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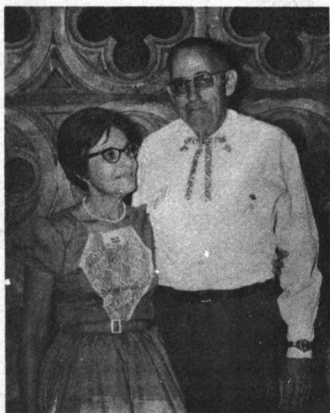
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- 14- 5TH ANNUAL SWEETHEART BALL, Harbor City Squares, Eau Gallie Civic Center, Dave Taylor, Caller.
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mory, Albany, Ga. William Or-
lich, Caller.

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Callers Lovelaces, Rounds.

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An Editorial:

Henry Purcell



The response to the Benefit Dance was most gratifying. The final report has not come in yet but when we compile all reports we will pass them on to you. At this time I wish to say THANK YOU to those who participated. It just goes to show what cooperation, plus a lot of hard work and donated free time on the part of the area directors and callers.

In talking to several callers recently about the trend or turn toward 50 basic dances and classes. I find these callers are having success with their plan. Somewhat slowly at first due in part, I believe, to the reluctance on the part of the dancer who has danced an intermediate level to "go back" to fun level dancing. Many dancers I have talked with have said this very thing. "Why should we go back to fun level dancing where we will become bored with the same old calls and movements? Bored? No, I don't think they would become bored, unless the caller falls down on his job and always calls the same old thing time after time. For instance take 50 basics and multiply them by the number of different ways they can be called and the number of different directions they can be called from and you will come up with a figure that is in the thousands. Yet all the dancer has to remember is the 50 basics, not 105, not 170 or as in the case of the high level dancers over 400 different movements.

Taking my group of dancers, the Nautical Wheelers of Key West, I have run several experiments with

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them using just the first 50 basics. Now these are people who can dance to calls such as "Split Dixie Daisy 2/3 rd's to..an Ocean Wave", "Swap Around" from Ocean Waves, "Ripple the Wave" and other obscure calls without breaking down. Using movements formulated from the "first fifty" and presenting them differently each time they were used these dancers had a Ball!! They have begun looking to the next dance because they had so much fun at the last one! The 'oft' ask "When are we going to learn something new?" has become passe. Remarkable!

The one thing I personally notice, as a caller, is I must work harder and do more homework and practice longer to be able to present a dance which everyone enjoys. Dottie says it's like the days when I started calling, Tape Recorders going, worksheets all over the place and burning of that well known "midnight" oil. Yet the dancers seem to enjoy it and I feel as tho I'm benefiting from it. It is making me sharpen up on my calling technique in many ways. More of you callers should, maybe, give it a try!

If any of you readers have feelings about this I would like to hear from you, Pro or Con.

Again let me express my appreciation and the callers appreciation to you, the dancers, for the turn out at the Bow & Swing Benefit Dance. Also a note of gratitude to the Area Directors and Callers who gave of their time and worked so hard. Thank you. (P.S. Did Bob Cook win his Steak Dinner? More on this exciting serial next month!!)

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Round Dance

OF THE MONTH

"LOVE IS FOR THE TWO OF US"

The intermediate round for February is a smooth new two-step written by Florida's own Pat and Bill Bliss of Fort Lauderdale.

The dance was written to a recording by Ray Anthony on the Ranwood Label #R-854, "Love Is For The Two Of Us".

INTRODUCTION

- 1----4 WAIT; WAIT; FWD, FWD/TURN $\frac{1}{2}$ L (W $\frac{1}{2}$ R), FWD, FWD/TURN $\frac{1}{4}$ L (W $\frac{1}{4}$ R); APART, POINT, TOGETHER, TOUCH
- 1-2 In OP facing LOD wait 2 measures;;
- 3 (Basketball Turn) Step fwd L, fwd R drop hand hold put wgt on R & Turn $\frac{1}{2}$ LF, fwd L RLOD, fwd R put wgt on R & turn $\frac{1}{4}$ to OP Facing;
- 4 Apart L, point R, step together R to Loose-CP facing wall, tchL;

PART A

- 1----4 SIDE, CLOSE, FWD,-; SIDE, BEHIND, SIDE, FRONT; SIDE, CLOSE, BK,-; SIDE, BEHIND, SIDE, FRONT;
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Box fwd side L, close R, fwd L,-;
- 2 4 ct vine RLOD side R, behind L (Both Z8B), side R, front L;
- 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ Box fwd side R, close L, bk R,-;
- 4 4 ct vine LOD side L, behind R (Both X8B) side, L, front R;
- 5----8 (SCP-LOD) FWD TWO-STEP/FWD TWO-STEP; ROCK FWD, TCH, REC/FACE, TCH; SCISS TO SCAR-RLOD/LOCK 3; ROCK FWD, TCH, REC/FACE, TCH;
- 5 In SCP facing LOD do 2 quick two-steps fwd/close, fwd, fwd/close, fwd;
- 6 Rock fwd LOD on L, tch R, recover on R & face ptr, tch L;
- 7 A quick side/close, cross to Scar facing RLOD, & quick fwd RLOD/lock, fwd;
- 8 Tock fwd RLOD, L tch R, recover & face ptr on R, tch L;

