round and Square Dance Clubs.

Cindy joined Swinging Singles as a beginner about two years ago, just after it was founded by Gary Laney and Meredith Thorenson. In addition to working full time at Sibleys, Cindy enjoys dancing (of course) and sewing. She feels that since the "Singles" do much charity work the club is not limited to being a purely social organization.

Presently, the club has 36 members. Ask any one of them about Cindy, and they will say--"She's a very hard worker." That's a good prerequisite for a successful president.



The welcome mat is out for our two new "Federation" clubs. The SWINGING BB from Spencerport and SWINGING SINGLES were admitted to Federation affiliation at the last Area meeting on January 28th

Glad to have you with us --Spencerport and a grand welcome to the SWINGING SINGLES.

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ADMISSION: \$2.50 per

REFRESHMENTS



Batavia Twirlers

The 10th Anniversary Banquet and Dance will be remembered a long time. After 10 years dancing, Clarence and Olive Goodman, Ken and Louise Glasier, Ward and Evelyn Hunting, Fred and Hazel Keller, Bert and Betty Wolcott, and Jeff and Doris Weller are still active members. A life membership was awarded to Clarence and Olive Goodman as founders of Batavia Twirlers.

146 attended the banquet held at Methodist Church with Jeff Weller leading the invocation and messages given by Dorothy Taylor and Master of Ceremonies, Norm Huth.

Kellys Old Timers provided the music with Larry Dunn calling at the John Kennedy school. This was really great as 43 guest couples and the Twirlers will agree. Happy faces showed the good time everyone had.

Throughout the evening, slides of past club events were shown in the hall. The decorations were lovely and the snapshot gallery brought back a lot of memories.

A beautiful 6 tier cake made an important part of our celebration. It was decorated with dancers and names of different calls. This beautiful cake was made by Doris Weller and Ward and Evelyn Hunting had the honor of cutting the first piece.

Another active past president is Bert and Betty Wolcott with their own round dance classes in Batavia and at EKC-o Squares and calling for K A Squares.

A big hand for Les and Dorothy Taylor and Committee for an evening too lovely for words.

Welcome to Don and Harriett Klotzbach and Larry and Jackie Harendeen on becoming new members!!!

Congratulations to Georgianna Gould and Bill Farrow on their engagement April 3rd.

Congratulations to Phil and Dolores Maine on the engagement of their son on Dec. 25th.

Another special evening was spent as we celebrated Valentines Day and danced with friends from Country Twirlers, EKC-o Squares, CloverLeaf Squares, Irondequoit Squares, Lima Grand Squares, and Octagon Squares.

.....Phil and Dolores Maine

Belles 'n Beaus

This past month "King Winter" has heaped his wrath upon us. On many club nights, the elements were somewhat less than desirables, but it didn't deter many of our members. The attendance has been favorable in spite of the weather.

However, it seems more and more that many square dancers prefer going on vacation during the winter months to obtain a brief respite from the ice and snow. Larry and Dot Heffer left for Florida the end of January for a three months stay. Ray and Jane Ross and Don and Trudy Smith left February 4th for a nine day vacation to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. On the 24th of February, our new presidents Sep and Myrt DiLauro are going to the Caribbean to visit some of the Virgin Islands other than St. Thomas. Bob and Ruth Muir left Sunday for Florida for a five-week stay. While they are enjoying the beautiful Florida weather, they will dance with Ed and Florence McKeever. That sounds like a "busman's holiday".

Instead of going to a warm climate, Don and Mary Waterman are leaving the end of February on a European vacation to do a little skiing. Their itinerary is composed of Austria, Switzerland and Italy. Don belongs to the Genesee Valley Ski Club and will get an opportunity to ski near Innsbruck. They will be gone for three weeks. The end of February, John and Marion Butler's daughter, Cathy is leaving for England to attend Wroxton College. She will be there until June. It would appear that a little "culture from across the sea" will soon be a part of the Butler household.

On January 25th, we enjoyed dancing to Frannie Heintz and, with his humorous antics and fine calling, both members and guests experienced a very enjoyable evening. As of this writing, Betty Selbert is home from the hospital. We all hope that it is for good this time and that she is well on the road to recovery. That just about brings us up to date for this month. Happy Dancing.

