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APRIL 29, 30---MIAMI BEACH, FLA.

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More details elsewhere in this issue of BOW AND SWING, and in the February and March issues.

See notices elsewhere about registering or making hotel reservations. For more information, write W. C. Embury, 974 29th St., West Palm Beach, Fla.

SEE YOU IN MIAMI BEACH!!!

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E D I T O R I A L L Y   S P E A K I N G  
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Congratulations to the Florida Association and the University of  
Florida Extension Division on the effort to work out a Florida Square  
and Folk Dance Institute for the week of August 14, with the facilities  
of the University available.

It's a little early to tell yet what support it will get, but we  
hope it is well received. Many people who would like to attend an  
Institute of some kind find that there is none near enough at hand  
at a time when they can attend. This will widen the choice of places  
and dates a little bit.

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Lee Waddell of California is calling at Winter Garden Trailer Park  
Winter Garden, Fla., for the winter. He appeared on the program of  
the Orlando Roundup in December.

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Square Dance notices omitted elsewhere: Avon-Air Trailer Court,  
BRADENTON, Tuesday and Friday nights; Clearwater Beach, Tuesday and  
Thursday nights, R.R. Orcutt. (Wattie Waterworth at Avon-Air, of course  
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A full schedule of activities is available at Don Armstrong's  
DANCELAND. Something doing almost every night of the week. A monthly  
newsletter gives up-to-date information on regular and special  
activities. Each week is climaxed by the big SATURDAY NIGHT dance  
with the Quadrilles Orchestra.

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It's good to learn that the QUADRILLES will again be supplying the  
music for this year's Florida Square and Folk Dance Convention at  
Miami Beach.

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Callers and leaders all over Florida should study carefully the  
districting and liability insurance suggestions made by Jimmy Clossin  
at the November meeting of the Association. Copies have been sent  
to representative callers in all parts of the state, who should get  
the others in their area together and go over them before the May 1  
meeting at Miami Beach.

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Hope we haven't missed too many items in this issue. We're running  
so late one or two "dated" announcements were left out as being of  
little value after the event, and it was too early to get a report on  
results. Heck, we'll get on schedule again some day.

# The White House CONVENTION HOTEL

Miami Beach's magnificent WHITE HOUSE Hotel has been selected as the Convention Hotel for Florida's 1955 Square Dance Convention, April 29-May 1.

Conveniently located on the Ocean at 15th St., the hotel is about midway between the Tenth Street Auditorium, where many of the Workshop activities will take place, and the City Auditorium, where other workshops and the two big night dances will be held.

The facilities of the hotel itself will be utilized for other workshops, meetings, conferences, and after-dances.

All of the out-of-state leaders and as many dancers as possible will be housed here, and many other nearby hotels will be available for other guests.

Over a hundred hotel reservations were reported as already having been made by the first week in January.

## \*\*\*\*\* ADVANCE REGISTRATION AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Advance registrations can be made by writing to Myra Welsh, Box 534, Lantana. Please specify in your letter whether a caller, dancer, or both, and enclose check or money order made out to The Square Dance Convention Fund.

Adult registration is \$1.50 per person, which includes all convention activities--workshops, two big dances (Friday and Saturday nights), and many special activities.

Junior registration for the entire program is \$.75.

Spectator registration is 40 cents per session.

Hotel reservations are being handled by Mary Leitheuser, 4429 E. Emerson Ave., Lake Worth, Fla. If a group wants to get their hotel reservations together--at the same hotel or on the same floor, where possible, the requests for all must be sent together, with

full details. If hotel reservation are requested when you send in your advance registrations, they will be turned over to the proper person to be handled.

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## NOTICE TO CALLERS

All ads for the official program, or listings for the Callers' Welcome List, must be in the hands of Bill Embury by Feb. 29.

Address W.J. Embury, 974 29th St., West Palm Beach.

If you did not receive a copy of the announcement mailed out in regard to ads and announcements, write Bill for a copy.

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## PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES BEING PLANNED AT MIAMI BEACH

For dancers who wish to spend a few extra days in the Miami Beach area, a number of varied pre-convention activities are being planned. These will include sight-seeing tours, deep-sea fish a possible trip to Havana at reduced rates, and (of course) local Square and Folk Dances.

For details, write Helen Neilson, c/o Y.W.C.A., 106 S.E. First Avenue, Miami, Fla., or call her upon your arrival in Miami Beach.

