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## FIRST ALL-FLORIDA FESTIVAL SET FOR TAMPA ON APRIL 11

All Florida Square and Folk Dancers and Callers should reserve April 11. That is the date set for the first Annual Florida Square and Folk Dance Festival, to be held in Tampa.

Don Armstrong is chairman of the Festival Committee in charge of all arrangements.

This is the first big event to be sponsored by the Florida Square and Folk Dance Callers and Teachers Association, and local groups should begin now to make plans to attend.

While the committee has not perfected plans to the point of releasing much publicity yet, it is known that several nationally-known callers will be present and take part, besides a large number of Florida callers.

Watch for more details in the February, March, and April issues. But begin now to develop interest in your own community.

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### "BOW AND SWING" HAS NEW ADDRESS

As noted on the editorial page, one of the causes of delay in this issue was the fact that the Emerys were moving.

Our new address:

R.R.2, Box 422-0

West Palm Beach, Fla.

Same city; just a new route and box number.

By making this issue a little smaller and cutting out features which would be worthless because of time value, like the calendars, I believe we can catch up by March, and perhaps for the February issue. At any rate, we'll try.

### CALLER BILL EMBURY PLANS SUMMER TRIP

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Wants to Square Dance  
As Much as Possible on Way  
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Bill Embury, well-known caller of the West Palm Beach-Lake Worth area, and his Square Dancing family are planning a trip for the early summer from West Palm Beach to Detroit, Michigan, through Atlanta, Ga.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Lexington, Ky.; Cincinnati, Ohio; and Dayton and Toledo, Ohio. They will come back through Canada, from Windsor to Niagara Falls; through Buffalo and Rochester, N.Y.; through Massachusetts and Connecticut to New York City, and down the East Coast through New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, the Carolinas, and Georgia.

They want to Square Dance as much as possible along the way, and would appreciate a line in regard to any dances that operate through the summer. They will probably leave West Palm Beach about the middle of June Address Bill at 974 - 29th St., West Palm Beach, Fla., or in care of BOW AND SWING.

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### WOODY DUKES, FT. PIERCE CALLER, BETTER AFTER LONG SIEGE

Caller Woody Dukes, who has been ill for several months, returned to work as Supt. of Recreation on Jan. 12.

While recuperating, Woody spent some time in Orlando, just before Christmas. Sure hope he met some of our callers over there, and will be able to begin calling again before too long.

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\*\* EDITORIAL \*\*  
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SORRY WE'RE LATE

Yes, we know we're running about three weeks late with this issue, and have some catching up to do.

Christmas activities--moving--and a lean purse--all these were factors. BOW AND SWING is not a profitable publication, and we needed to catch up one payday. Moreover, the process of moving from a full house into a trailer, and trying to compress one's living, is not easy-- for me, at least. But at any rate we are on our own land now, and will try to catch up in a couple of issues and be on time after that.

Meanwhile, there was no point in running a January calendar and some other features in a January issue this late. As the material is not yet at hand for a February calendar, that feature will have to wait as soon as we can get back on schedule, the "All-Florida S/D Calendar" will be a regular feature again. .

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This issue will be somewhat abbreviated to help in the "catching up" process, and will be largely devoted to straight news items.

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For this issue, at least, we will use only one side of the pa-

per, as we did in early issues. The paper stock on hand is a light weight paper, and we found in the December issue that a good, clean, legible job of mimeographing was hard to do on both sides of a light weight paper.

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We note in the January editorials and articles of a number of Square Dance publications a plea to "slow down" and not make Square Dancing a rat-race.

We heartily endorse this attitude. Our dancing in the area of the Palm Beaches is slower than average, and where we use recorded music, we either slow down the records or pick those with a slower tempo.

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We note with approval that that some of the western producers of Square Dance records are taking the hint, and are producing records at a slower tempo.

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JACKSONVILLE CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS DANCE

Dot Sawyer, secretary of the "Swinging Squares", Jacksonville Square Dance Club, writes:

"The big news of the "Swinging Squares" was our Christmas party, Dec. 12, 1952. Forty-eight members and guests attended, and everyone enjoyed the Square Dancing and the refreshments afterwards.

"Our club now boasts 52 members, and with our splendid caller, Bill Camp, who is also our club President, we expect our club to continue to grow.

"We gladly welcome any out-of-town Square Dancers who are in Jacksonville on our Square Dance nights. Our January meetings will be on the 9th and 23rd, at 8:00 p.m., at the Murray Hill Civic Center, 4337 Earle St., Jacksonville Fla."

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If this item is checked, your subscription has expired. Why not send in your renewal anyway?

### DICK CASTNER VISITS JACKSONVILLE CLUB

A note from caller Bill Camp, of Jacksonville, Fla., reads as follows.

"Thanks to BOW AND SWING for information regarding Dick Castner's visit to Jacksonville. Dick visited Circle 8 Square Dance Club, Saturday, Dec. 6, and Boy, is he good?"

He explained the Eastern type dance and during the evening he called three sets, which were enjoyed by all. After the dance I got better acquainted with him over coffee and doughnuts. I felt that I knew Dick, since his parents are Square Dancers.

