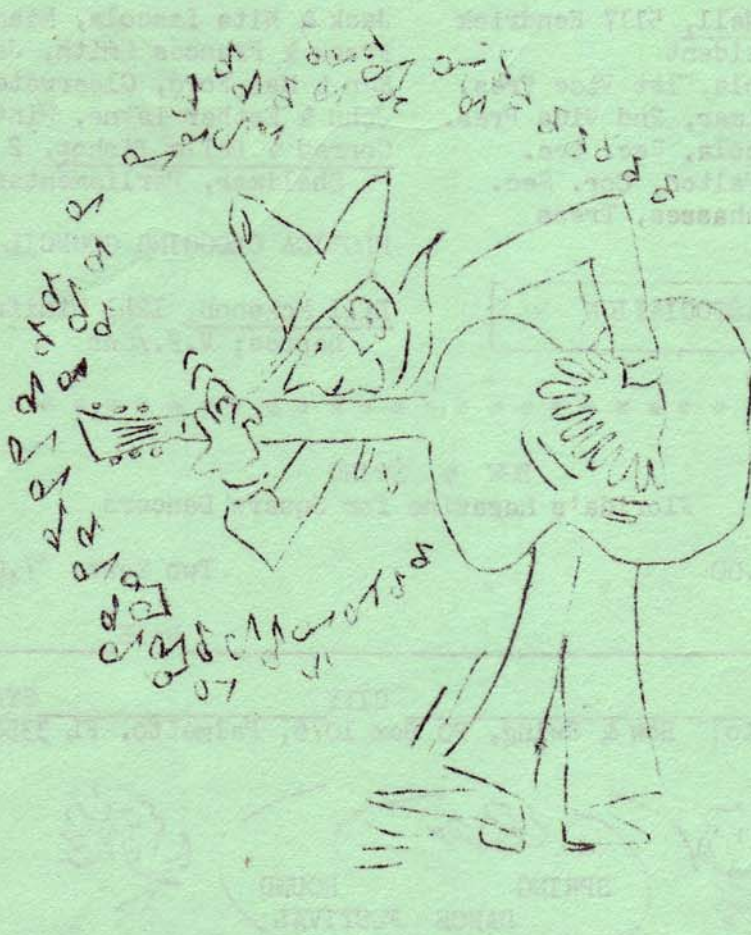


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Message from the President



This past November at Tallahassee, we had our most successful Roundup. I want to thank all of the workers and the people who headed up all the committees and most of all, the dancers who supported this year's Roundup. We look forward to the one at Chipley this fall. I also want to thank the past officers of NWFSRDA.

Since the new year is the time of resolutions, I would like for each of you to resolve to support your local associations and most especially the NWFSRDA Roundup in 1980.

Lets make it one of our goals of the year to get all the clubs within our boundaries to join the NWFSRDA. Don't ask what can the NWFSRDA do for me or my club, but what can I do for NWFSRDA.

Please be aware that the Association does offer insurance at a very inexpensive rate to members only. I also want you to know that you are welcome to all meetings. When votes are required, only delegates (one vote per club) may vote, but your ideas and constructive criticism are needed.

Keep in mind NWFSRDA, your Association, is hosting the 1981 Florida State Convention at Lakeland as well as the kick off at the 1980 convention at the same place.

I would like to see all the clubs advertize in the "Bow & Swing". It only costs \$12.00 a year and your ad appears every month. This information is also posted at all visitors welcome stations throughout the state. This is where you get a lot of visitors at your club from out of state and interstate.

Last, I ask for your support in improving and promoting square and round dancing at all times.

Roscoe Hall

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AN OPINION... "Attitude" by Bill McVey, Dec. 1979 in FOOTNOTES, Metro Atlanta Square Dancers Ass'n publication, reprinted from TIPS, Dec. 1979

For some time now I have seen an unfortunate trend in attitudes in square dancing that disturbs me. There have been, and always will be, some things in any activity that are not ideal, some we cannot help, and some we can alter, or prevent.

To emphasize; better dancing is a good and fine ambition, until such an ambition becomes all important to the point of excluding all other considerations. Then such an ambition becomes selfish, snobbish, and self destruction is the eventual result. There must be more involved in the overall program of dancing than so-called level.

