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FORTY-THREE SETS OF BEGINNERS IN FULL SWING AS AREA CLUBS WORK TO RECRUIT NEW DANCERS - "GOOFERS" WITH TWO LEFT HANDS ABOUND

The beginners are busily whooping it up all over the Area. Your editors, in the roving tour of all the classes, were soon aware of the same excitement and enthusiasm that has prevailed among newcomers in the past.

The instructors had the groups under control and the dancers reacted to the basic calls readily. At times they "goofed" and became bewildered but always laughingly stepped into place anxious to try again.

In some instances, after a tip, sets would remain on the floor trying to work out a call that seemed intricate at the time. This is good.

The group this year looked exceptionally good and with regular practice should develop into excellent dancers and thus become a worthy adjunct to the square dance movement in this area.

Hats off and a bow to all the club officers and committee members who have worked so unselfishly in the promotion of these classes. It is this interest and cooperation that will keep square dancing alive and growing.

SIDELIGHTS AND COMMENTS

At Belles 'n Beaus, six sets are allemanding and promenading under the watchful guidance of Tink and Art at the Craig Hill School every Wednesday. Naturally, most of them are from Greece but it is surprising the number from other localities. There are Ken and Vi Snyder from Pittsford; Clate and Jean Fiddler, Walt and Barb Greenfield, Bob and

Alice White, Rex and Deane Davis of Hilton; Clyde and Pat Spicer and Bill and Dandie Tacy from Macedon. Incidentally, Charlie and Millie Tacy are regular B&B members and are parents of Bill - just another family, like the Haddletons, enjoying good wholesome fun together.

At the EKC-O Squares, Joe Reilly is having as much fun as his class of eight sets. All branches of Kodak are represented and this year they have several couples from outside the fold. John Feasel, an Eastern style caller from East Rochester, and his wife, Nellie, are brushing up on Western dancing. Many come from afar such as Milford and Doris Rahn, Brockport natives. Ray and Dorothea Brayer have served several times as host and hostess. Jake Riley, the "old pro" and his Fran are having a ball - Joe Reilly calls him the "tall one". After class, some of the beginners have a gabfest at a nearby eatery, a sure sign of the veteran dancer. Carl Presgrave

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GRACE BOYER SUBMITS THE WINNER!

Congratulations to Grace Boyer for the winning entry in the name the paper contest. The judges selected PROMENADER from a list of more than 50 entries. Grace will receive a gift subscription to PROMENADER plus either a year's subscription to Sets in Order or a gift certificate at one of the local stores, all told a \$5.00 reward for her efforts. Boyers have been active in Irondequoit Squares and Swingin 8's and have a caller-dancer son Dick, a dancing daughter Carol, dancer Bruce and 8 year old Bradley.

the class representative, issues a weekly bulletin for the class.

Don Duffin has lucky 13 sets at the Barn for the Genesee Dancers. Many of the gal newcomers are already appearing in pretty squaw dresses and their escorts are in western shirts, pants and ties. One couple, Charlie and Rosemarie Gardner, said, "Half of the fun of our dancing is wearing the colorful outfits". Arnold and Norma Andzer recently moved here from Los Angeles where Arnold belonged to the Red Ribbon Squares...Our neighboring town of Brockport is represented by Tim and Berta Holden, Art and Thelma Dailor... The Fairport Herald deserves an assist for it was an article inserted by the club that brought Ruth and Art Dietschler to the Barn.

Tink is calling the basics for the Swing-in' 8's where Ernie and Marge Crewdson, in a set with Ed and Betty Colton, Dick and Anna Leicht and Tom' and Rose Hill, stopped long enough to say they plan to have lots of fun, will participate to the fullest in dancing and will be very interested in the round dances. Betty Colton was surprised by the fun of it all and remarked, "I'm having a whale of a time even if I don't know what I'm doing". Ed remarked about the relaxation from trials of the work day and the raising of their 3 children that dancing has given him. Bob and Kay Clark, standing with Ed and Jean McKibbin and Hans and Marion Meuser say that they enjoy western style so much more than eastern.

Maestro George Kerridge calls the basics at the Irondequoit Squares where four sets are assembled. In between tips, Dave and Lynn Dezio of Webster remark how friendly all of the dancers have been toward them. The Dezios, like Dick and Edith Dunnett and Hilaire and Florence Gaelens have 3 children. Ed and Arlene Hoak have done no dancing before but like it very much. The Dunnetts had done some eastern but are now full converts. They expect their teen daughters might enroll in a teen club in the area.