.....Don and Marge Tracy

Boots 'n Slippers

Seems like only yesterday we were rushing to meet the Promenader deadline, instead of 4 long years ago. And now, even though this is our second time around as club reporters, we're still getting goosepimples. We sincerely hope we can do even half as good a job as Fran and Betty McAllister.

We've been missing the Ramsdells lately and just learned that Ray has undergone surgery and won't be dancing for some time. We're sure he'd appreciate some cards or maybe a few visits.

Incidentally, if any of you hear of any club member who is sick or has had an accident, etc., please call Ella Reger 352-4094 and she'll see that a card gets in the mail.

Our beginners' class is progressing very smoothly under the capable direction of Al Howe who will call our graduation dance on April 2nd.

The trail end dance will be May 21 at the Clinton House in Brockport. Sign up now!!!!

It's so good to have our Founders, George and Florence Germeroth back dancing again after a much too long absence.

Everyone enjoyed dancing with Shirts 'n Skirts, The Hilton Hillbillies, Lima Grand Squares and Irondequoit Squares the past month. Sure hope we can get together with all these clubs again soon.

Congratulations to those brand new grandparents--Chuck and Mary Smallidge and their first grandchild, Steven Michael.

Attention Bob Borgyon--Watch those old Christmas Cookies, they could be deadly.

Just a reminder that we have a National Caller on May 7th Don Stewart is great, so don't miss him.

Last but not least--Friday, March 26th, a Mystery Ride! Nobody will tell us where we're going but it's bound to be fun. Could be we'll wind up almost any old place--like Cutter's Barn? Harris's Hotel? How about Podger's Pool?

Almost out of words, see you next month. Remember Dance-O-Rama on April 17th. Boots and Slippers are on the Set-up Committee.

And say, Hal Abbarger, wherever you are, I hear you're getting pretty good at directions. You can even find your way when the street sign is turned around.

And about that Mystery Ride, could it be Holcomb's Hide-A-way? or Rebstock's Ranch? Manitou Beach????????????? Guess we'll have to go the 26th and find out. I almost forgot to mention DUES ARE DUE!!!!!!!

.....Irwin and Helen Davis

Country Twirlers

we, the newly elected Secretaries of Country Twirlers, are looking forward to a year of reporting all the "action" at the "ole red barn".

First, may we present our new officers:

President: Reg and Gwen Wolfenden
Vice-President: Ed and Millie Briggs
Secretary: Marty and Jean Cumming
Treasurer: Herb and Dot Scheg
Social Chairmen: Charles and Kay Gottschalk

The entire membership of Country Twirlers joins us in a most sincere thanks to the out-going officers for a tremendous job this past year.

Congratulations are in order to H.B. and Ellen Price who are brand new grandparents - and best wishes to Larry and Betty Deisinger who recently celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary. So nice to see Walt and Bea Ford back dancing with us again.

March promises to be a great month at our Club starting off with National Caller Bob Page on March 5th, followed by our own Jim McQuade calling our St. Patrick's Dance on March 13th, and our class graduation dance on March 27th. We will be welcoming Guest Caller Bud Redmond on April 3rd.

Drop in and dance with us - we'd sure be glad to see ya.

.....Marty and Jean Cumming




EKC-O Squares

If you weren't there and could have been, you should have been--the 10th anniversary party we're talking about, because you really missed a wing-ding. It started off with a delicious fruit punch at six, followed by a full course prime ribs dinner, which was perfect. While digesting and discussing the brochure each couple received as a memento, our past president (Ed Austin) introduced our past presidents: 1961, Joe and Rita Walker; 1962, Eddie and Marge Fox; 1963 Howard and Edna Ducker; 1964, Carl and Gwen Presgrave; 1965, Linc and Marion Osborne; 1966, Gordon and Dorothy MacDonald (who incidentally couldn't make it); 1967, Owen and Helen Whitehead; 1968, Larry and Ann Bartlett; 1969, Ed and Edie Snow. He also gave special recognition to founders active since 1961, Chuck and Gerry Prister (Gerry was unable to attend due to a fall and injured leg--should be better by this time, we hope), Ken and Agnes Wehner and John and Kay Welch.

Then upstairs for dancing and between tips watching three different screens with slides and movies taken over the years at different places where EKC-O Squares gathered. These were put together by Howie Griffin and Russ Reynolds

and were most enjoyable--seeing yourself as others see you. Cake and punch were served later in the evening and a good time was had by all.