Let us begin at the beginning: The caller and the club takes a new student and works 30 or more weeks with him to get him started, and I emphasize "started to dance. The new student has little time to practice after class, until the five year club veteran begins to ask why the new dancer "can't dance as well as me". The veteran wants the caller to raise the level, wants to take the new couple visiting because "thats the best way to learn to dance" he says. Lets say the club persuades the caller to raise the level, the new dancer, although he has had ample lessons cannot keep up and either goes elsewhere or quits forever. If he dances two nights a week he may catch up in a year, but what about the couple who can only come twice a month? Are we to drop them and forget them because they can't dance our level? No, you say? Then someone has to dance with them, right?

On the other hand, why should a dancer who has been "pulling people through" for 10 years have to continue pulling people through? Why shouldn't he gather a group and dance at the level he wants to? It is my opinion that any group of dancers has the right and should seek a place and a level at which they wish to dance.

What, then, is wrong with different dance levels? NOTHING! What is wrong,

is the attitude being attached to, and associated with, and the adverse connotations and definitions that even the higher levels are helping to promote. For example, "higher level" by some standards seems to mean we no longer support or attend MASDA (local ass'n) dances, regular club dances, local caller functions or any other dance function because we would be "bored to death". Besides, we don't want to hear all those local callers call their "pitiful patter". It also seems to mean we only dance to expert traveling callers, let our local callers teach classes, and then we will try to get the good ones for our classes (providing they are good enough)! Contribute something to the general dance picture? Not a chance!!! Open contempt for material being called to the floor, and disdain for the caller is becoming a by-word in some circles.

Unless we ALL contribute to square dancer's and caller's goals to promote the activity, take the correct attitude with us to any dance; we will find that there is only room for one square at the top of performance - but there is room for millions of people with the correct attitude and desire to have a good time, ANYWHERE!!



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...NEXT NEWS DEADLINE 29 FEBRUARY 1980...

TALLAHASSEE - TWIRLERS had a great time as we joined other area clubs hosting the Northwest Florida Roundup Nov. 16 & 17 where our club caller Elmer Sheffield, Jr and exciting Wade Driver were featured. There was an enormous turnout with all local clubs attending and dancers from Jacksonville to Pensacola, plus several from other states. We were happy to be a part of this and express our appreciation to all the dancers that made this dance a success and to all who decorated the old armory, provided food for the after party, and to all the callers that called at the after party. Dec. 22 we enjoyed our annual Christmas dinner and dance at the Elks Club. Among the guests were Bobby & Elaine Hancock. It was nice to see them, and we look forward to having them back with us regularly. Dec. 23 we sang Christmas carols for some Senior Citizens and for several club members who were home bound. New Year's Eve a group got together at the Elks Club to bring in the new year. As you can see, we are an active group and always have "bunches" of fun no matter what we do. 1979 was an active, festive, partying year under the creative leadership of Social Chairmen Hoyle & Jane Hafley, who say they enjoyed it. Our thanks to them, they really did an outstanding job of planning all the social events. Remember the State Convention in May and the National Convention in June. The 1981 promotional outfits will be worn in the parade of States at the National. Happy square dancing in the New Year.

John & Helen Millikan

The CAPITAL CITY CLOGGERS have really been on the go throughout South Georgia and North Florida this past two months. Every weekend an exhibition at a different fall festival. We had a great time, and by the reaction of our audiences they had as much fun as we did. We are already in full swing with plans for our "Springtime Tallahassee" Clogging Festival. All committees

are hard at work on their part of the program. We plan to have door prizes, tee shirts, exhibitions and live blue grass music. Our costume committee outdid themselves again and in such short order! Special thanks to Linda, who struggled with the rough draft and to Dot and Jody and their crew that cut out the fabric for everyone. Another new addition to our little group is an announcer. Lou Logan does a great job introducing the routines while Bill gets the record ready to go. Then both of them dash for their positions in the routine. So far neither has missed a beat. Until next time--Happy clogging.