SNAP - O - GRAPH

ARTHUR WILLIAM HARRIS...affectionately called "Art", "The Voice", "Foghorn"... born in Buffalo, raised in Ottawa and residing in Amherst...along with helpmate, Vera, who plays a significant role in his success, are Art, Neil, Diane and Mike... not to forget Tippy, the dog and the two turtles, Pedro and Sebastian.

Began his career twelve years ago when he called for an industrial picnic...Promenade and Back To the Bar were his most popular calls that day...now a staff member at West Point's Funstitute and Prudhommes Gala Squarestra.

A regular caller for Belles 'n Beaus, Genesee Dancers and EKC-O Squares in Rochester...also for the Twirlaways, T N T's and Harris Squares in the Buffalo area...has a round dance class in his basement...and operates a trucking company on the side.

During a successful one night stand in Detroit, a gal dancer sympathetically said to Vera "It's unfortunate that your husband has such a bad cold"...little did she know!

RCA PROMOTES AGREEMENT ON ROUNDS

To promote cooperation among Rochester area square dance clubs in the selection of round dances, club representatives met at the Echo Club October 21st.

All participants heartily agreed that the selection of four easy and popular Rounds, to be used by all clubs interested in cooperating, would promote general satisfaction and enjoyment.

The two dances chosen for the first half year are ALLEY CAT and MAPLE LEAF RAG.

Clubs attending; Belles 'N Beaus, Jim and Ollie Shear; Country Twirlers, Howie and Dot DeGraves; EKC-O Squares, Owen and Helen Whitehead; Genesee Dancers, Ed and Helen Principe; Irondequoit Squares, Ernie and Helen Johnston; Swingin' Eights, Mike and Mary Prado.

... Ed Principe

CLUB DANCES IN THE ROCHESTER AREA

NOVEMBER 1962

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Caller</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Starts</u>
1	Thu	Gen	Buzz Brown	Cutler Union	8:30
3	Sat	Sw8	Tinkler	Iroquois School	8:15
5	Mon	**B&B	Harris	West Ridge School	8:00
5	Mon	**FA	Tucker	The Barn	8:00
7	Wed	ES	Harris	Kodak Office Auditorium	8:00
8	Thu	Gen	Duffin	Cutler Union	8:00
			Guest Night For Country Twirlers		
9	Fri	*RR	Duffin	The Barn	8:30
10	Sat	CT	Curley Custer	Florence Brasser School	8:30
10	Sat	IrS	Kennedy	Pardee School	8:00
12	Mon	**B&B	Marshall Flippo	West Ridge School	8:00
14	Wed	ES	Reilly	Kodak Office Auditorium	8:00
15	Thu	Gen	Harris	Cutler Union	8:00
16	Fri	**B&B	Tinkler	West Ridge School	8:00
17	Sat	Sw8	Tinkler	Iroquois School	8:15
19	Mon	**B&B	Bob Fisk	West Ridge School	8:00
19	Mon	**FA	Tucker	The Barn	8:00
21	Wed	ES	Harris	Kodak Office Auditorium	8:00
			Guest Night For Genesee Dancers		
23	Fri	*RR	Duffin	The Barn	8:30
24	Sat	CT	Tinkler	Florence Brasser School	8:15
24	Sat	IrS	Kennedy	Abraham Lincoln School	8:00
25	Sun	*RR	Lloyd Littman	The Barn	8:30
26	Mon	**B&B	Tinkler	West Ridge School	8:00
28	Wed	ES	Reilly	Kodak Office Auditorium	8:00
29	Thu	Gen	Reilly	Cutler Union	8:00
30	Fri	*RR	Duffin	The Barn	8:30

DECEMBER 1962

1	Sat	Sw8	Tinkler	Iroquois School	8:15
3	Mon	**FA	Tucker	The Barn	8:00
3	Mon	**B&B	Harris	West Ridge School	8:00
5	Wed	ES	Harris	Kodak Office Auditorium	8:00
6	Thu	Gen	Max Forsyth	Cutler Union	8:30
8	Sat	CT	Tinkler	Florence Brasser School	8:15
8	Sat	IrS	Kennedy	Pardee School	8:00
			Poinsettia Promenade		
10	Mon	**B&B	Tinkler	West Ridge School	8:00
12	Wed	ES	Reilly	Kodak Office Auditorium	8:00
			Guest Night For Irondequoit Squares		
13	Thu	Gen	Duffin	Cutler Union	8:00
14	Fri	*RR	Duffin	The Barn	8:30
15	Sat	Sw8	Sam Mitchell	Hosea Rogers School	8:00
17	Mon	**B&B	Harris	West Ridge School	8:00
17	Mon	**FA	Tucker	The Barn	8:00
19	Wed	ES	Harris	Kodak Office Auditorium	8:00
20	Thu	Gen	Harris	Cutler Union	8:00
21	Fri	**B&B	Tinkler	West Ridge School	8:00

* Invitation dance, except that club level dancers from out of town are welcome.