"Circle 8 Club meets Jan. 3, 17, and 31, at 8:00 o'clock.

Dick himself writes:

"Many thanks for your kindness in my behalf.

"Bill Camp, one of the leaders here in Jax, received the latest BOW AND SWING just in time for him to come over and invite me to a meeting of the "Circle 8 Club" held that same night.

"Needless to say, I went along, and we all had a grand time. I showed the members of the club (composed mostly of the callers in the metroplitan area) a few N.E. quadrilles and a contra dance; and they showed me some of the things that are done down here. All in all I think it was a fruitful session."

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The current issue of "Northern Junket", Ralph Page's lively magazine, has a long letter from Dick, largely describing the second annual kolo jamboree at Folk Dance House, sponsored by Michael and Mary Ann Herman. A very interesting account, Dick, even if my feet did get lost the only time I ever tried the kolo, with Dave Rosenberg's Washington Folk Dance group.

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REMEMBER THIS DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1953. The First Annual Florida Square and Folk Dance Festival - in Tampa. Plan to be there.

### FREE STREET DANCE HELD IN ST. PETE

According to the Tampa Square Dance Calendar, a big free street dance was held in St. Pete on Monday, Jan. 5, in the Webb's City Parking Lot #4. This FREE Square and Round Dance was staged under the auspices of Local #427, Greater St. Petersburg Musicians' Assoc., and the American Federation of Musicians, with funds provided by the Music Performance Trust Fund of the Recording industry.

Music was by Don Armstrong's Quadrilles Orchestra, supplemented by 5 additional instruments, making a ten-piece orchestra. Don and guest callers did the calling.

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Bay area callers and their families held a meeting and dance session on Sunday, Jan. 11, at Anderson Center in Tampa. Time was 3:00 P.M.

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Russ Hartley is now calling at the St. Pete Rod and Gun Club every Saturday night.

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We have an important announcement from Windsor Records for the February issue, but we'll not jump the gun on the release date. So just watch for our next issue.

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### EDITOR CALLING FOR TEEN-AGE DANCE

Your editor is now calling for a teen-age Square Dance each Saturday night at the Southwest Civic Center, on Military Trail, west of West Palm Beach. Several sets of young folks are doing some really nice Square Dancing and having a fine time there.

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### CHANGES IN DATES OF BRADENTON DANCES

We received the following item too late for the December issue, and hope it is still accurate:

Avon-Air Trailer Court Square Dance changed to Monday nights, with orchestra. Double-Quadrillers club changed to Wednesday nights.

BRADENTON AREA HAS  
NUMBER OF SQUARE DANCES

Elsewhere in this issue we call attention to some changes in schedule of Watie Waterworth's dances in Bradenton.

Just at hand is a letter from R.C. Lindstrom, telling of other dances in that area. He writes, in part:

"My wife and I have six dances each week as follows:

MONDAY--Paradise Park, Bradenton;

7:30-10:30; open to public.

TUESDAY--Kiwanis Trailer Park, Bradenton, Tuesday Morning School, 10:30 A.M.--12:00 Noon. Open to Public.

WEDNESDAY--Sunset Park Rec. Hall, Bradenton; 7:30-10:30 P.M.; beginners; open to Public.

THURSDAY--Kiwanis Trailer Park Auditorium, Bradenton; 7:30 til 10:30; open to Public.

FRIDAY -- Tourist Club Auditorium, Sarasota; practice on specialty numbers. Closed; membership only.

Second and Fourth SATURDAY--Woman's Club, Palmetto; Intermediate Club; closed--members only."

"Believe it or not, we belong to a bridge club that meets on Sunday. Next year we hope to consolidate some of these dancers into one group and have more time for other things. We are trying our best to make some dancers in this area, and we can see results at this time. Our attendance has been very good so far this winter. ....

"Our dance programs have been kept balanced with rounds, mixers, and squares. This stirs up some discussion at times with the eager beavers that want all the new Rounds at once or the All Square and No Round groups."

Respectfully,  
R.C. Lindstrom.

A look over the sample programs Caller Lindstrom sent us indicates  
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JUST ANOTHER REMINDER--Our new address is: R.R.1, Box 422-Q, West Palm Beach, Fla.

a varied program of singing squares, patter squares, mixers, and rounds, with both the old-time rounds, like Oxford Minuet and Boston Two-Step, and a number of the newly made-up sequence dances.

Two tips or changes to the square set, followed by a Round or a circle mixer, seems to be the rule there.

"I am a tourist," he notes, "and have worked only with tourists in the past. This is my third winter in Bradenton; prior to that time I was active in this work in California and Idaho."

Tourists traveling in the Bradenton area shouldn't have any trouble finding a Square Dance.

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FT. PIERCE ANGLERS' CLUB  
FEATURES SQUARE DANCING

The Anglers' Club of Ft. Pierce featured Square Dancing at their meeting on January 13. Lauren Seabold was caller. Everyone had a wonderful time.