.....Bill and Martha Scahill



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A surprise retirement party for Owen Whitehead was held at "The Lone Elm" February 7th. This swinging soiree was deftly engineered by our own Pearl and Pa Mesta, Howie and Dot DeGrave. The colorful event was made even more so, by the glistening green on the money tree, a gift to Owen by his many well-wishers.

At this writing, I'm happy to report that Mike and Mary Prado's daughter Rita, and Tip Costick who are ill, are showing some improvement.

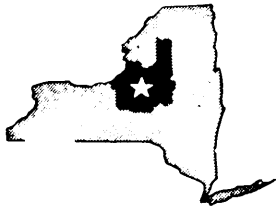
Want to avoid "Cross Country Skier's Glare"? Then shun the eyes of Ralph Guenther if you should meet him on the snowy trail. He and wife, Georgia, "dig" this hobby, but Ralph maniacally complains that the other skiers are trying to crowd him out. Every couple of hours some inconsiderate skier gets in his way.

Cha
Charlies and Perkie Tucker, Howie and Dot DeGrave, and Owen and Helen Whitehead made their annual pilgrimage to York, Pa. for Round-A-Cade, the weekend of February 19th.

One of our recent dances, Frenesi, no, not really Frenzy, involves some real knee-action. When Charlie Tucker, in dulcet tones cues "kneesies" each couple gracefully bends their knees and swing them to the right describing a small sexy circle. If a couple has faithfully pursued the square dance basics, and learned right from left, it's "no skin off their knees", otherwise they may end up with a swing shin thru or a "knee cap chain".

The late John Barker, he of the shy smile and gentle ways touched our lives with charity and quiet laughter. He will not be forgotten.

.....Irene Callahan



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Genesee Dancers

Our sincere sympathy goes to Thelma Sprigget on the loss of her husband, Ray.

Mabelle Bushnell informs us that Jim is doing well and is able to get around with a walker. Dave Killinback has had pneumonia. Bea Westwater broke her foot and had to have it reset. Hope that it mends right this time.

Ellie and Ralph Metherell joined the club in January. Ellie came back with a broken arm, which she broke twice. It is good to see you back with us again.

Marian and Sherm Reed have returned to the fold after helping their children move into a new house while their daughter-in-law was in the hospital giving birth to a new son.

Ruth and Clare Lane were in California visiting their son and family. They went to the Rose Parade and had excellent seats, since their son is one of the designers for the floats. Must be nice to have an inside drag.

Dick Shaffer went to California to visit his parents. Ruth took a trip to Bermuda. Hube and Shirley Cole took a tour of Israel. We certainly have a travelling club. Glad you are all back.

Say, Ed, what was Barb doing on Highland Avenue with the Police car so near???????

Ed Butenoff called for the Teen Twirlers, as Frank Gillig's son was in the hospital. We heard that you did a dandy job.

Let's give our undivided support to our new officers for 1971. President-Dick and Ginny Casper, 90 Rowland Pkwy. Vice-President-Howard and Joan Green, Secretary-Jack and Liz Boorsma, Treasurer-Joe and Angela DiBitto.

January 21st. saw Jeanette Conway and Roger Bastian walk off with the prizes as Art Harris stopped the dancing. Each was respectfully nearest and farthest away from the little yellow thumb tack in the floor. We think a gremlin put it there. It was a fun evening.

.....Vic and Eileen Enter

Geneva Friendship Sqs.

Milt Neeb fell at work, and is improving from his injury and surgery. Vice President, Bud Naegele went home from the hospital after treatment on his back. Mary Bree is back observing at the class, and has been improving from her operation. She hopes to dance next week.

Dick Ledger called a club-class level dance January 19th to 74 couples at the Junior High School. About $\frac{1}{2}$ of these were beginners. Several old members came back to dance with us. Duane and Helen Marks, Roy & Millie DeBaere, Bud and Daisy Zimdahl, and Joy Carson. Guests came from Kuntry Kuzzins, Magic Squares, Spinning Wheels, Penn Yan Friendship Squares and Henrietta Friendship Squares. Caller Tom Trainor was a guest

9 Couples from Buds and Blossoms were our guests on January 22nd. We had 39 Couples dancing to Don Pratt who is their caller as well as ours. Don taught the club a new call called "Doodley Squat and one quarter more," which proved very popular.