** Sem-open dance, requested that you call ahead to make arrangements.

CLUBS IN REVIEW.....

Editors Note...This is the first of a series of articles on the various clubs in the area.

GENESEE DANCERS, INC.

This is an excerpt from the Democrat & Chronicle, Rochester, N.Y. Thursday, October 4, 1956.

"Square and Round Dances Start Tonight.. Classes in square and round dancing will open tonight at the Barn under the sponsorship of the GENESEE DANCERS, with sessions scheduled on the first and third Thursdays of each month through December 20.

Charles Tucker who with his wife, Isabelle, organized the group a year ago said yesterday that the instructors will be Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Suedmeyer of Buffalo, N.Y., one of the top square dancing teams in Western New York.

THE GENESEE DANCERS met first in the Penfield Town Hall, with the Tuckers receiving assistance from Dr. & Mrs. Waldo Westwater and Mr. & Mrs. Harris Hammond. By February of this year the group had grown to the point where it was forced to move to larger quarters at the Barn".

The organization now has 93 active couple members and an instruction class of 13 squares. The Gannett Youth Barn became the headquarters of the GENESEE DANCERS and because most of the members received instruction there, it is still considered home even tho the Club dances are held each Thursday night at Cutler-Union.

The program of classes started with instruction every other week, progressed to a beginner and intermediate class of a limited number of lessons to the present weekly schedule of one instruction class per year.

ROUND DANCING has always been part of their square dance picture with Herb and Lou Suedmeyer introducing them and

Charlie and Isabelle Tucker working hard to have the club perfect them. During this time, sessions were held in Pardee School and later in Lincoln School.

The first workshop was with Bob Brundage on a Sunday afternoon and the first national caller was Ed Gilmore.

The club was declared a non-profit organization when it was incorporated in 1958. This year it is providing each member with a year's subscription to the Federation newspaper, thereby promoting more square dancing and giving its members some of the profit incurred from club activities.

The open dances, which are part of the program, are bringing all the clubs in close contact with the GENESEE DANCER CLUB. In sharing their nights of dancing, new friendships are made and the mutual bond of square dancing gives strength to the program and insures its future.

The following presidents have served through the years: Charles Tucker, Frank Cady, John Taille, George Kerridge, Loren Brown and Henry Meyers.

The instructors have been: Charlie Tucker, Herb Suedmeyer, Tink Tinkler, Jack Wilhelm, Buddy Stewart, Art Harris and Don Duffin.

... Bea Westwater

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Bill Fitzgerald, 38 Kirk Rd., represents the Century Club in this area?

Mike and Mary Prado's daughter, Rita, conducts the Romper Room program on Channel 13 from 9 'til 10 A.M. Monday thru Friday?

SYMPATHY

We wish to extend our sympathies to Kae and her family on the recent loss of her husband, Robert C. Didier. Bob had been serving as president of the Belles 'n Beaus this season and was also a charter member of the Rochester Callers' Assoc.

Our sympathies to caller "Hal" and Dink Mason on the sudden passing of their infant daughter, Melody.

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EARL JOHNSTON COMING TO RCA

On November 18th, the Rochester Callers Association will sponsor a workshop with Earl Johnston at the Echo Club, 26 Sobieski St. from 2 'til 9 P.M. There will be no dancing.

This session is open to anyone interested in any phase of calling. All are welcome. The fee is \$10.00 per couple and reservations are open until November 8th. Call Bob Brunshidle at ID 6-3635.

Earl Johnston of Vernon, Conn. is one of the few full-time National callers in New England. He has been calling for the past 18 years and is on the winter staff at Asilomar.

Earl has done much to assist new callers in getting started and because of the help he has received from some of the well-known Nationals, is a great believer in the sharing of information by callers.