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Ft. Pierce has a Square Dance every Thursday night, at the Community Center. Everyone is welcome. Lauren Seabold is the caller; music is by an orchestra.

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Ft. Pierce has a Midget Square Dance every Saturday morning, 9:30-11:00 A.M., for those 12 and under. The caller is Richard (Dickie) Bird, 11 years old. Music, records.

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MIAMI CALLER ON STAFF  
OF NEW MAGAZINE

Gordon Blau, 3400 S.W. 37th St. Miami 44, is the Florida Associate Editor of Square 'N' Round, the new Square Dance magazine edited by Les Gotzher. Gordon failed to give us the subscription price or address of the magazine, but will let you know soon.

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A good many subscriptions to BOW AND SWING are expiring or due to expire soon. Have you sent in your renewal yet. Why wait on a notice

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 \* SQUARE YOUR SETS \*  
 \* with \*  
 \* Bill Embury \*  
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In Ft. Pierce, Fla., they have an active group of Square Dancers 12 years old and under. Their caller is 11 years old. They have put on a few demonstrations and meet every Saturday morning between 9:30 and 11:00 at the Community Center in Ft. Pierce.

This project of dancing young folks was started by Woody Duke, Recreation Director. Now maybe some of you folks that have been yelling about the young folks dancing should go to Ft. Pierce some Saturday morning and watch these kids dance. Maybe it would put some of you to shame.

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ARIZONA FESTIVAL  
 FEBRUARY 6 and 7

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 6 and 7, have been set as the dates of the Sixth Annual Square Dance Festival and Fiddlers' Jamboree in Phoenix, Arizona.

This event, sponsored by the Valley of the Sun Square Dance Organization and the "Arizona Republic", annually attracts more than 5,000 persons, who come to dance or to watch this most colorful spectacle of the winter resort season.

Street dances and exhibitions at resort hotels during the week preceding the Festival add to the excitement.

For further information, write: Harriet Kline, "Arizona Republic", Phoenix, Arizona.

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The 1953 edition of the Folk Dance Guide, published by Paul Schwartz, Box 342, Cooper Station, New York 3, is at hand.

This is an attempt to provide a national directory, but actually covers only seven cities, from Honolulu to New York City and Fort Arthur, Texas, to Fairbanks, Alaska.

There are obvious difficulties

in the way of publishing a National Directory of Folk and Square Dancing. It is hard to reach the right people in the various areas, and get authentic information. Often by the time it is gathered, edited, and published, a good deal is out of date, due to changes. At any rate, it is a good attempt, and can be had for fifty cents.

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The bibliography of books and magazines and the opening discussion of Folk Dance in the United States is a valuable part of the Folk Dance Guide. Many would find it worth more than the very brief directory.

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Gus and Bonnie Fimmel, formerly of Orlando and Hollywood, Fla., are now at Matawan, N.J. In an interesting letter to the West Palm Beach Square Dancers, they express appreciation for the good times they had during their brief association with us, while living in Hollywood.

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# Do-Si-Do Square Dance Club of the Palm Beaches

ENJOYABLE NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE  
OPENS 1953 ACTIVITIES OF CLUB

The Do-Si-Do Square Dance Club of the Palm Beaches brought 1952 to a fitting close and began 1953 with a "whoop and a holler" at a fine New Year's Eve Square Dance held at the Aragon Dance Hall, west of Lake Worth.

From 9 till one well over a hundred dancers enjoyed all their old favorite squares and rounds to the music of the Hulme Orchestra and the calling of Bill Embury and his young son Lee, Clarence Szember, and Harold Emery. Missed Ty Persson, C.C. Blackburn, and Nat Smith, who were unable to be present and call. (Blackie had a New Year's Eve Dance with his group of Hobe Sound dancers.)

Printed programs, plenty of noise-makers, and the presence of a lot of Square Dancers who have been inactive lately added to the joy of the occasion. But believe me, that first square dance after midnight wasn't easy to call.

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No use of printing a calendar this month, as the two regular club dances for January are over.

Remember, first and third Mondays at the Y.W.C.A. Hall. Out-of-town dancers are always welcome.

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The Findleys, a husband and wife team of flok and square dance instructors spending the winter season at Jensen Beach, were visitors at a December club meeting. We were delighted to have them, and hope they get down this way again.

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Club dances for February are on Feb. 2 and Feb. 16. Remember those dates.

The Feb. 16 meeting is guest night. Enough instruction will be given to help any beginners there.

## OFFICERS ELECTED

At the January 19 meeting of the Club, Bill Embury was elected as president and Tommy Smoak as vice-president, to fill unexpired terms. Bill, as vice president, has been acting president since the resignation of Ralph Powell in the early autumn.

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We welcome to the ranks of Florida Square Dance Clubs the Square and Circle Club of Ft. Lauderdale, which meets on Thursday nights at the Beach Recreation Center. It is an experienced Square Dancers.

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Ft. Lauderdale also has an open dance on Friday nights at the Doni Temple, in the heart of town. Open to all. Instruction, 8-9 P.M. Dancing, 9-10:30.

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Apologies for any items omitted in this somewhat abbreviated issue.

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