9 Couples of the Geneva Friendship Squares travelled to Newark to be guests of the Kuntry Kuzzins on January 23rd. Larry Spaven did a fine job of calling and cuing the

rounds. We all had a fun night dancing to "Doodley Squat and one quarter more," which proved to be popular there also.

Saturday, January 30th, Art and Lucy Mastellar, Lee and Jackie Pratt, Hugh & Diane Flood travelled to Hornell to join Bob and Lou Lewis to demonstrate Western Square dancing at the Lions Club Ladies Night Dinner. Don Pratt did the calling, and a wonderful evening of dancing was enjoyed by the guests and members.

Square-A-Naders from Ithaca were our guests February 5th two sets came from Ithaca, and five couples from Magic Squares. Our guest nights have been very successful.

Clayton and Ruth Keyes flew to Arizona for a month to visit their daughter, son-in-law and four grandchildren. They will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on February 14th. We are going to miss them, but they really deserve this long awaited vacation.

Art and Jean Goodrich are on a vacation in Colorado. They will be skiing and square dancing.

.....Don and Genevieve Miller

Henrietta Friendship Sqs.

There comes a time when the element gets the better of us and it certainly did with our club. That weather cancelled two of our dances. Jan. 30th was to have been an extra with Mike Callahan calling. Also a blizzard took over our Valentine Dance and Don couldn't get in to call for a couple of class nights. Driving under hazardous conditions from Penn Yan.

But would you believe it? The group who planned to entertain at the Moose, February 13th, made it. Bill and Julia Neil were stuck only twice and the D'Augustino's once, not bad under such blizzard conditions.

Do hope that this reporter has more news next month--get busy out there and make news.

.....Roy and Thelma Hertweck

Irondequoit Sqs.

Our February 13th Valentine Dance with the class was postponed (due to the storm) until February 20th. It will be a dance plus fashion show done by the Irondequoit Shop and will be at Duke School. We look forward to dancing with the eleven class couples who have been ably guided by Bruce Shaw and club members Ken and Mary Jane Nudd and Toni and Don Wacenske. They will join our club on March 27th.

We wish Mabel Wordingham a speedy recovery. She will be undergoing surgery March 6th at Rochester General Hospital.

Lucky George and Kay Shaw--understand that they are going on a Carribean cruise.

Welcome to Mike Callahan who will be calling on March 13th.

.....Jim and Mary Alice Brooks

Lima Grand Sqs.

"Thank You" Officers of 1971! You are doing a very fine job of planning an interesting and exciting year.

January ended on a happy note with a delicious tureen dinner and guests from Batavia Twirlers, Cloverleaf squares and Hiltons' Boots & Slippers. About 90 were in attendance with our own class members joining in the fun. However we pray everyone arrived home safely for they left in a blustery snow storm.

On January 22, four couples, the Hulberts, Bushs, Trescotts and Stumbos braved the elements and visited Wellsville Grand Squares. Fannie Hines, a National caller "Bazongalized" the group, which meant, they were sworn to secrecy (wonder what that means?) However Don Trescott can't keep secrets so he didn't qualify for a badge.

But it was no secret what they brought back to Lima----- a "John" It seems it started out from Petersburg, Canada and is trying to find its' way home. It has many club names plastered over its' surface-----soooo we wonder who will be the next owners?

February 5 with our class members joining us permanently, we had a ball with a "number gimmick dance". Our oldster found themselves dancing with some of those handsome teenagers.

February 12, Valentines Dance. Oh yes, and initiation into the "KissinKussin" Club. What a lot of germs were exchanged that night.

February 19, we were guests of Country Twirlers in Chili. As always they made us so welcome and what a good time.

February 20, Don Stumbo and his group of Civil War Enactment held a Blue & Grey Ball in the Lima Town Hall. The gowns were beautiful, the drills exciting and the crowd was huge.

February 26, is Sadie Hawkins Dance. Come on girls, this is your chance of the year.

March seems a month of visitation. Invitations have come from Batavia Twirlers, Ekc-o Squares and Genesee Dancers. Lets' go gang!

However March is a busy month at "Home Plate". Graduation of our class of 48, including 8 teenagers on March 5. Lets' make them welcome and see that they have a good time at every dance! We need these young folks.

Another one of those good old "Pot Luck Suppers", to warm the hearts and tummies of any who might drop in on March 12.