FORT WALTON BEACH - The CIRCLE SQUARES have had a very active fall season with many banner raids and other visits to numerous clubs. The new student class is progressing rapidly and enjoyed a Christmas covered dish and gift exchange with the club. We all danced together at class-level the entire evening. The holiday was enjoyed by one and all. New officers were elected for 1 Jan. installation. They are: Jack Lorusso, president; Ken Veach, vice president; Pat Lorusso, secretary; Betty McCallister, treasurer; and Jessie Knothe, publicity. Jeff & Pat Joyner were re-elected to the PASARD Ass'n where Pat serves as secretary. Frank McCallister accepted the position as Special Activities Director for PASARD Ass'n replacing Joe Vaccari. We wish everyone HAPPY SQUARES FOR '80.

Frank & Betty McCallister

The BELLES & BEAUX are making plans for a very active 1980. Our new class for beginners started with open houses Jan. 18 and 25. Another one will be held Feb. 1 at 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. Foley Wood, our club caller will be the instructor. Members enjoyed a Halloween costume pot luck and dance in Oct. and a Christmas party in Dec. with gift exchange and refreshments. Our presidents, John & Marsha Hooten were transferred to southern Florida. Ray & Linda Dewrell have replaced them. Our

own Chuck & Juilene Schaefer were elected as presidents of the PASARD Ass'n. A special "Appreciation Night" was held in December for Foley Wood, our club caller. Members, former members, friends and guests of the club honored Foley by surprising him with an evening of dedication and fun. Ken Espy gave a brief history of the club saying that Foley started his first class of 10 couples in Feb. 1966 in Bass Barn. A corsage was presented to Foley's law, Mary, who also received a standing ovation. So that Foley could enjoy an evening of dancing, Don Ray of Panama City called. Refreshments were served.

Trudy Burd

During November the SANDPIPERS visited the Lockits of Panama City. We slowed our dance activities during the holidays, but parties in Gene & Dot Smith's home at Destin and at Conrad & Belle Bishop's kept us in touch. We started the new year with a bang at Bayou Shufflers' New Year's Eve Party. Then on Jan. 5 we traveled to Panama City to dance to Darryl McMillan. All Advanced-level dancers are reminded of our afternoon A1-A2 dance April 26 with caller Johnny Walter. We also plan to have an afternoon Advanced dance July 12 in Pasarda Hall with Lamar Fillingim of Pensacola calling.

The SWING 'N DOUBLES now has a class in Modern Square Dancing in progress. The class is held every Tuesday from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. in Pasarda Hall. Club caller Johnny Sicuranza is the instructor. The students will graduate in late April or early May. We also elected new officers. Jack Byrne will serve as president and Bill Henkener as treasurer for the coming six months. We hosted PASARDA's Jan. 11 dance with Cecil Hurley of Mobile on squares and Kit Waldorf on rounds.

Geri Tardiff

Reminder - USE FOREARM GRIPS

NICEVILLE - The BAYOU SHUFFLEERS just sponsored their first New Year's Eve Dance at Pasarda Hall in Fort Walton Beach. Ten squares enjoyed a great evening of dancing to calls by Rick Miller and rounds by Kit Waldorf. "Hoss" Waldorf called at the after party. Ladies of the club provided an abundance of delicious food. Party hats, balloons & horns contributed to the merriment as the New Year was ushered in. A great time was had by all. We will soon start a new class for beginners. Anyone interested should call Bob Milligan at 678-7347.

-Pat Lorusso

PANAMA CITY:- The SQUARE EIGHTS elected Roy Turner, president; Curtis Wright, vice president; and Betty Vietinghoff, secretary/treasurer. Our thanks to outgoing officers Mary Bowie, Tom Nickey and Mary Ellen Foster. We regret to report the illness of Rosalyn Ray's father. Also ill is Reba Buffkin. We pray that Reba will soon be able to be back with us. On Dec. 6, Tyndall Toe Tappers visited and retrieved their banner. The present class joined us Dec. 13 at our Christmas Party for a full evening where we all had a great time. Delicious food was contributed and served by members. We were happy to have the Haygoods and Winns from York, Maine visit us on Dec. 20. They were guests of the Bowies.