...Myron Huss

WHERE'S BUSTER? HE'S STILL IN

TRAINING SAYS AUTHOR PRISTER

Readers of the first issue of what is now the PROMENADER were promised a scoop on a sequel of Bob Fisk's "Old Buster" to be written by Chuck Prister. Chuck's masterpiece, "Buster Strikes Back", was not quite ready for the battle as we go to press. So, let's hope it makes the next issue.

BETWEEN TIPS

with BEN BALDWIN

Ben is no stranger to dancers in the Rochester area. During his October travels to Rochester he remarked to PROMENADER the dancing level in the Rochester area and the western part of New York is consistently high, with very little high, high level and even less of low level dancing. His policy on calls which draw criticism from some quarters is to swing a bit with the punch, "give the dancers what they want, keep with the dancers".

Ben recalled the 1962 Dance-0-Rama and favored the split of dancers on two floors where the "hot shots" and the "relaxers" could each have their choice of calls. He is gen-

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CLUB NEWS

IRONDEQUOIT SQUARES

Again this year, the Squares will welcome all Rochester area dancers to our Poinsetta Promenade on Sat., December 8th, Pardee School. Admission is \$2.00 per couple. Door prizes and that special mixer will start the Holiday season. See you there.

The Squares welcome Ron and Vivian Clark as new members. They are a young couple recently moved here from Columbus, Ohio. On the other hand, we are sorry to have said our goodbyes to Don and Lois Brewer who have moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Don has a good position with a new firm.

We were happy to have danced 3 Saturdays with Bernie and Carmila Schotter of Sacramento. They are members of the Square Wheelers, one of 200 clubs in that area. It was a wonderful example of how square dancing can bring perfect strangers together for evenings of fun.

...Bob and Jan Boorum

SWINGIN' EIGHTS

If you missed him last year---DON'T December 15th. WHO? Why "Singing" Sam Mitchell of course, from Tucson, Arizona. WHERE? At Hosea Rogers School on Northfield Road in Irondequoit. TIME - 8 til 11:30 PM.

All club members in the Federation are invited and admission will be \$2.50 per guest couple. Be sure to get your tickets through either your club or any member of ours.

Friends and neighbors were invited to our last dance and a grand time was had by all. Cider (sweet of course) and doughnuts were served.

Jeannette and Ed Behrs, former members of the Swingin' Eights and Rollaways, are now living in Oklahoma City and write that there are 64 square dance clubs in that area. Most of the clubs dance twice a month but quote "you should see how they plan nice programs and refreshments".

...Norm Metzinger

DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

Don Clark was a Justice Of The Peace in Henrietta for eight years?

Earl and Verna Pike danced with Gloria Rios while vacationing in New England in October?

BELLES 'N BEAUS

The name of the club was Belles 'N Beaus. How was I supposed to know? Nobody ever tells me anything. They said I could continue dancing on Monday, but as a penalty for writing what I did last month, I would have to stop charging fifty cents to stay out of the sets.

I must admit that they are pretty good dancers, and yet the other night I saw at least two sets having trouble with a simple call like "allemande left, curly que your partner in Alamo style to a Daisy chain, half around the set to a wheel thru, and bow." They kept goofing up the BOW.

I don't know what they'll do when national callers, Marshall Flipppo comes on November 12th and Bob Fisk on November 19. By the way, these two dances are by invitation only, due to lack of elbow room, actually it is another part of the anatomy that needs the room, but they won't print the name of it.

I wish to report there were no weddings or new babies born this month. Do you suppose that we are dancing too much?

Still dancing, but not making any money.
...Hal Abberger

GENESEE DANCERS

The Genesee Dancers look forward to a very successful season. They have enrolled the largest beginners class in their history.

On October 11th they had the Lima Grand Squares and the Irondequoit Squares as their guests. During the evening Don Stumbo, who calls for the Lima group, called a tip and was given a big hand. Incidentally, Don was first introduced to Western Style square dancing two years ago in our beginners class.

Our secretary, Ruth Bestram, didn't hurt her foot dancing. An old injury forced the doctor to put her foot in a cast.

On September 30th, the Town of Henrietta formally rededicated the BARN. Taking

part in the activities were two sets of Genesees, all Henrietta residents, who put on a first class demonstration.

Included in the squares were: Tom and Helen Hall, Dick and Carrie Smith, Bill and Rhoda Sherwood, Joe and Rita Walsh, Bill and Pauline Robinson, Loren and Lois Brown, Dan and Helen Larry and Don and Dot Clark.