We have had our share of sickness this winter. Don Luckenbach has been in the hospital but is home recuperating. Ruth Fanton has had her share of hospital care during the Fall and early winter. Our best to you Ruth. We also heard by the grape vine Bill Fien was headed for the hospital a couple of weeks ago. Hope he is back home again. No doubly a lot more are on the recovery list that we have not heard about, for a lot of faces are missing and we miss you all! Hurry and get well!

The Lamberts are so excited they can hardly wait for a little "Bundle from Heaven" is headed into the family and "Gramp" and "Gram" are counting the days. It just must be a girl she has kept everyone waiting so long!

Hope when we see you again the "Old Ground Hog" will be out waiting for spring.

..... Florence and Everett Kingsley

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The Ed Foote dance, held late in January, attracted a large group of dancers, even though the snow was blowing and the streets were slippery. The nasty weather did not discourage the out-of-town members, either. Five couples from the west drove in for the dance. The members of the nomination committee were announced that night. They are Bob & Dorothy Woodams, John & Charlotte Hayford and Hamilton & Betsy Sterrns. Remember, a club needs workers to function, so if you are asked to run for the board, do accept.

Some of the members are stocking their shelves with such foods as raw sugar, unbleached flour and mix-it-yourself peanut butter. They feel these foods are better than those with additives, even though they sift the flour three or four times.

Congratulations to Susan Wilcox who made the dean's list for her first semester at Rosary Hill College in Buffalo. Fran & Hilda Desmond went to Buffalo for the John Hendron dance late in January. Now that spring is approaching, our camper-dancers are starting to plan their vacations.

Due to the weather, the Ed Foote Valentine's dance had to be cancelled. However, the coming month of March is the advent of spring. Look for the robins and happy dancing.

.....Tom & Cathy Frantz

Swinging BB

The Swinging BB are happy to be a part of the large square dance community of metropolitan Rochester.

Our Valentine Dinner Dance was such fun. The chef at the United Church sure is the greatest; and Bob Brunshidle's lively calling helped settle everyone's dinner. At first the crowd moved a bit slowly, though that changed by the third tip. The Crowley's and Howard's expertise was appreciated by the dancers who enjoyed their goodies later in the evening.

Everyone is so glad that the Van Alstynes are back dancing again. It was feared that too many of the husbands would want lovely sweaters too, as they watched Miriam, who had to sit on the sidelines for a while, wield her knitting needles with such finesse.

.....Muriel and Bill Benson

Swingin' Eights

A big vote of thanks to last season's officers, the JOHNSON, SANDERSONS, TOWLSONS and the WILSONS and congratulations to our newly elected President-Bill and Ginny Sanderson, Vice-President-Russ and Doris Jenkins, Treasurer-John and Sally Soltysaik, and Secretary-Art and Doris Abel. Representatives to the Federation are Jim and Betty McCollum and Lash and Pat LaRue. Membership Chairmen, Louis and Betty Licciardi are doing a great job with our class.. Good luck to all of you. Graduation is scheduled in March.

Some of the Class Members recently accompanied Tom Trainor to Geneva where they danced to Dick Leger. In January, Tom had a tour through North Carolina and also called at Jack Lasry's Club in Florida. Later this month, he will go to New Hampshire and Canada, so he is really on the move.

Ask the Sandersons about Saturday, January 31 at the Treadway Inn in Niagara Falls. They were accompanied by the Fritzs, Jenkins and Vreelands and danced to John Hendron. Just learned that Norm, Fritz's Mother, former square dancer is visiting from Michigan. Nice to have square dancing run in the family.

Too bad about John O'Hara who broke his arm doing the Skater's Waltz. We will be waiting anxiously for his speedy recovery. And what a shame that Linda Sharp had to undergo surgery while visiting in Indiana. She is home now and will soon be back in the swing of it.

How about travelin' Pat Haydanek who went to Washington as a representative of the Consumers Federation of America? While there she attended meetings at the Statler Hilton and heard such interesting speakers as Ted Kennedy and Bayard Rustin.

Has anyone noticed the very slim Mike Prado lately? He is really feeling the effects of Mary's diet. As for Mary, she looks just great and do we envy her! We will have to get her secret so that all of the husbands can benefit.

Some interesting facts to remember! National Guest Caller Moe Howard is scheduled for March 6. Guest clubs for our February 20th dance included the Echo Squares and Wayne Westerners. March 20th, we will guest the Belles and Beaus and the Geneva Friendship Squares.