PART B

- 1----4 (CP-WALL) SIDE, BEHIND, SIDE, FRONT; PIVOT, 2, (SCP-LOD) ROCK FWD, REC; FWD TWO-STEP/FWD TWO-STEP; TWIRL, 2, WALK, 2;
- 1 In Loose - CP facing wall vine LOD side L, behind R (both X8B), side L, front R;
- 2 Pivot RF to SCP facing LOD, 2, rock fwd L, recover R;
- 3 In SCP do 2 quick two-steps fwd/close, fwd, fwd/close, fwd;
- 4 W twirls, 2 (M walks, 2), M & W walk, 2;

NOTE: DO NOT START PART "C" UNTIL CHECKING SEQUENCE

PART C

- 1----4 (CP-WALL) SIDE, BEHIND (Both X1B to LOP-RLOD), Rec (CP), SIDE; BEHIND (Both X8B to OP-LOD), REC (CP), PIVOT 2; SIDE, BEHIND, REC, SIDE; BEHIND, REC, PIVOT, 2;
- 1-2 (Blend together - 2 Open - Breaks & Pivot 2) Side L, turn to LOP facing RLOD behind R, recover on L & face, side R; Turn to OP facing LOD behind L, recover to CP on R, pivot, 2 to CP facing wall;
- 3-4 Repeat Meas 1 & 2;;
- 5----8 (R) TURNING TWO-STEP/TURNING TWO-STEP; VINE LOD, 2, 3, 4; (SCP-LOD) FWD TWO-STEP/FWD TWO-STEP; TWIRL, 2, WALK, 2;
- 5 Do 2 quick (R) turning two-steps turn/close, turn, turn/close, turn;
- 6 In CP facing wall vine LOD side L, behind R (Both X1B), side L, in front R blending to SCP facing LOD;
- 7 See PART B Measure #3;
- 8 See PART B Measure #4;

TAG

- 1----6 SIDE, CLOSE, FWD,-; VINE RLOD 2, 3, 4; SIDE, CLOSE, BK,-; VINE LOD 2, 3, 4; (SCP-LOD) FWD TWO-STEP/FWD TWO-STEP; TWIRL, 2, ACKNOWLEDGE,-;
- 1-5 Same as Measures 1 thru 5 in Part "A"
- 6 W twirls, 2, M&W Acknowledge & hold,-

SEQUENCE: INTRO-A-B-B-A-B-B-C-TAG

Caller Of The Month



Lou Somers and wife, Adeline, went thru beginners class 9 years ago, under the tutorage of Jim Pearson and Lou became interested in the calling side of Square Dancing at that time. According to Lou, he fooled around with calling for 4 or 5 years, never being serious about it, until one night he was asked to call a tip and "fell flat on his face." At this point he started practicing daily.

In the summer of 1967 Lou and two other neophyte callers formed a trio, calling themselves "Three Musketeers". They started calling a Friday night dance which they continued throughout the Winter & Spring, finally dissolving and each striking out on his own. Lou has been on the staff of the Ox-Box in Pinellas Park, St. Petersburg, since January 1968 and began teaching classes in September 1968.

Currently Lou is the President of Suncoast Callers Association and was Chairman of last year's Squar-ama.

When not actively engaged in Square Dancing or calling, Lou practices his other profession, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, where according to last reports he stays real busy.

Lou and Adeline are both quick to defend any and all facets of Square Dancing and say "People who square dance are among the nicest we've ever met!"

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Neal Blanchard

We wanted to give you a report on the success of our **BOW & SWING BENEFIT DANCE** but this column must be in a month before you receive your copy. The report will be forth coming in the March issue.

REPORT. . . 50 BASICS DANCE. . . Some months ago four Broward County Callers got together and decided to start a dance using the 50 basics that were listed in Sets in Order. The four callers pooled their **ADVERTISING**, their **TALENTS** and their **EXPERIENCE** and each caller will call one night a month. We rented a hall, in Wilton Manors, and started our first dance Saturday night, January 3rd. The **ENTHUSIASM** of the dancers was **FANTASTIC!!!** They know that they can come to this dance every

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KEEP 'EM DANCING AND KEEP 'EM SMILING!!!

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Willard Orlick for the review figures and to Gordon Blaum for the "Experimental" Figures. It is the hard work and devotion of people like these that has helped make Square Dancing the wonderful activity it is today. Thanks again, Willard & Gordon.



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Round Dance

OF THE MONTH

"LILLIE'S BACK"

Florida Easy (E) Round of the Month for January, February & March 1970
 Record Hi Hat 868 Two/Step Footwork - Opposite (If the man(M)
 Steps on his left (L) foot, the woman (W) steps on her right (R) foot.

INTRO.

The M is facing the wall and the W is facing the M. The M's R and the W's L hands are joined. This is called Open-facing/wall (OP Facing/Wall). In this dance the measures (Meas) are divided into 4 beats of music. The beats or counts are separated by Comma's "," and the meas are separated by semi-colons ";". WAIT; WAIT; (this indicates that there are 8 beats of music before you start the introduction). Step apart on L, hold 1 beat (-), point the R,-; step together to Varsouvienna (Vars) position, (In this position the M is slightly to the L of the W and behind her. Both facing line of dance (LOD), with the M's and the W's hands joined and the M's R and the W's R hands joined. Raised to a position where they are off the W's shoulder but not too high for her comfort.) -, Touch (TCH) the L,-;

"A"