-Jean Woodham

CHIPLEY - The PANHANDLE PROMENADERS shared holiday fun with other square dancers at the Annual Christmas Dance. Decorations, food, fun, foolishness and dancing contributed to a good time by all. We saw the New Year in together at a New Year's Eve party with more fellowship. New officers were elected. They are President, Elaine Engram; Vice President, Bill Dorman; Secretary, Dot Guess; Treasurer, Eileen Collins; Publicity, Arlys Hopper; Directors are Hazel Herndon, Bill Roberts & Ray Ashe. We look forward to a happy new year of square dancing.

-Janet Harns

PENSACOLA - The SWINGSTERS would like to share with you the good time we had doing our Christmas project. We visited a local nursing home and took Christmas packages and fruit. We also danced before a very appreciative audience. The activities director there asked us to come back again and not wait for Christmas. Could this be a project for your club? It was a really rewarding experience for us. We are making a New Year's resolution, too, this year. WE ARE GOING TO REMEMBER TO SEND IN NEWS TO PANHANDLE PRESS ON TIME. Our caller, Don Jochum, graduated a class Jan. 17, and we celebrated with a banquet at Bartel's. Another class started Jan. 7. Happy New Year and happy dancing!

-Cathy

JULY 12, '80
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

BOB POYNER of Plainville, Ill
on Squares (MS+) 8-10:30 p.m.

KIT WALDORF of Pensacola on Rounds
Early Rounds 7:30 p.m.

LAMAR FILLINGIM of Pensacola
on Squares (A1-A2) 2-4:30 p.m.

PASARDA HALL

NWFSRDA Meeting - 4:45 p.m.

TALLAHASSEE - The CAPITAL SQUARES will host NWFSRDA meeting at our annual Cotillion May 10. Don Williamson will call squares and Norma Smoyer will cue rounds. Hope to see you all then.

-Ed Hedgecock

Reminder: Establish your position after each movement by touching the person beside you.

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Dear Marty,

Enclosed is my check for Christmas Ad. We thought it was great. In fact, the entire issue was outstanding. You and your staff are to be congratulated.

We do appreciate the work all of you put into the Newsletter.

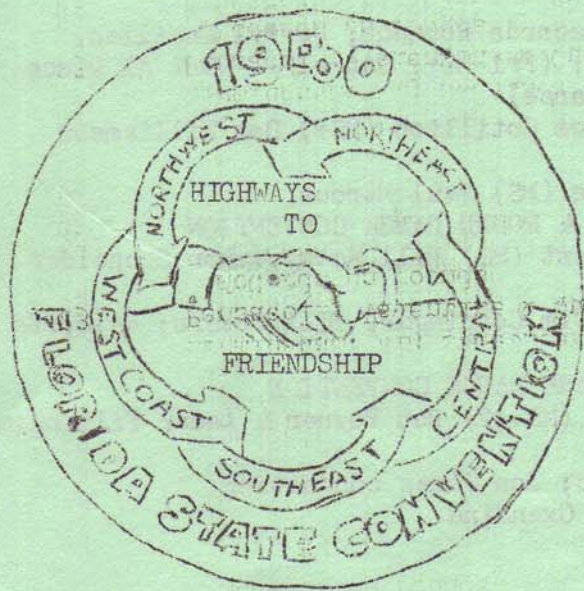
Alice Sandy
Panama City

EDITOR: Thanks, We needed that!

In the 1930's, Square Dancing almost died in our country. Henry Ford preserved some of the old dance forms in his Grand Falls at Deerfield Village. However, the searching out, preserving, and revitalizing of the form of dance known as SQUARE DANCE was a project carried out by LLOYD SHAW, a school superintendent from Colorado Springs, Colorado. His interest resulted in two books, Cowboy Dances and The Round Dance Book, teenage exhibition groups that toured the country and took it by storm, and summer classes for prospective square dance callers and teachers. For many years, most of the nationally recognized callers had studied with "Pappy" Shaw.

After his death in 1959, a non-profit Foundation was set up to preserve and promote Lloyd Shaw's approach to square dancing. It annually supplies callers, cuers, prompters and panelists for the National Convention. Its major work consists of producing kits of records for school and recreational use and holding workshops to teach teachers and prospective callers how to teach dance.