AND DON'T FORGET, cause if you do--you will be the loser. MIKE and MARY PRADO are still teaching the "Round of the Month" at 8 o'clock. From 8:30 to 9:00 TOM TRAINOR will conduct a workshop. Hope to see all you Swingers at EIGHT.
.....Carl and Ruth Trabert

Swinging Singles

We are very pleased to have been accepted into the Rochester Area Federation of Round and Square Dance Clubs. Our February dances included a special one for Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays and a very festive one for Valentine's Day. Many of our members really did a fantastic job of decorating. We also had other special get-togethers on the weekends. We had a bowling party with pizza afterward, a roller skating party at R.I.T., we went to see the Rochester Amerks at the War Memorial, and we had a hootenany and slide-showing gathering at the home of one of our members. Our group has also met to make a banner for the club. Now everything seems complete!

Our special dances in March will include a "Mad Hatter" dance on the first, for which everything will be done backwards on that evening. That should prove interesting! On the 15th we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with "the wearing o' the green." On the 22nd we are proud to have the Wisk-O-Ways and the Teen Twirlers as our guests. For a very special treat we are having Myron Huss as our guest caller on the 29th.

As our name implies, we really do "swing," and hope that many singles will join us at our Monday night dances at the Raymond Memorial Baptist Church in Fairport as well as for our weekend get-togethers.

.....Trudy Mattle

Triggers

Polar Bear Badges are in order for the noble individuals who have braved the elements and filled up 6 or 7 sets consistently during the past month of bad weather. Cupid gave up the quest and the party at Rodgers' was cancelled. After all if the Guest of Honor can't make it on a night like that it must be too fierce for ordinary mortals! They are considering re-scheduling the event on the 27th, so check that out if that date is open for you.

We'd like to get a brief but sincere word of thanks in for the fine work done by the Warschkows on the Promenader. Our role as reporters made it possible for us to visit with them briefly on occasion, and their efforts have not gone unnoticed - especially the extra courtesy shown to us.

The sympathy of all club members is extended to Gil Langswager in the recent loss of his father.

Save two dates for dancing: On Friday, March 5th we are invited to square up as guests of the Web-Spinners, and on Saturday, April 3rd we will be with them again, this time co-sponsoring a dance and a style show. Myron Huss and Bill Wilcox will be sharing the calling on that evening and the event is open to all dancers, regardless of club affiliation. The location is the H. W. Schroeder High School, 875 Ridge Road in Webster. You-all come!

February is the month for famous birthdays and we have celebrated a few of our own, including Peg Huss' who had 3 other celebrants helping her blow out the candles.

Great news for all who need to learn the endless new calls! Our Round Dance Workshop is now being held from 7:30 - 8:00, and the Square Dance Workshop follows it - from 8:00 - 8:30. Then we really get under way and see how much of it we can remember!

Predictive Reporting Department: The month of March brought no new calls for Myron to work on so he concentrated on really getting us to learn the tea-cup chain. We're pretty good at reading the tea leaves at the bottom of the cups now, but we keep busting handles off the cups or something, because Myron just keeps closing his eyes and moaning "No, no, no!" into the mike.

.....Fayne Z. Doering

Twirl A Rounds

This is a new venture for us, so bear with it till we get our eyes and ears adjusted.

First, we want to thank the Officers for 1970 for a job well done. Thanks to each of you from all of us.

Late News! Mystery of the New Year. How did Evie Thomas get Chuck Dolan's badge, and where did she find it?

Dot O'Connell went into St. Mary's Hospital February 8th. for surgery, and Phyllis Hinsdale goes into Highland Hospital February 25th, also for surgery. Get well soon girls, we miss you.

Round-a-Cade is coming up soon and, of course, Dot and Howie will be going. Guess we can look forward to learning the best of the new dances, so get your best foot forward. The Left of course.

If you like babies, and who does'nt, ask Kay Falls to show you the pictures of her grandson. She'll be delighted.

All that glitters this winter is not snow and ice. Three of our members have daughters who are flashing diamonds. June and Bruce Cope's daughter Judy, Normal and Chuck Dolan's daughter Doreen, and Sylvia and Gordon Copeland's daughter Janine. Congratulations to all of you.

Our attendance record has been very gratifying, considering the weather. Keep it up folks, there is nothing more uplifting than dancing to cure the winter blues.