(Vars-LOD) Fwd L, close R, fwd L,-; Fwd R, close L, Fwd R,-; (the next figure is a little hard at first, but with practice can be done smoothly and is fun to do. It is called a "R face couple to L Vars". In 4 steps the M makes a 360 deg. R face turn to end up facing LOD only this time he is on the R side of the W and slightly behind her. The W makes a 360 deg. R face turn almost in place. At no time do they let go of their hand holds. It will be indicated thus). R wheel,-, 2,-; (L vars-LOD) 3,-,4,-; (in L vars do 2 more 2/ steps down LOD) Fwd 2/step; Fwd 2/step; (the next figure is called "L wheel to Vars" and merely reverses what you did in the first wheel and gets you back where you started. The W makes a 360 deg. L face wheel in 4 steps. The M makes a 360 deg. wheel around the W in 4 steps. Retain hand holds.) L wheel,-,2,-; (vars-LOD) 3,-,4,-; Fwd 2/step; Fwd 2/step; (the next figure is a two action one. The M faces the wall and vines LOD side on L,-, behind with his R,-; side L,-; The W makes a 3/4 R face roll turn,-,2,-;3,-,4,-; at the end of this they get in closed position - wall (CP-WALL). In CP-WALL the M is facing the wall and the W is facing the M. The M's L hand and the W's R hand are joined about level with the W's eyes and extended comfortably for the W. The M's R hand is resting on the W's L shoulder blade. The W's hand is resting on the M's R shoulder with her L arm in contact with his R arm. R turn 2/step; R turn 2/step; (in a R turn 2/step for beginners, start by doing a sidel, close R, side L,-; side R, cl, L, side R,-; several times and after getting the timing, change it to a side, cl, turn R,-; turn R, cl, turn R,-; 1/2 twirl,-,2,-; (with the M's L and the W's R hands joined the W makes a full R face show turn in 2 steps while the M walks LOD along side of her in 2 steps.) In semi closed POS (SCP) facing LOD the couple walk LOD,-,2,-; (SCP is the same arm positions as in CP, but the M and W are not facing each other. The M is facing diag LOD and wall. The W is facing diag LOD and center of hall (COH).

"B"

(SCP-LOD) FWD 2/step; FWD 2/step; Lunge,-, (face partner M facing wall and retain M's L and W's R hand holds do a slight lunge towards LOD) Recover to left open position/ reverse line of dance (LOP/RLOD)-; (in LOP/RLOD M & W are facing RLOD with the M's L and the W's R hands joined) hitch the FWD L, close R, back L,-; rock back towards LOD on the R,-, recover on L,-; Face partner and step side R, close L, cross R in front of L (both cross in front (BXIF). This is called a Scissor Thru,-; (CP) R turn 2/step; R turn 2/step;

TAG

(SCP-LOD) FWD 2/step, FWD 2/step; W Twirl/M vine,-,2,-; Step apart L,-, Point R,-;

SEQUENCE

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"Easy Language" by Pat & Bill Bliss

News A-Round Florida

Northeast Florida News:

The **Capital Squares** of Tallahassee held their Christmas party at the home of Paul & Evelyn Smith following the regular Friday night dance. It was the same night that Tallahassee's Leon High School won the Class AA Football State Championship, so there was double cause for celebration. Attendance at the dance was low because of couples going to the football game. Those at the dance could hardly dance for keeping up with the game.

The new class of the **Capital Squares** started with an open house for visitors on Friday night, January 9th, at the Palmer Monroe Community Center with club caller, Randall Musgrave, as teacher. The classes will be every Friday night from 7:30 to 9:00 for 20 weeks, to be followed by the regular club dance. The **Capital Squares** dance every Friday night at the Palmer Monroe Center at the corner of Susley and Jackson Bluff roads, and the club extends an open invitation to all Square Dancers to come dance with them any time. They will always be happy to see you.

Southeast Florida News:

The **Westernaires** of Miami will have a Valentine Dance on February 14th at Trails End from 8-11 p.m. with Bob Cook calling. The club held their Christmas Party on December 21st, with club members and their families as special guests. Visitors are always welcome to dance with the **Westernaires**.

The **Key West Squares** of Key West held their Annual Christmas Party at the CPO Club at Boca Chica AFB, December 17th. A gift ex-

change was a feature of the evening. Steve Stevens, caller for the club, handled the mike for the evening dancing. Our Sympathies to Steve for the recent death of his brother, Charles T. Stevens of College Corners, Ohio. Ray Turcott, USO Director, filled in while Steve was away attending the funeral.

The **Key Hoppers** of Marathon welcomed the **Florida Crackers**, of Homestead, November 29th. The '**Crackers**' were down to reclaim their Banner from the '**Hoppers**'. The "Purple Heart" badge was earned by many dancers as there were 4 callers present.

Many friends gathered at Johnny & Louise Walter's home for a "Tree Trimming Party" on December 19th. Santa paid a visit at the Walter's home Christmas Eve to give gifts to Mr. & Mrs. George James Grandchildren from Crawford, Neb. and Mr. & Mrs. Arnie Lench Grandchildren from Oto, Iowa. On December 20th, the '**Hoppers**' held their Annual Christmas Party and Jolly St. Nick (Merrick Conway) distributed gifts to everyone. Many thanks to Bernice Shone and Mattie Bader for the refreshments and decorations.

On December 20th, the **Key Hoppers** acquired "Twin Grandparents" Gay Jewell, daughter of Jim & Janie Brock, presented them with a Grandson, Thomas James Jewell, and Patricia, daughter of Walter & Bernice Shone, presented them with a Grandson, name unknown at time of telephone call. Congratulations to both.

The **New Year's Eve Party** of the '**Hoppers**' was a big success. Members from Johnny's new class joined in the fun. The **Key Hopper**

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Square Dance group wish everyone a "Happy New Year". A speedy recovery to Murielle Pelettier, a Key Hopper member, who recently had surgery.

