



WHAT'S MORE FITTING background for a square dance than grain straw and old wagon wheels and horse collars hanging from a wooden peg? Glenn Walker, left, agrees with Lucile Edwards that a barn is a fine spot to "Dive For the Oyster, Dive For the Clam, Dive For the Sardine, Take a Full Can." Lawrence Edwards, right, agrees with Mrs. Edwards and Glenn Walker. There are four square dance clubs in the Klamath area, the Bachelors and Bachelorettes, Do-Si-Do, Keno Promenaders and Merry Mixers.



LITTLE FOLKS DROP TO SLEEP to the sing-song lilt of "Up the river, up the bend, meet your honey, turn back again." Parents frequently must take their children or lose out on the fun and small, blonde Debby Brisbon is no exception. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brisbon. Daddy is president of the Merry Mixers. Here she clings to hand of Bill Mayhew, local caller who chants dancers into mesmerized moods, while she looks with doubtful eye on alarm clock worn by Clarence Hundly, Tulelake who has danced "halfway across the nation, in squares and rounds."

Guest Callers Spark Dances

Guest callers for square dancers and hometown callers too, stand on a special pedestal all their own.

For the semi-professionals, calling is a sideline or part-time employment. Once in the game, demands increase and many is the caller who could leave his cozy fireside every night in the week to "Roll the Hoop, Ball the Jack, Meet Your Honey, Turn Right Back."

Professional callers earn bread and butter and baby's shoes, with their musical cadences. They often travel around the country for several months during the year, calling a dance each night in a different locality.

Many of them are artists in other fields, producing records of dances and calls. A few publish square dance periodicals which keep dancers posted on the "goings-on" of clubs across the country, new costumes, new ideas. Others have been identified with motion pictures, the directing of dances in scenes and appear on television and radio.

Engaging a professional for a dance is a big event for a club. Among local callers are B. M. Antle, J. D. Stanley and Bill Mayhew.

Lakeview Dancers Sponsor Jamboree

LAKEVIEW—The first big jamboree sponsored by the Alkali Gliders square dancing club of Lakeview proved a distinct success during the two-day session here Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14, according to Forrest Cooper, general chairman of the event.

Dancers and callers came from Klamath Falls, Medford, Red Bluff, Eugene, Alturas, Lockport, Paisley and Fort Rock. Master of ceremonies was Mel Stricklett of Portland.

Approximately 100 guests attended the potluck dinner at the A. D. Hay School Saturday evening and enjoyed the dancing which started at 8 o'clock. Breakfast was served Sunday morning at the Memorial hall of the courthouse and dancing started again that afternoon at 1 o'clock and lasted till 5 at the Hay School. Both round and square dancing were enjoyed.

Square dancing is playing a big part in the entertainment of large groups of people in Lake County. Enthusiasm started with a group sponsored by the Eastside Grange and, although not an organized club, grangers and friends are still strong in attendance during the first, third and fifth Wednesday nights at the grange hall in New Pine Creek. Claude and Velma Newcombe and Carroll and Amy Cloud keep the group in high gear with instructions in round and square dancing for all age groups. The first teaching was done to records but now there are guest callers at most of the meetings. Six squares are about the capacity of the hall and the dancers include various ages, with many teen-agers from the surrounding area finding it an enjoyable outlet for their enthusiasm.

The two clubs in Lakeview are the Alkali Gliders and the Merry Mixers. The Gliders meet every second Tuesday and fourth Thursday at the Arthur D. Hay School. There are 35 couples in this group and more are invited. The callers include Hank Kuempel, Roy Mulkey, Wilbert Cooper, George Jaska, Colvin Tidwell, Buck Elliott and Velma Newcombe.

The Merry Mixers, with 89 members, meet every Monday evening at 7:30 at the Fairview Community Center. The main caller is Colvin Tidwell, and others are

invited. They stage a party night on the fourth Saturday of every month to which the public is invited. At various times they have had periods of instruction classes for beginners.

Although everyone interested is invited, there is a special invitation to the teen-age group to attend the instruction classes on the first and third Fridays of each month at the courthouse memorial hall. Mrs. Newcombe gives her time and the use of a public address system and records for these instructions. This is all an opportunity to learn calling, or a practice period for callers who are brushing up on their work. There is no charge for instructions. For the past four years Mrs. Newcombe has attended the folk dance camp at the College of the Pacific in Stockton to learn new dances and pass them on to her various classes at home.

Last year a club was started at Paisley which draws dancers from Fort Rock, Silver Lake and Summer Lake. Colvin Tidwell of Lakeview is the caller and instructor for this group.

'Knothead's' Are Veterans

"Knothead's" are members of a club who have taken four couples and traveled at least 100 miles to attend an open square dance or visit a club.

During the visit, the guests fill out an application blank for membership which is signed by the caller of the club visited. This in turn is sent to a Portland address accompanied by a small fee which covers the cost of a "Knothead" badge, bearing the owner's name, address and name of the club in which he is a member.

"Once a Knothead, always a Knothead," for there are no dues or fees once membership is established.

Membership is increasing by leaps and bounds for not even icy roads, balky cars, lost kittens or prospective matrimony keeps a Knothead home.



SQUARE DANCE GROUPS all over the Klamath Basin take part in varied civic activities. One group helps with the March of Dimes campaign, cash has been given to the Ward Memorial Park for the children's wading pool after the club danced on the two new tennis courts at the park, and floats are entered in parades. Club members also travel long distances to take part in other club dances. The members observe special holidays with costume parties and picnics are held during the summer.

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