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NORTHWEST MEETINGS

- MAR 22 Chipley at their Spring Fling
 MAY 10 Tallahassee at Capital Squares' Cotillion
 JUL 12 Ft Walton Beach at the Bob Poyner Jamboree
 OCT 25 Chipley at NWFSRDA 1980 FALL ROUNDUP

OTHER EVENTS

- FEB 1-2 Biloxi, MS; Belles & Buoys' Mardi Gras Fest; Elmer Sheffield (Fri)
 Nelson Watkins (Sat); Lungenbuhls, rounds
 1-2 Montgomery, AL; Alabama Dixie Jamboree; Jerry Helt, Jon Jones;
 Easterdays, rounds
 8 Gulfport, MS; Star Twirlers; Mike Litzenberger
 8-9 Birmingham, AL; Sweetheart Dance; Bob Vineyard, Bill Volner, Pierces
 10 Panama City; Ranch House Spec +1 & +2 Workshop & Dance; Darryl
 McMillan
 14 Ft Walton; Sweetheart Charity Ball (MS); Arch Garlock, Rick Miller,
 Johnny Sicuranza & Foley Wood; Waldorfs, rounds
 15 Gulfport, MS; Star Twirlers; Carl Wamsley
 22 Gulfport, MS; Washington's Birthday Dance; Ron Thomson
 29 Gulfport, MS; Star Twirlers; Jim Ainsworth
 MAR 7-8 Mobile, AL; Azalea Trails Fest; Wade Driver & Marshall Flippo (MS+)
 Pierces, rounds; Nichols & Simone, clogging; Fontanna Ramblers, music
 9 Panama City; Ranch House Spec +1 & +2 WS & Dance; Darryl McMillan
 15 Rome, GA; Annual Rome Roundup; Tony Oxendine; Lawsons, rounds
 21-22 Jackson, MS; Sweetheart Fest; Allen Tipton (both days) Jon Jones (Sat)
 Garrisons, rounds; clogging & workshops
 21-23 Lakeland; FLA R/D Spring Round Dance Fest
 22 Chipley; Spring Fling (MS night/+2 afternoon) Tony DiGeorge
 28-29 Tallahassee; 1st Annual Springtime Tallahassee Clogging Festival
 APR 11-12 Birmingham, AL; Alabama Jubilee; Jack Lasry & Jon Jones (MS+);
 Easterdays, rounds
 11-12 Destin; Ron Ray & Foley Wood's Spring Campout at Holiday Inn
 Travel Park
 19 Pascagoula, MS; Singing River Swingers' Mexican Fiesta; Foley Wood
 26 Ft Walton; PASARDA Anniv. (MS night/Al-A2 afternoon); Johnny
 Walter
 MAY 2-3 Panama City; Anl Ranch House Records Roundup; Darryl McMillan,
 Bill Terrell & Tony Oxendine; (Fri MS+; Sat +1/+2 WS & Al Dance
 in the afternoon, MS+ p.m. dance)
 10 Tallahassee; Anl Capital Squares Cotillion (MS+) Don Williamson
 Smoyers, rounds
 23 Pensacola; 5-Flags Fiesta Dance (MS) Paul Marcus
 23-25 LAKE LAND: FLORIDA STATE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION
 JUN 6-7 Ft Walton; Anl Billy Bowlegs Fest (MS) Bill McVey & Ron Schneider
 Pierces, rounds
 19-21 Pensacola Fest; Art Springer, Jim Coppinger, Bill Peters; Waldorfs
 & D'Alisos, rounds
 26-28 MEMPHIS, TN; 29th NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION
 JUL 12 Ft Walton; Bob Poyner Jamboree (MS-A2) Bob Poyner & Lamar Fillingim
 Waldorfs, rounds
 SEP 6-7 Panama City, NW Caller's Clinic; Jon Jones conducting
 OCT 25 Chipley, NWFSRDA ROUNDUP; Tony Oxendine

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Scoot, Triple Trade, Turn & Left Thru

February 10, 1980

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Teach - All Eight Spin The Top, All Eight Swing
Thru, Anything & Spread, CrossFire, Curley Cross,
Dixie Grand

March 9, 1980

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Teach - Explode the Wave, Follow Your Neighbor,
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Thar, Swap Around

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