.....Jim and Anne Gentles

(Editor's Note: While compiling the schedule for this issue we noted that the Twirl A Rounds have cancelled their dance on April 7th because the school will be closed.)

Wayne Westerners

This year we divided class graduation and initiation. On January 21st we had initiation and can you imagine the class dancing with bags on their heads. Hmmm! But considering all that we made them do--they had fun and were great sports.

Say how about Jack and Onnolee Parker--while in their travels they stopped in California to visit friends, would you believe that they ended up at Lemon Grove Square Dance Club? This was a free holiday dance with about 7 guest callers.. When asked how and what type dancing they do out there? The answer was, "About the same, but a little more fancy."

Saturday January 23rd the club visited Newark Kuntry Kuzzins. We sure enjoyed ourselves dancing with the Kuzzins.

On Saturday February 13th, Jerry Carmen will be our special guest caller. I know that Jerry will keep us smiling and dancing.

Our Birthday dancers this month are: Ken VanDeWalle, Rita DeLooze, Elsie Johnson, Dick Roberts, Ann Cady, and Floyd Kuhn. Best wishes to all and may you have many more years of fun and dancing. Oh yes! This

month's Wedding Anniversary celebrities are Bob and Ann Cady. Our warmest wishes to this young couple.

On Saturday, March 20th, Canada's Orphie Easson will be our special guest caller. This will be your chance to dance to one of Canada's top western callers. Make your plans now--and I hope to see you all square dancing--Canadian style.

.....Wray and Mary Ryan

Web Spinners

The club welcomed our newest members, Al and Lorraine Ayling, on Jan. 8th. Al and Lorraine recently moved to Webster from Michigan.

On Feb. 12th all 40 couples present at the annual Valentine's Party at Walworth Fire Hall, had a most enjoyable time. On Feb. 10th we were guests of the Ecko Squares. All those attending had a good time.

We wonder if Gene Buyck is thinking of changing his profession. Gene, a builder, fell thru an opening in a floor last year and wrenched his shoulder; this winter, he fell off a scaffold and broke his heel. Hope this doesn't change the plans for Gene and Betty's trip to Hawaii. They will be joining Clayt & Ginny Alt and Arlene and Gordon Starsmore who are also planning on spending two weeks on this Paradise Island. Understand Gordon is going back to renew some old acquaintances made during World War II.

The Club is indebted to Vern Collier for the donation of a 5-gallon cooler. Now Vern can drink all the unsweetened iced tea he would like to make.

Our officers have been very busy planning some of our future programs. Something new for our Club is a picnic scheduled for July 10th at the White House at Webster Park..

Don't forget the 2 special events coming up. On March 5th we have invited all of the Clubs in the immediate area as our guests.. Also, our annual style show will be held on Saturday night, April 3rd. (Members, note change of night) Both of these events will be at the Herb Schroeder Junior-Senior High School on Ridge Road in Webster.

.....Ron and Evie Sutorius

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

January 22, 1971

To the Square Dancers of Rochester:

There is, and always has been, a lot of discussion about the large proportion of people who work their way through a square-dance class, only to drop out in a comparatively short time. It occurred to me that it would be a good thing to have some facts and figures to talk about. To get some facts, I have made a survey of what happened to the class graduates for one year, from a group of clubs in the Rochester metropolitan area.

Because it seems quite common for spring graduates to join their clubs right after graduation, only to fade away during the subsequent year, the survey was made to

find out how many of the graduates from the spring of 1969 have paid dues in one or more of the clubs in the fall of 1970.

The group of clubs consists of those who published their lists of graduates in the 1969 Mar. issue of the Promenader. The "metropolitan area" was defined to include the Boots 'n Slippers in Hilton, but not the Lima Grand Squares and others farther away. This leaves eight clubs: Belles 'n Beaus, Boots 'n Slippers, Country Twirlers, EKC-O Squares, Genesee Dancers, Henrietta Friendship Squares, Irondequoit Squares and Swingin' Eights. The figures for the dropouts include all who are not members of any of these eight clubs, even though they might have joined some other nearby club.

Only married couples were counted, as it is rare for singles to remain long in square dancing, and at least one club does not admit singles to membership.