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## SPECIAL HOTEL RATES IN EFFECT FOR CONVENTION

For Square Dancers who make their hotel reservations through the regular Convention channels, the following low rates will be in effect during the Convention.

Room with bath, \$5.00 per couple per night. For extra persons in room, \$1.50 per person. If you are bringing children, and want them in the same room, be sure to specify in making your reservations.

Rooms in these same hotels normally rent, during the winter season, at a much higher rate than this, often several times.

**FT. LAUDERDALE SQUARE AND CIRCLE HOLDS WEEKLY SQUARE DANCES**

Ft. Lauderdale's Square and Circle Club dances every Thursday from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Beach Community Center, 805 Seabreeze Avenue. Les Linn is caller for this dance.

Intermediate and advanced Square Dancers- visitors as well as residents- are invited to attend. Dancers are also invited to participate in folk dancing under the leadership of Tommy and Annette Thompson.

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**SAMMY SPRING PLANS TO ATTEND STATE SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION**

Sammy Spring, Florida's "grand old man" of Square Dancing, has written that he will be at the State Convention.

Sammy, beloved fiddling caller, has been an outstanding attraction at the two State Festivals held in Tampa. He will have a featured spot on the Saturday night program, and will undoubtedly participate in other ways.

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**TRAIL DANCES YOUR WAY TO MIAMI BEACH**

Out-of-state visitors who plan to spend a week or so in Florida, with the Convention as a climax, will be interested in special events or regular dances set up as "trail dances" during the week preceding the convention.

Ft. Lauderdale will have a special "FolkDance Trail Dance" with Michael and Mary Ann Herman on TUESDAY, APRIL 26.

For those who do not get as far as Ft. Lauderdale, there will be a Square Dance at Howard Park Recreation Center, West Palm Beach, with your editor and guest callers.

For those coming through a day later, the dance at Hope Sound Community Center--a fine little hall with good wood floor--is open.

On Thursday night there will be the regular Ft. Lauderdale Square and Circle dance with Les Linn as caller will be open.

As we find out about other dances, available for those coming down the west side of the state or through Central Florida, we will list them. We'll try to have a fairly complete list available in the March issue.

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**PLANS GOING FORWARD FOR PROPOSED FLORIDA INSTITUTE**

A planning committee for a proposed Square Dance Institute to be sponsored by the General Extension Division, University of Florida, and the Florida Callers and Teachers Association, met January 10 at Miami.

Those attending were: Dr. Rob L. Fairing, Extension Division, University of Florida; Helen Neil and Gordon Blum, Miami; Jimmy and Elizabeth Glossin, Orlando; and Tommy and Annette Thompson, Ft. Lauderdale.

The week of August 14, 1955, was set as a tentative date. The committee decided to have some out-of-state leaders and possibly some Florida Association callers on the staff of the Institute, and to make provisions for all levels of dancing as well as all types--square, contra, folk, and mixers.

Gordon is circularizing members of the Florida Square and Folk Dancers and Teachers Association to get their response and their opinions on certain points.

Definite announcements will be made after the results of these questionnaires are in.

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**OPEN DANCE IN ST. PETERSBURG**

Ray Kennedy is caller for an open dance at the Sunshine Carrie Hall, 314 - 15th Ave. South, St. Petersburg, every Friday night.

The dance is scheduled for 7:30 till 11:00, with recorded music.

If in the St. Pete area, you can call Ray at 78-5253 for further information.

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Anyone having suggestions for the Summer Institute, send to Hel Neilson, 106 S.E. 1st Ave., Miami.

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 THE APPALACHIAN CIRCLE  
 or "BIG SET"  
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(Couples numbered off, odd and even, counter-clockwise around the circle. Odd numbered couples are the visiting couples, moving along to form little two couple squares all around the circle.)

Honor to your partners all  
 And Honor to your neighbor.  
 All join hands and circle left.  
 Now circle right, half-way back.  
 Everybody balance in, and back;  
 Now do it again.

Odd couples out to the right,  
 And circle four hands round.  
 Birdie in the cage and close the  
 door,

And circle three hands round.  
 Birdie hop out, the crow hop in,  
 And circle three hands round again.  
 Crow hop out, give birdie a swing,  
 And everybody swing.

On to the next and circle four,  
 Birdie in the cage, Etc.

