



IT CAN BE DONE—And the youngsters are trying to whip through the intricate steps of The Charleston, now undergoing a revival that may vie with late "jitterbugging" for popularity. Here Delora Hedlund, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Hedlund of 814 Lincoln, goes through a few steps before the KUHS dancers at the after-game dance Friday night. Delora is a 1949 KU graduate now attending Southern Oregon college at Ashland.

Here We Go Again!

'Charleston' Doing Comeback; Will 'Shimmy' 'Toddle' Along?

By DAVE UNDERHILL
Is the Charleston coming back into popularity, or is it as dead as a "dodo-bird"? That question has been running through my mind for the last couple of weeks. So finally I decided to do something about it.

What Is It?
What is the Charleston? Well, according to Rand and McNally, it's a town in South Carolina, population about 121,000.

But according to mom and dad, kids, it's a destructive form of dancing that originated back in the rip-roaring '20s.

How is it done? Well, that's a mighty good question, and I wish I knew the answer. The other day I was given a private demonstration, and I'm still a bit dazed. But this is the impression I got.

Goes Like This
First you bend your knees, and make like a T-formation quarter-back ready to receive the pigskin. At the same time your toes are pointed inward. It helps to be a trifle pigeon-toed.

Then, with both feet on the ground, you pivot on two heels, wiggle a little bit this way, and wiggle a trifle in the other. Be sure, however, not to wiggle too much, or you'll get five yards for backfield in motion.

If, perchance, in this process you should get tied up in an Indian death lock, just call for "Gorgeous George." His fee is only \$1000 for an engagement.

Time Out
The last step is to signal the bench for a substitute. For by this time a person begins to feel like he has played 60 minutes against Frank Leahy's boys.

But we're getting off the beaten track. The purpose of this story was to find out if the Charleston is coming back into popularity.

So yesterday, with the help of Flo Ann Perkins, Herald and News high school correspondent, I took a survey poll at KUHS.

Surprise!
The results were eye-opening, at least to me. Five students said that this dance step, a hand-me-down from the jungles of South Africa, is definitely on the way back. Four intelligent individuals were quoted as saying that it was dead and buried, and two others were undecided.

So without further ado, or dilly-dallying, here is the way the boys and girls at KUHS feel about the Charleston and its problematical resurrection from the past:

Rosemary Murray, Pep Pepper president: "No, I don't think the Charleston is really coming back. It's just a novelty. I'd like to try it because it's tricky and it catches the eye but it takes too much energy to do so. I don't think it will ever really come back."

Dave Todd, president of Honor Society and football player: "A lot of people are trying it so I guess it's coming back. I don't like it myself. If I'm going to dance I want to dance, not see how far I can throw myself like jitterbugging."

Marilee Crawford, student body secretary: "Yes, I think the Charleston is coming back. All the girls are trying to learn it. I've tried it myself and I like it. It's kind of silly, but it's lots of fun to do."

Jean Mahan, Girls League president: "Yes, I've been trying to learn the Charleston. I think it would be swell to come back. It's lots of fun."

Wayne Carothers, student body president: "The Charleston isn't coming back entirely. Maybe in revised versions. It's showing up in the new steps. I've tried it, but I wouldn't like it to come back."

Peggy Dahlman, senior class secretary: "Oh, no, I hope it isn't coming back. I haven't tried it, but it looks strenuous. It doesn't appeal to me."

Bob Southwell, Latin club vice president: "The Charleston seems to be coming back more so than a couple of years ago. I've never tried it, but I will some day when I feel humorous. It looks like fun."

Bev Karnes, rally squad: "The Charleston is coming back in a way. A lot more kids are interested in it now than before. I like it. It's kind of cute. My mother showed me how to do it." (demonstrates).

Ronnie Sterland, senior class president: "No, I don't think the Charleston is coming back. I don't like it, but I've never tried to do it. It's too fast and too complicated."

Carmel Finnigan, rally squad: "A lot of kids have been trying to learn the Charleston. Some of the teachers were even showing them how. I'll learn too if everyone else does. What I've seen of it, it looks kind of silly. I tried it once, but it didn't work."

Well, That's That
So there you are, folks. The Charleston is on its way back. And if perchance, you should see me wiggle-wagging down Main street, don't get the wrong impression. I like to keep abreast of the times, and will just be taking a fling at the Charleston.



PEACE PRIZE WINNER — Baron Boyd Orr of Montrose, Scotland, president of the world wide movement for a world federalist government, was chosen as the 48th winner of the Nobel Peace prize. Orr stated he would contribute the \$30,172 prize to further a world federalist government.

Less Fun, More Pull

Tractors Steal Dobbin's Thunder in Pull Contest

SWAYZEE, Ind. (AP)—Those pesky tractors are threatening to take over another activity from ole Dobbin—weight pulling contests.

Matching teams of horses to see which can pull the heaviest load has been a top notch country sport for many years, and still is.

This year, however, a flurry of tractor-pulling contests has broken out over Indiana and more than a score were held.

They don't pull the crowds that the horses do, but the state championship contest held here recently attracted more than 4000 people, to see the 140 tractors pull during a 14-hour program.

The state team pulling contest this year drew 10,000.

Fine Points
Tractor pulling lacks the animation of horses, straining and groaning to the shouts and commands of their drivers, but it has its fine points.

The farm hands who boast of the prowess of their mechanical mounts are fast learning many things which will give more pull from their machines. There are several schools of thought along this line.

Some believe in weighting down the rear end of the tractors, arguing that gives more traction before

the big rubber tired wheels begin to slip and spin.

Another Idea
Others believe it is best to weigh the front end with the idea that holding the front wheels on the ground gives more traction before the maximum is reached.

Tractors, when put into a hard pull, will lift their own front wheels into the air. That's one of the dangers of the business.

Gimmicks
The sporty farm boys use many gimmicks to get more traction. They load their tractors with sand bags, log chains, extra wheels and such devices.

One driver put two extra wheels on each side of his drivers. It didn't win him the championship, but it gave the tractor the weird look that it might be a super-mechanical gadget.

Tractors pull in weight classes. The state championships were di-

vided into four classes, under the following weights, 3200, 4500 and 6000 pounds and the unlimited class, 6000 pounds and over.

To qualify for the lighter weights a driver often will strip off fenders and all unnecessary parts, then put them back on for a higher weight and add still more for another heavier weight.

Any size tractor can win the grand championship — in fact a lightweight driven by Gene Ahlfield, 21-year-old farmer of Rosam, Ind., won the championship this year.

The rating is on the basis of percentage of weight pulled. Ahl-

field pulled 7175 pounds of iron rails on a sled 32 inches. This was 185 per cent efficiency, based on the weight of his tractor.

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