The condensed results of the survey are:

Number of Graduating Couples:	144	100%
Number of Dropouts:	73	51%
Still Members of Original Club	61	42%
Joined another club besides Original	9	
Left Orig. Club to Join Another	10	7%

The figures show that we are fully justified in our worry about the dropout rate. Half of the couples who lasted through 28 to 20 weeks of instruction have disappeared within 16 months after graduating! We know that there are some who don't stay because of health, moving out of town, changing family circumstances, etc., but we can't avoid the conclusion that there are a lot of people who have been disappointed, have not found whatever reward they expected as a result to taking all those lessons.

I believe that there is a need in the Rochester area for clubs in which the material is deliberately held to what is called, in some parts of the country, "fun level". New graduates could return in the fall and dance comfortably at the level they achieved at graduation, and those who do not wish to attend religiously each meeting of the club could miss a few without being overwhelmed when they do go. This idea seems to work well in other areas. A large proportion of the clubs in the West Coast area of Florida is of this type.

Of course, the big question is what to do about it? What is it that these people wanted and didn't find? Only a series of interviews-in-depth with the dropouts themselves could answer this question for sure, but in my opinion a lot of them don't want to spend their summer going to workshops, and they also don't want to come back to the club dances in the fall, only to find that they are not skilled enough to dance with the people who did.

A fun level club might be a new organization, or the result of a self-chosen policy by one or more of the existing clubs. One other necessary move would be to explain to all class graduates the difference between the "fun level" and the "workshop" clubs, and to encourage each couple to choose freely the type of club which best fits their personal tastes. Sure, each club likes to hand on to the graduates of its own class, but the question is not whether some other club is going to steal them away from you. The real question is, would you rather see your graduates dance happily with some other group, or drop away from square dancing entirely?

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Letter from the editor I do appreciate Mr. Hoadley's letter to the editor and would like to answer it the best that I can. At the Federation meeting on January 28th a motion was made and seconded that the Federation sponsor "Post Graduate Dances" to be planned for the summer of 1971. These dances are geared for the recent graduate and the Callers" Co-op is in favor of this plan. The member callers will donate their time on a rotation basis. This will cover two areas--make dances available for the new people and also give them the experience of dancing to different callers. It will also hopefully hold their interest until the clubs start up again in September. At this writing a search for a suitable hall is under way.

In reply to the "fun level" dances, I am sure that if the new dancers are encouraged to visit the different clubs (we now have 19 clubs affiliated with the Federation) they will find that each club has their own "level" from workshops to challenge level to fun level or box social type. We, I feel, are very fortunate in this Area to have such a wide-spread interest among the many people dancing with us.

We do welcome other opinions in connection with this matter and will publish them if space permits. We do reserve the right to edit these letters in the name of available space.

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- 1st ANNUAL CHERRY RIDGE JUBILEE JULY 30-31 & AUG. 1 ***2nd Annual Memorial Day Weekend, May 29-30-31 MID-SUMMER CELEBRATION with LEE KOPMAN - New York
JERRY SALISBURY - New York and
CHUCK STINCHCOMB - Maryland
AUGUST 6-7-8 PITTSBURGH'S PRINCE with ED FOOTE - Pennsylvania
AUGUST 8 SUNDAY - 2:30 P.M.
Special Open Dance
ED FOOTE - Pennsylvania
AUGUST 13th FRIDAY - 9:00 P.M.
Special Open Dance
CARL HANKS - Pennsylvania
AUG. 14-15 HAPPY HOLIDAY with CHUCK STINCHCOMB - Maryland
AUGUST 15th SUNDAY - 2:30 P.M.
Special Open Dance
CHUCK STINCHCOMB - Maryland
AUGUST 20th FRIDAY - 9:00 P.M.
Special Open Dance
JIM ADAMS - Pennsylvania
AUG. 21-22 AUGUST MOON WEEKEND with CURLEY CUSTER - Maryland
AUGUST 22nd SUNDAY - 2:30 P.M.
Special Open Dance
CURLEY CUSTER - Maryland
AUGUST 27-28-29 HARVEST BALL with KIP GARVEY - Massachusetts
AUGUST 29th SUNDAY - 2:30 P.M.
Special Open Dance
KIP GARVEY - Massachusetts
SEPTEMBER 3-4-5-6 LABOR DAY JAMBOREE
DICK JONES - New Jersey
CARTER ACKERMAN - Pennsylvania
DOC. GRAY - Massachusetts
OCTOBER 9-10-11 COLUMBUS DAY/
with JACK LEONARD - Mass.
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