...Bea Meyers

FIDDLE A ROUNDS

Those who have the sentimental attachment for old, familiar places are pleased now that the club has moved its dancing site from the YMCA hall at Henrietta back to the Barn.

...El White

DID YOU KNOW THAT....

Bill Bartsch, a newcomer from Long Island, will call at the Rochester Y W C A on November 9?

Ben Baldwin entertained at several basement sessions during his recent engagements with the Rollaways and EKC-0 Squares?

BETWEEN TIPS (Cont'd.)

erally in favor of such an arrangement and endorses it.

When questioned about his apparent habit of not watching the dancers on the floor while calling, he said, "That's not completely true, I do watch the floor out of the corners of my eyes. True, I don't completely 'sight' call, but I tend to combine a bit of each. I don't follow any one set, I don't do it all in my mind either."

While picking out the record for the next tip, Ben said, "Fun is the important thing in this movement. I always end my dances with the call: 'Square dancin' belongs to everyone, the best things in life are free!'"

Amen, Brother Ben!

DID YOU KNOW THAT....

The George Kerridges, Ernie Johnsons, Mike Prados and Bill Bartschs recently attended the Les Gotcher workshop run by the Western New York Callers Assoc. in Buffalo?

EKC-0 SQUARES

October proved to be a busy month for EKC-0 Squares. During the month Ben Baldwin Jr., of Champagne, Ill. came to town and called one of his fine dances. Country Twirlers joined us to dance to the rhythm of "The Voice", Art Harris.

On the night of witches and goblins, the EKC-0 Squares "Hobo Club" under the leadership of "Bo" Reilly met in convention. Appropriately attired in unique and ragged garb, some were awarded prizes as the others cut merry capers throughout the evening.

They installed some of their fellow square dancers as officers for the 1962-63 season with Howard Ducker as president.

Our friends from all clubs are invited to come see what we have added to increase your joy in square dancing. May we remind Genesee Dancers that we are having your night on November 21st when Art Harris will keep your toes and ours tapping.

...John Welch

1963 DANCE-O-RAMA PLANS TAKE SHAPE

That annual, all day high spot of the area dancing calendar, DANCE-O-RAMA, is beginning to show on the horizon.

The 'RAMA's general chairman, Earl Stafford, reports that his full committee of helpers has been selected and that the first big, organizational meeting will take place in November, 1962.

Earl told PROMENADER that a total of 38 national callers had been contacted for availability on the big date (April 6, 1963) and that one has definitely been signed. One other national caller will soon be signed to complete the staff, aided by local club callers. The big dance will again be held at Cutler Union Building.

DID YOU KNOW THAT....

Fred and June Krasselt's son, Fred Jr., a good dancer in his own right, has enlisted in the Navy for four years and is stationed at the Great Lakes Training Center?

Jack and Ruth Garland have just returned from a Hawaiian Holiday?

ROCHESTER ROLLAWAYS

The first national caller of the season, Ben Baldwin, gave us our usual good dance on October 14th.

Gordon and Connie Nitsch, Walt and Lucille McKenna returned recently from the first Philadelphia Convention and commented that the dance level was good.

Our two disabled members, Ken Moyer and Kay Walsh are well on the way to recovery. Lois Moyer and Joe Walsh still kept in touch with an occasional dance with us. Bud and Claire Young are celebrating a wedding anniversary this month.

Rollaways will celebrate their 4th club anniversary on Nov. 30th, with coffee and goodies provided. Board of directors is preparing a tape session workshop for members to brush up on figures that are still called occasionally but not often enough to be fresh in one's mind. Arrangements are not complete at this time.

...Don Weekes

COUNTRY TWIRLERS

Our illustrious presidents, Mary Ann and Jim Higgins wish to express their appreciation to the members who submitted names for the beginners' group and to those who attended our open dance in Sept. Bob Brunshidle is doing a fine job of teaching the class the basic steps.

Vice-presidents Dot and Howard DeGrave are busy instructing a round dance class at Fairbanks Road School on Wednesday nites.

The Twirlers enjoyed dancing on Oct. 13th to callers from RCA. Will look forward to having them again. Keep up the good work, men.

Will tell you more next time about the ghosts and goblins that attended the hilarious Hallowe'en party on October 27th.

Don't forget the great Curley Custer dance, Nov. 10th at Florence Brassler School. Tickets are now available.

...Al & Esther Fiege