The Nautical Wheelers of Key West held their Annual Christmas Buffet Dinner Dance at the Holiday Inn. In addition to the tasty food and Henry Purcell's excellent calling, the Wheelers had an additional treat!!! The REAL Santa from Sears was there to distribute the gifts. Beautiful door prizes were awarded at frequent intervals to add to the festivity. The Wheelers held their first New Year's Eve Party and everyone had such a wonderful time that it was decided to make it a traditional event. One of the Northern visitors was so impressed with the hospitality shown him and his wife that he took the mike and expressed his gratefulness to the Wheelers. He said they had danced all over the United States but never had they been treated so well and accepted so completely.

Henry's beginner class will graduate on Friday, February 13th. Everyone present will be able to earn the "Black Cat" badge.

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The Boots N' Bows of Wilton Manors will hold a Valentine Dance, February 10th at Hagen Hall, 509 N.E. 22nd Dr., Wilton Manors. Visitors are cordially invited. The Club held their Christmas Party on December 23rd. Gifts were distributed by Santa (Charley Studley) and his 2 elves, Jill Oberlander and Kim Jackson. Earlier in December, members of the Boots N' Bows journeyed to Pompano Beach to retrieve their Banner and were treated to a Jail Bird Party which was planned and executed with

wonderful cooperation of the Pompano Beach Police Department. Do-Se-Do Officer!!!

The members of the Modernaire Club of Ft. Lauderdale gave a "Russian Ballet" during their New Year's Eve Party, which was a big success. The present class is about one-half way thru their lessons. A new class was started January 8th. A Valentine Dance will be held on February 11th with "Sweetheart" badges available to those attending. Neal Blanchard is caller for the club and is about recovered from his recent Spinal Surgery. More patience, Neal. It takes time.

The Shirts 'N Skirts of Ft. Lauderdale welcomed new members Frank & Gertie Keeler and Gerry & Aggie Caron. Many Northern visitors were also welcomed back for the Winter season. On January 29th Frank Bedell joined club caller, Vern Johnson, for the club dance. Plaps are being finalized for the club's Anniversary and Sweetheart Dance on February 12th. A new club Sweetheart, for the coming year, will be selected at this dance. A "Pot-luck" supper is being planned for March 19th.

Square Dance Campers News:

On December 12th & 13th, eight squares of the Week End Warriors Camper Dancers, travelled to Fiesta Key in the Florida Keys to brave the wind and cold to dance to the calling of Johnny Walter and Frank Bedell. Round Dancing has also become a big part of these camp outs. One of the newer square dance rounds "Sassy" was taught Saturday morning to the group by Mark Narin, assisted by cued tapes supplied by Bill Beattie, our favorite Round Dance Instructor. As

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usual, the "Pot-luck" supper and after party, complete with Bonfire, hot dogs and all the trimmings, were enjoyed by all, due to the efforts of many people, but especially by Bob & Ginny Chapman, "Co-ordinators". The next outing will be at Belle Glade Recreation Park (Slim's). The Pavillion is reserved for February 20th & 21st, Friday & Saturday nights, Frank Bedell will be the caller. Watch your club bulletin board for more information or call Lee Price, 758-2437, in Miami, or Bob Chapman, 933-5089, Ft. Lauderdale.

The Week End Warriors campers ran into a rather unusual situation at their camp-out on Fiesta Key, December 12th & 13th. The weather turned COLD. The campers made like Eskimos, bundling up in heavy clothing to brave the Wintry blasts while dancing to the calling of Johnny Walter on Friday night and Frank Bedell on Saturday afternoon and evening. (Your Editor, Henry Purcell, can vouch for the coldness of the weather on this occasion. 2 squares of Nautical Wheelers travelled the 70 miles to Fiesta Key, with their caller Henry, and being lightly dressed in Square Dance Dresses and Shirts found the going too cold to stay out in the open to dance. Both squares of Wheelers returned to Big Pine Key where they held an indoor eat-out at Dottie and Henry's Mobile Home, with HEAT on. (It was fun! 19 people in a mobile home).

The Star Promenaders of Miami celebrated their fourth Anniversary with their Annual dance called by Frank Bedell and Marty Van Wart and are looking forward to the February 18th Mermaid's Ball. Join them for a BIG SPLASH! Also plan to drop in March 18th for the

Rodeo Round-Up.

The Pomanders of Pompano Beach are planning a Valentine Dance to be held February 13th. Chairman, Ev Dumbaugh, reports "It should be a Bang-up Dance".

Sixty-seven Pomanders and guests managed to get arrested, tried, convicted and jailed last month. The Pompano Beach Police Dept. was responsible for the arrest and imprisonment with Municipal Judge, William Zamer handling the trial and sentencing. All attending had to serve 90 seconds behind bars for "conduct unbecoming the present generation". It is with great humility that they wear their Jailbird Badges.

Eastcoast Florida News:

The Dixie Squares of Daytona held their Christmas Party on December 11th at the City Recreation Hall, with about 175 members attending. The dinner was a carry-in affair, buffet style, with all the trimmings of a wonderful Christmas Dinner. An after-dinner program was given by a High School Combo, "The Bits and Pieces". Chuck Durant, caller for the club, entertained with an act, wearing a HORRIBLE FACE MASK, from which issued even more horrible roars, all set to music, which "brought down the house". The floor was cleared at 8:30 and the Dixie Squares danced until 10:30.