(Use figure four or five times) Gents, sweep up that kitchen floor,  
 And sweep it clean.."

On to the next and circle four.  
 Right hand across and how-de-do,  
 Lefthand back and how are you?  
 Swing your opposite.....  
 Swing your own.....

(Use figure about 4 times)

On to the next and circle four.  
 Ladies join your lily white hands,  
 Gents join your black and tang,  
 Ladies bow, gents bow under,  
 And circle to the left like thunder.

(Simply the basket figure. Use  
 your own wording or that  
 familiar to your area.)

Swing your opposite.....

Swing your own.....

(Use figure several times)

On to the next and circle four.  
 Ones duck under and drop hands over  
 And circle around in a four-leaf  
 clover.

Now pull that other couple through  
 And circle to the left, you do.  
 Swing your opposite....  
 Swing your own;.....

(Next time have 2's duck under)

On to the next and circle four.  
 One's go through for a mountainer  
 loop,

And circle four hands round again.  
 Two's duck through for a mountain-  
 eer loop

And circle four hands round again.  
 Swing your opposite....

Now your own.....

(Repeat figure as desired)

(OTHER VISITING COUPLE FIGURES  
 CAN BE INSERTED--"Take a peek"  
 "Lady round lady", "Right and  
 left through and back",  
 "Ocean wave", "Open and close  
 the garden gate", etc.

Everybody promenade.....

Gents, sweep up that kitchen floor,  
 And sweep it clean.."

(GENT DROPS TO ONE KNEE

AND PASSES GIRL COW AROUND  
 HIMSELF, HOLDING ONE HAND)

Swing your partner and promenade.

LEAD COUPLE ARCH

(Caller indi

And others pass under cates lead  
 And form an arch. couple)

Open tunnel, heads down low.

(AS LEAD COUPLE COMES OUT  
 OF TUNNEL, THEY PROMENADE,  
 AND OTHERS COMING OUT  
 PROMENADE BEHIND THEM.)

All join hands in one big ring

And circle to the left.

The other way back.

Swing your corner....

Swing your own.....and promenade.

Promenade right off the floor,

That's all there is,

There ain't no more.

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Of course with several hundred  
 in a circle, as we had at the  
 Tampa festivals and will probably  
 have at Miami Beach, only the  
 visiting couple figures can be used

LAKE WORTH'S "FIESTA DEL SOL"  
TO AGAIN HAVE SQUARE DANCE  
AS ONE FEATURE OF WEEK

Lake Worth's annual week-long  
Fiesta Del Sol celebration fea-  
tured Square Dancing for the first  
time last year.

This year again a Square Dance  
Jamboree will be one of the special  
features of the week. Virginia  
Adair and Bertha Gruba are co-  
chairmen of the committee in  
charge of arrangements. Many hope  
for a very successful event.

A number of callers from the  
area will participate in the  
event, and dancing will be to  
live music.

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GEORGE CAMPBELL SENDS SCHEDULE  
OF HIS DANCES IN MIAMI AREA

In a recent letter, George  
Campbell submitted the following  
schedule of his dances and classes.  
MONDAY: Callers' Class ("I have a

class of 6 young callers who  
will soon be ready to help  
spread more dancing.")

TUESDAY: Beginner's Class for the  
Recreation Dept., Miami Beach,  
at North Shore Park, Harding  
and Abbott Street.

WEDNESDAY: Open Dancing at the  
Biscayne Elementary School,  
Harding and 77 St., Miami  
Beach, sponsored by the Miami  
Beach Recreation Dept.

THURSDAY: Beginners' and Intermedi-  
ate Class at the Y.W.C.A.,  
Miami.

FRIDAY: Open Dancing at the Rader  
Memorial Methodist Church,  
86th and N.E. Second Ave.

SATURDAY: Intermediate Class at  
N.W. Second Ave. and 51 St.,  
sponsored by Circle 8 Club.

SUNDAY: Circle 8 Club Dance, at  
Johnna Hotel, Miami Beach,  
(Out-of-town visitors call

George Campbell for info on  
this dance. Always welcome.)

"I hope this schedule of teaching  
will help other callers to start  
classes. The more classes we have,  
the more dancers we will have."