The Castoffs of Boynton Beach will present an extremely good schedule of callers for February (Please see ad elsewhere in this issue) The dances will be held at the Boynton Beach Recreation Center, 128 East Ocean Ave. On Tuesday nights the club sponsors the progressive Workshop under the leadership of George

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Campbell, of Miami.

The Crosstrailers of Deerfield Beach will have the following callers for the month of February. Ralph Otis, February 7th; Jay Fenimore, February 14th; Jim Baker, February 21st; Frank Bedell, February 28th and Jack Lasry, March 7th. Visitors are always welcome.

The Harbor City Squares, formerly of Eau Gallie, now of Melbourne (since the two cities united), had a covered dish supper and Christmas party December 19th. A good time was had by all.

Tickets for the fifth annual Sweethearts Ball, February 14th, went on sale early and it is reported that they are going fast. The little "Cupid" badges which serve as tickets are becoming a familiar sight at area dances. Members are anxious to know what sort of magic designer Sis Stahler and her talented helpmate Tex, will work in the way of decorations for the Ball. Dave Taylor will be calling and it promises to be a Grand Night of Dancing and Fun. A King and Queen for 1970 will be crowned and a Travelling Trophy will be awarded to the club "with the most-est" there.

The Canaveral Squares of Cocoa have a new class of 24 couples and are working diligently with them, using the 50 Standard Basics as recommended by Bow & Swing and Sets in Order. At Christmas time the Canaveral Squares surprised caller Bob Frye with a gift of an identification bracelet and his wife with an imported wig. The Frye's were in Arizona the first of December and brought back polished Yellow Rocks from the desert and presented each lady of the club with one. The ladies plan to have a small

hole drilled in them and a small necklace chain inserted so they will be able to wear their "Yellow Rocks" to all the dances. They hope the fad will catch on. In March the Canaveral Squares are planning a large Anniversary dance. More information on this later.

East Coast Dancers gala New Year's Eve Dance at Eau Gallie Civic Center. their Thirteenth Annual, was a resounding success with more than 200 dancers enjoying Bob Dubree's calling, plus Holiday decor (by Sis Stahler) and Mid-night lunch. John and Betty Jones handled the Rounds of the evening, beginning with an early-bird session at 8 p.m. Colin Walton handled the sound. A special note of THANKS to Ray & Mae Cramer, who hosted the visiting caller.

The East Coasters promote inter-club fellowship and bring National Callers to the Brevard County area three times a year. All young people as well as adults are invited to these dances. Chairmen are Larry and Gen Ward of the Harbor City Squares. Next East Coast will be April 17th when Jim Brower of Texarkana, Texas, will be the caller. East Coasters are supporting The Harbor City Squares "Sweet-heart Ball" on February 14th.

Westcoast Florida News:

The Sun City Swingers elected the following officers for 1970. Lloyd & Dot Hossie, President; Carl & (Continued Page 14)

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Jeanette Yedinack, Vice-President; Forrest & Isabel Overman, Secretary and John & Mildred Young, Treasurer. The activities for the coming year include dances at the Town Hall with Fred Christopher calling. On the 1st and 3rd Fridays with Gil singing the calls and on the 2nd and 4th Fridays with George Jabbusch at the mike. Visitors are always welcome.

The Cloverleaf Squares of Clearwater held their monthly Birthday Party and Christmas Party on the same date. The December Babes led the Grand March and Mrs. Santa Claus gave each one a Christmas token. Bob Bennett, Valdosta, Ga., called for the club January 20th. On February 5th the club will make their annual appearance at the State Fair in Tampa.

The Yell-O-Rockers of Zephyrhills celebrated their Third Anniversary at their January dance. Ragnar & Edith Peterson were elected the new Presidents at the January business meeting. Marty Vanwart from Maine will call for the Yell-O-Rockers at their February 27th dance at the Municipal Building. Rounds by Marty Martin of Lakeland.

The Left Allamanders of St. Petersburg, are looking forward to a BIG night February 20th. On this Friday, Marty Winters from the cold northland of New Jersey will be calling some of your favorites and possibly some Northern steps you will want to try. Friday, February 14th, you'll see some CUPIDS hanging around the Fossil Park Community Center dancing to the club caller Don Kennedy.

Mildred & L.T. Thomas opened their home and garage for a small

informal New Year's Eve party. Dancing to records and two club members who are becoming fine callers, John Zellner & Ben Thompson, the club enjoyed an evening of good food and dancing.

The Charlotte Promenaders of Port Charlotte welcomed Lloyd & Isabelle Wildman from Ohio. They requested the "You're the Cream in My Coffee" round and Jeff Flash, caller and teacher, was happy to oblige. The Charlotte Promenaders, dancing at the Port Charlotte Yacht Club, were very interested in the change of pace.

Central Florida News:

On December 20th, the Orlo-Vista Firehouse Squares and the Flying Eights joined troops at McCoy AFB for their Christmas dance. Bill Ford and Dick Bishop were the callers. Dick called a fantastic first half. During the refreshment break, Bill Ford and his wife, Elva, were presented with a Wine Dispenser from the OVFHS gang. A Grand March was held and gifts were exchanged. Bill wound things up with a Walloping second half and a good time was had by all.

The Orla-Vista Firehouse Squares or Orlando held their New Year's Eve party with a big dance and dinner served after the dance to a big Full-o-Fun group. Bill Ford was the caller. The new class will be graduating on February 21st and the ceremonies will be held during a "Free" dance for all dancers in the area. Everyone is invited. Bring light refreshments and come on and meet the new dancers.

The Whirl and Twirl Club of Orlando sends this message, "Make it your New Year's Resolution to dance

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with the Whirl and Twirl Club." All dancers and visitors are welcomed on Wednesday nights (Fun Level) at the Roque Club (across from Municipal Bldg.) and Friday nights (Intermediate Level) at the Slovak Garden (off 436 east on Howell Branch Road.)

The South Orlando Squares held their Christmas Party on December 18th with five squares present. Callers were Jim Stinson and Bill Ford. The class will graduate the last week in February. The schedule for the club is: Art Springer, February 14th and Dick Barker of Waycross, Ga., February 28th.

The Square Wheelers of Ocala, a new "limited basics" club is dancing at the Bellview American Legion Hall (10 miles South of Ocala) each Thursday night with Ray Cunningham as caller. A beginner class is taught earlier on the same night.

From Ray Cunningham comes this report: All dancer-campers will soon be able to use the facilities of the Salt Springs Campground in the Ocala National Forest. The pavilion floor is being poured at this writing. Inquires may be made of the Salt Springs Corp., Salt Springs, Florida.

The Lakeland Roundettes held their Christmas Party, December 21st, at the Sportman's Park Lodge in Lakeland. About twenty couples turned out for a Barbeque and covered dish supper. The children of the dancers had fun roasting marshmallows among other things. There was a gift exchange and Marty led us in many good round dances. The members were happy to have the people from the basic class join with them. Everyone enjoyed the slides Phil Toy showed

of Byrdie's Birthday party. Many thanks to everyone who helped. "Deck the Hall" and to the cooks who did a marvelous job with the Barbeque. The Roundettes with Marty & Byrdie Martin as instructors, dance every Monday night at the Moose Lodge in Lakeland at 8 p.m. Guests are always welcome.



BLUE STAR NEW RELEASES

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- 1861 - Long Rocky Road, Caller: Marshall Flippo, Flip Inst.
- 1860 - One Cup of Happiness, Caller: Bob Fisk, Flip Inst.

LORE RELEASES

- 1114 - Charleston Gal, Caller: Bob Augustin, Flip Inst.
- 1113 - After You've Gone, Caller: Don Whitaker, Flip Inst.
- 1112 - Truck Stop, Caller: Don Whitaker, Flip Inst.
- 1111 - Hey Porter, Caller: Bill Schutz, Flip Inst.

BOGAN RELEASES

- 1222 - Don't Build No Fences, Caller: Chuck Bryant, Flip Inst.
- 1121 - Red Roses, Caller: Jerry Thole, Flip Inst.
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SWINGING SQUARE RELEASES

- 2349 - I Won't Go Hunting, Caller: Bill Saunders, Flip Inst.
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- 1345 - Crying, Caller: Roger Hopper, Flip Inst.
- 1344 - Milwaukee Here I Come, Caller: DeWayne Bridges, Flip Inst.

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ROUND DANCE NEWS

The Mel-Rounders of Melbourne held a combination graduation and Christmas Party attended by over 45 couples at Trade Winds, Melbourne. A buffet was served at 7 p.m. followed by presentation of diplomas badges and reception of new members into the club. Afterwards Round Dancing was enjoyed by all and Christmas Carols were sung.

The Rythm Rounds at Oakland Park had a gay evening. Teachers Ted & Lois Meck taught Latin Lovers and Tango For Two this month. Dances done were Kon Tikki, Misty Eyes, Almost Tomorrow, Lonesome Mamma Blues, All Night, Columbus Blues, Sassy, Cream in My Coffee, Feelin, Dancing Shadows, Symphony and many others. The hall was decorated in keeping with the Holiday season. Ted & Lois were presented with a Christmas gift from the club and guests.

The Macks Holiday Steppers Club had as guests this month, Paul & Day Dougherty from Westminster, Col. They danced with the Chaffees and the Sterkers back home. Barbara & Bruce McLaine, Royal Oak, Mich., Van & Dot VanArnam, Redford, Mich., Bernie & Virginia Fink, Warren, Mich. Gertie Bohres kept a record of all the dances Ted & Lois taught thru 1969 and it makes for very interesting reading. Thanks for the record, Gertie, and thanks to Ted & Lois for the wonderful dances they worked so diligently to impart to us. They were presented with a Christmas card and gift from the Steppers and guests.

Mary Leitheusers "Starlighters" had a Happy Christmas Party at 19 South Dixie, Lake Worth. Guests were from Carefree Cove, Century Village and Cres thaven Condominium.

The hall was crowded with about 70 dancers. A delicious buffet lunch was served. Gifts exchanged. Teacher, Mary Leitheuser, received gifts and a purse from her dancers. The regular club dance is Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

The Gay Nighters R/D Club of Riviera Beach had a full hall Friday evening. All were glad to be back dancing after the Holiday vacation. Teacher, Walter Isom, taught the lovely Shenandoah Waltz. The dances done for the evening were Columbus Blues, Coccoanut Grove, Feelin, Fooled Again, Walkin to Kansas City, Like I Love You, Candy, It Had To Be You, Dancing Shadows and Madonna. Walter Vollmer cued and taught the Waltz Quadrille and the popular dance Fooled Again, also Walter Isom's own Our Christmas Waltz. Guests for the evening were Denny & Edith Nooman, Don & Marge Frazier, Bob & Peggy Scheafer, and Joe & Marge Kisela. The club and their guests spread lots of Good Cheer over the Holidays at the many Convalescent Homes. It was good to see John & Marion Sacheli back dancing following a long illness.