Happy Square Dancing,  
George Campbell

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CHAPTER WITH MY CORNER

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Miami Y.W.C.A. began a new ser-  
ies of Square Dance classes on Thurs-  
day, Jan. 20, with George Campbell  
as instructor and caller. The  
series is scheduled for eight week

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As a part of its decentralizat-  
ion program, the Miami Y.W.C.A. has se-  
lected a new Square Dance location in  
North Miami. Beginning January 31  
a Square Dance will be held every  
Monday night at St. Paul's Metho-  
dist Church, 935 N.E. 131st St.  
Bob Adams will be the caller.

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Rickey Holden will be guest  
caller for a special dance at the  
Miami Y.W.C.A. on Saturday, Feb. 5

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January 29 is set for a special  
dance at the Y.W.C.A. with Les Gotsch  
as caller.

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Les Götcher will be at Don Arm-  
strong's DANCELAND on Monday, Jan.  
24.

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Rickey Holden will call at Don  
DANCELAND on Thursday, Feb. 3.

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DANCELAND has recently passed  
its first anniversary. Best wishes  
to Don and the other fine folks  
who help him there in making this  
a real Square Dance center in  
Florida.

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Our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs.  
Gordon Blaum, in the recent loss of  
her mother, Mrs. Edm. Avedisian.

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Ty Persson is now calling for  
the group at Holy Trinity Church  
in West Palm Beach, each Monday.

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Herb Cassell is starting a  
new Saturday night Square Dance at  
Jupiter, Fla., at the new Fire  
Hall. First dance is Saturday,  
January 29. It is hoped this will  
develop into a permanent weekly  
Square Dance. It has been hard, ty  
now, to get a location in Jupiter  
suitable for a dance.

# Special Offer - Good till March!

ROBIN THE BOW is a fine printed quarterly of Square and Folk Dancing, with wide news coverage, outstanding editorials, beautiful costumed dance pictures, and many calls and routines.

ROBIN THE BOW publishes many special editions, featuring the dances and customs of a certain country in that issue.

ROBIN THE BOW will publish its big tenth anniversary issue next quarter, and that promises to be something. It will have a big section devoted to Italy and Italian dancing.

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THE LAST PAGE

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5th SUNDAY GET TOGETHER: Earl Jones and a group of Sarasota dancers were up at Largo to a dance and asked a group to come down and dance the Sunday after Christmas if he could get a hall. He got W. Watie Waterworth's hall at Avon-Air Trailer Court in Bradenton, and there was a turnout of about a hundred dancers and 7 or 8 callers. \*\*\*Another is planned for Jan. 30, and a third the 5th Sunday in May.\*\*\*

At the Dec. 26th dance, the following callers were present: Earl Jones, Watie Waterworth, Bill Muench, Fred Christopher, Joe Carter, R.C. Lindstrom, and Ray Kennedy. \*\*\*\*\*

Indian River Sashayers report a fine attendance at the Ed Gilmore dance, Dec. 2. Over a hundred dancers (12 sets) and about 120 spectators. Proceeds from the dance will be the club donation to Brevard Hospital. About 40 dancers from outside the Melbourne area were at the dance. \*\*\*\*\*

DAD BRUNDAGE, popular New England caller and father of well-known callers Al and Bob Brundage, will call at DANCELAND (Largo, Fla.) on Monday night, Feb. 28. \*\*\*\*\*

DANCELAND has quite a lineup of \*\*\*\*\*

callers for February. RICKEY HOLDEN, the "Texas Tornado", will be there Thursday, Feb. 3. Then, on Monday night, Feb. 21, FRANKIE LANE, Kansas City and Estes Park, Colorado, will be featured. \*\*\*\*\*

Palm Beach County Fair dates are March 5-12. Square Dancing will be featured every night except Sunday. Bill Embury is working on the details with the fair committee, and lining up the various callers and possible exhibition groups. \*\*\*\*\*

Dancers passing through Jacksonville and looking for a Square Dance can call Bill Camp. Phone EV 8-3839. Bill is also trying to keep the Chamber of Commerce and other tourist information bureaus informed. \*\*\*\*\*

Bill Camp writes, "Everyone here (Jacksonville, that is) looking forward to the Miami Convention in April. Jacksonville hopes to send up to forty people down. Judging by past get-togethers, they should have the time of their lives!" \*\*\*\*\*

More from Jacksonville in our next. How about your area? We'd like to use something about it. Just send it in. \*\*\*\*\*

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Orlando, Fla.*