Walter Isom's "Gay Nighters" were very saddened to hear that their teacher is ill and had spent a week in the hospital. He is under treatment now and has to return for possible surgery. He thanks everyone for their well wishes and prayers. Has asked Walter and Mary Vollmer to take care of his Tuesday Workshop and Friday dance at the Riviera Beach Recreation Hall. The Vollmers were happy to assist. Just to relate a few things about this wonderful person, Walter Isom, most unselfish and so dedicated to his Gay Nighters Club, he has been going with his group all week to

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entertain the sick and lonely in the Convalescent homes. Too ill to dance, he cued a few of the Rounds, always smiling too. What a truly wonderful person...The dancers did the beautiful Waltz Quadrille, Walk-in to Kansas City, Fooled Again, Like I Love You, Dancing Shadows to the Bossonova and Green Alligators. Walter & Mary Vollmer did an exhibition of Fascination. There was some audience participation for those who were able. At Lourdes we saw Sister Bernadette try Walk-in to Kansas City with Walter Vollmer...It ended up with Sister Bernadette saying "Now I will lead". They did a good Lindy. Could she ever dance...Later a card addressed to Walter Isom and all the "Nighters" saying "Many prayers and thanks to each one of you. We are so deeply grateful for all the JOY you have brought to our lives. God Bless you all". Signed Sister Bernadette and Guest of Lourdes. The "Nighters" spent many hours at as many Convalescent Homes as they were able to attend before Christmas, bringing smiles and friendliness with their dances. They have been asked to return after the Holidays and they surely will. One lonely patient asked,

"Why.. can't Christmas come in July?" Ed Hoffman, caller from New Jersey, also called a couple square dances.

Ed Hoffman held a Square and Round Dance at the Riviera Beach Recreation Center January 12th. This has been Walter Isom's dream to have a Square and Round Dance Center in this beautiful big hall on the Lakefront and 13th Street in Riviera Beach. So you all come and join the fun.



This is Boy Grye and wife Margie - oops! Made the same mistake again! In last month's issue we mis-spelled his name, for which we apologize, Actually the right name is Bob Frye, caller for the Canaveral Squares of Cocoa. (Sorry 'bout that, Boy, oops, Bob!)

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John & Betty Jones began Round dancing in 1954 in a class taught by the Smithwicks in San Diego. They attended the "National" in San Diego in 1956. In 1957 they organized the "Merry Mixers" Square Dance Club and the Tennessee Valley Square Dance Association, while John was stationed in Huntsville, Ala. It was during this time that they started teaching easy rounds and figuring out the movements from the cue sheet of a dance, Hot Lips, which is still one of their favorite dances. John retired from the Navy in 1959, while they were stationed in Melbourne, Fla. and decided to stay in the area. The need arose for some one to teach Round Dancing and they accepted the challenge. Armed with Frank Hamilton's "American Round Dance Manual" they started a class in March 1960 and from this class the Mel-Rounders came into being and has danced every Wednesday night since.

John & Betty are 10 year members of the Round Dance Council of Florida, of which John is a Past-President. They have taught classes in Orlando and Titusville and have participated in Festivals and State Conventions.

John is an outdoorsman and has an Air-boat upon which he spends time just riding around on the river.

Together they enjoy the dancing, both Square and Rounds. Little did they anticipate cueing the Rounds instead of dancing them. John & Betty both say they are indebted to all Round Dance Leaders from whom they have learned much and to the wonderful people they have met during their dancing careers.



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Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bennett. Bob is Liason Reporter from North of the Border.

The Swingin' Squares of Valdosta, Ga. Christmas dance theme was "Santa Claus is Coming". Santa surprised everyone with gifts and the Spirit of Christ seemed to dwell in every corner of the hall. The club presented their caller Bob Bennett and his lovely wife, Vivian, with a beautiful Lazy Susan. The new class visited along with the Junior square and joined into the spirit of Christmas and this seemed to jog-up the spirits of some of the older dancers. Other visitors included Goldie Vic from Dallas, Tex., Dorothy & Harlen Perkins from Moultrie, Ga. and from "way down" in the Florida Keys (Key West) Don & Carol Pearce. Don & Carol are a part of Henry Purcell's group (The Nautical Wheelers) and we must say very good dancers. Moddelle & Jerry Harris from Edison, Ga. was also among the visitors and Jerry added to our dancing enjoyment by calling a few tips. Many thanks to the Refreshment Committee, the table and hall decorations were beautiful. (See pictures elsewhere)

The Swingin' Square's new class is progressing well and their Graduation is planned for February 20th. Visitors in the area on that date, are invited to stop by and celebrate with them. The new class has been moved to the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church, across the street from the new Post Office.

The New Year's Eve Dance of the Swingin' Squares was a 'Howling' success. Plenty of refreshments and all sorts of Favors at Midnight. Visitors included members of their new class, members of Bud Goodson's new class and out of town visitors from Atlanta, Ga., Jasper, Fla., White Springs, Fla. and the Kat Kickers of Valdosta, Ga.

On December 23rd, Bob Bennett, caller, and the Swingin' Squares really surprised Bob's wife, Vivian, with a Birthday Party at Shoney's Restaurant. Vivian is usually most observant but this time she didn't know one thing about the surprise party. The club really had a Ball in doing this and Vivian received many wonderful gifts. Bob Bennett extends a big THANK YOU to all who helped make the party such a big success.

After the Bennett's arrived home the party the phone rang and one of the couples said they wanted to come over for a few minutes. At 1:00 A.M. they arrived with a 100 dollar bill in hand. Seemed that Bob had won on a ticket he had bought for some worthy cause. It was truly a Surprise evening for Bob as well as Vivian.

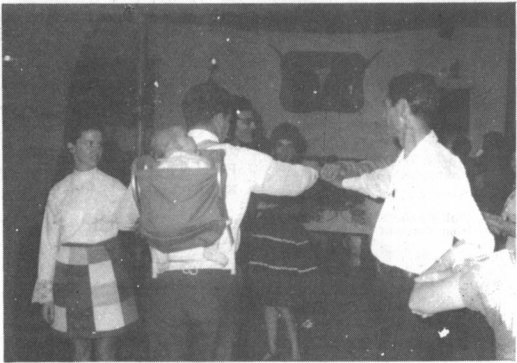
Bob Bennett says "Don't forget the following Special Events coming up".

February 27th - All Singing Call Dance - Swingin' Squares - Garden Center, Valdosta, Ga.

March 28th - Dixie Federation Callers Dance - Albany, Ga. Willard Orlich will do a critique on the dance.

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Swingin' Squares Christmas Party,
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Ken Roberts of the Palm Swingers shown receiving a certificate for "Turkey Door" Prize from Larry Areson, President of the Silver Dollar S/D Club at recent "Turkey in the Straw" Dance.



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This listing is for the clubs wishing to list a special dance of their club. The dance should relate to a Special Theme for example, Christmas Dance, any Holiday Theme, Club Anniversary, dances honoring a Caller or Member of the club, etc. Regularly scheduled club dances will not be listed. All copy must be in no later than the 5th of the month preceeding issue and there is no limit on how far ahead you wish an event to be listed. There will be no charge for this service.

FEBRUARY 5

Special Dance - OxBow Hall, St. Petersburg, Ron Schneider (from Ohio) Caller.

FEBRUARY 6

10th Anniversary Party Dance - Dixie Twirlers, Lew Green's Ponderosa, 3180 N.W. 36th Street, Miami.

FEBRUARY 6 - 7

9th Annual Okfenokee Square-Up, Waycross, Ga. John Saunders, Dick Barker & Frank Bedell, Callers - Sponsored by Western Cutters, Jacksonville.

FEBRUARY 7

Pirate's Ball & 10th Anniversary Sunshine Shufflers - Avalon School, Naples, 2 p.m. Supper 6 to 8 p.m. Vern Johnson, Caller.

FEBRUARY 8

Shirts N' Skirts, Special Sunday Night Dance, Hagen Hall, Wilton Manors. Colin Walton & Vern Johnson, Callers.

FEBRUARY 10

Boots N' Bows Valentine Dance Hagen Hall, 509 N.E. 22nd Dr., Wilton Manors, Vern Johnson, Caller.

FEBRUARY 12

Anniversary and 2nd Annual Sweet-heart Ball - Shirts N' Skirts - Shrine Social Center, Ft. Lauderdale. Vern Johnson, Caller.

FEBRUARY 13

Plantation Squares, Orlando - 1st Anniversary Dance - Ben White Rec. Center. Bill Shell, Caller.

FEBRUARY 13

Left Allamanders, St. Petersburg, Valentine Dance, Fossil Park Community Center, Don Kennedy, Caller.

FEBRUARY 14

Westernaires, Miami, Valentine Dance, Trails End, Bob Cook, Caller.

FEBRUARY 14

Valentine Dance - US 441 Club, Gainesville. Ron Schneider, Caller.

FEBRUARY 15

S.E. Fla. Callers Association Clinic - Trails End S/D Hall, Miami. Colin Walton, Caller.

FEBRUARY 18

Mermaid Ball - Star Promenaders - Miami. Frank Bedell, Caller.

FEBRUARY 20

4th Annual Rodeo Dance - Kissimmee-Tupperware Aud. Caller, Johnny Creel from Louisiana.

5th Annual Sweetheart Ball, Harbor City Squares, Melbourne, formerly Eau Gallie Civic Center, Dave Taylor, Caller.

FEBRUARY 20

Special Dance, Left Allamanders, St. Petersburg, Fossil Park Community Center, Marty Winters (of New Jersey) Caller.

FEBRUARY 20 - 21

Week End Warriors Camp-Out, Belle Glade Recreation Park, Frank Bedell Caller.

FEBRUARY 27

Special Dance, Yell-O-Rockers, Zephyrhills Municipal Bldg. Marty Vanwart (of Maine), Caller.

FEBRUARY 27

All Singing Call Dance - Swingin Squares, Garden Center, Valdosta, Ga., Bob Bennett, Caller.

FEBRUARY 27-28

St. Augustine Ancient City Square Dance - Allen Tipton, John Saunders & Oscar Erwin, Callers.

FEBRUARY 28

Special Dance, Sunshine Shufflers, Avalon School, Naples. Bob Frye, Caller.

MARCH 14

Special Dance, "Sing-A-Long" Club, OxBow Hall, St. Petersburg. Colin Walton, Caller.

MARCH 27-28

Dixie Federation Callers Clinic - National Guard Armory, Albany, Ga., Willard Orlich, Caller.

APRIL 3-4

Florida Fontana Ball - Miami - DiLido Fontana Ramblers. Chapman, Saunders, & Tipton, Callers. Ed & Kay Mack, Rounds.

JULY 2-5

5th Annual Shin-Dig - American Hotel, Miami Beach.

JULY 17-18

July-Get-Together - Lakeland Civic Center. L. Calhoun, R. Chapman, & J. Saunders, Callers. Lovelaces, Rounds.

AUGUST 14 - 16

6th S.E. Square Dance Jamboree, Jekyll Island, Ga.

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