

# Miami Valley Dance News



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## AL AND LORETTA BROKAMP

by Margaret O'Hara and Peg Tulipan

Lucky Dayton! Because they just might have decided to stay in "Cincy", where they were both reared, you know. We're speaking of Al Brokamp and Loretta--his wonderful wife.

In Cincinnati Al was known as "that Brokamp boy next door". Yes, it was that sort of situation--they grew up together and, as frequently happens, "married and lived happily everafter". They have two children: Celeste and Jimmy. Since becoming Mrs. Schroerluke a few years ago, Celeste has made them the proud grandparents of two little girls.

Like so many other square dance callers, Al does not devote all of his time to "Calling". He devotes the greater part of his time to that task so familiar to most of us, making a living. When we asked Al what he did for a living he did sort of a double-take and asked, "Now, or what have I done?" Then he said that at various times he had done such things as work in a machine shop and served as a draftsman in a drafting room, but that for a number of years he has been an Electro-typer at McCalls.

Well, this sort of brings you up to date on what the Brokamps did prior to becoming interested in square dancing.

There was the Eintracht Singing Society which they joined in about 1950 and which featured some dancing also. In fact there was enough square dancing in it, that Al and Loretta decided that they'd better take some dancing lessons if they wanted to keep up with the group. They heard about the fairly new Dayton Folk Dance Club, which at that time included square dancing in its program, so they joined that club too.

Another neighborhood club.....

was formed with Burkhardt Center as the meeting place, this club was called the East Dayton Community Activities Club. It just seemed natural that Al was elected President of this group. It was likewise natural that he introduced them to square dancing, using recorded calls, of course. As this group grew it longed to spread its wings and accomplish something more difficult.

Drastic fund limitations automatically eliminated hiring a caller, so it was up to someone in the club to "volunteer" to call. (Are you beginning to get the picture?) Fortunately Mike Solomon was conducting lessons for square dance callers, so Al attended these lessons. Upon completion of the series he "volunteered" to call for Each Dayton, and is still calling for this group twice a month. All who have ever attended know what a good job he and Loretta do with this group.

Al works with playground activities at various City Centers during the summer and is a regular caller at the Walnut Hills Jamboree. He feels that everyone benefits tremendously through participation in the Jamboree and adds his earnest plea that E-V-E-R-Y-O-N-E join in, this year on Wednesday, August 24th, to make the Jamboree a huge success. Our potential square dancers come from people who go there and see us having so much fun. And we all know we need fresh new dancers to keep our clubs alive and growing--so--come to Walnut Hills and capture some new ones this year.

Al's modesty prevents his pointing out how much effort he expends on keeping dancing going in Dayton. He puts on programs



for Goodwill, and for the Veterans Administration Center regularly. The high esteem and appreciation of his work by those who dance to him regularly testify to Al's outstanding contribution to dancing in the Dayton area.

As you can judge from the foregoing, Al has been a faithful and dependable worker for many years. More recently he has served as Treasurer of the Miami Valley Dance Leader's Association and Program Chairman on the Dayton Square Dance Club Council.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS  
by Maryann Woolery

Congratulations to the Reays--their first baby! Now you know what we mean--their first recorded dance! Their composition, THE LIGHT FANTASTIC, has recently been released under a Sets In Order label. Their pattern of steps set to a medley of the Gay Nineties aires, is a real pleasure to execute.

Even the Smiths have sent their congratulations. By now many of you have purchased this record and we hope you are enjoying this new dance as much as we are--and we do mean ENJOY. Our hats off to you Elnor and Bryce. We, Merry-antics, are real proud of you.

Looking backward a bit, we hope our many friends who helped support our Kronenberger dance had lots of fun too! Our thanks for coming.

FIFTH ANNUAL SUMMER WEEK-END  
MIAMI VALLEY ROUND DANCERS  
FEATURING THE HAMILTONS

CENTER AISLERS OF OTHER YEARS

JULY

- 3 Dorothy & Merle Ryan
- 12 Peg & John Tulipan
- 17 Margaret & John O'Hara

AUGUST

- 3 Nellie & Jack Turner
- 7 Muriel & Steve St. John
- 23 Marguerite & T rue Titus

WALNUT HILLS SQUARE DANCE JAMBOREE  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24! GET YOUR NEW  
CLUB MEMBERS HERE!!!! COME AND GET  
'EM!!!!

WE'LL BE SEENG THEM!!  
by Ralph Finch

All of you have read and heard much about the U-2, we hope that most of this is dying out, but you will start hearing a lot about "C-U in '62" for the next 18 months. This is, of course in reference to the FOURTH ANNUAL BUCKEYE SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CONVENTION that will be held in Dayton, Ohio on May 4, 5 and 6, 1962. Be sure to make a notation, both mental and written, of this date. Talk about it and sell it. It will require a lot of talking and selling to everyone in Dayton, and in Ohio, to make this a success.

We feel that we are considered very important to be picked, or allowed, to have this convention in Dayton. This will be only the fourth convention to have been held in this state. The first one was in Columbus in 1959, this year it was in Cleveland; and in 1961 it will be in Toledo. All of these are larger cities, and in areas of more dance activity. This will be a very big undertaking and will require the help of every dancer and club in this area. The convention Bureau of Dayton says this will be the largest convention they have every been called on to help.

Members of other convention committees have commented that we have the near perfect hall in which to hold a dance convention. The floor and sound are nearly perfect for this type convention, of course we are speaking of Wamplers' Ballarena.

As a member of the Steering Convention and Nomination Committee I hope for your complete cooperation and will welcome constructive suggestions.

MIAMI VALLEY ROUND DANCERS AGAIN  
FEATURE THE HAMILTONS

Maybe "Daisies won't tell, but I will. "The Hamiltons" those wonderful people from Pasadena, California, will be here to conduct our fifth Round Dance Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, July 9 and 10, at the Community Golf Club Pavilion. See you there?



# THE BARN

by Peg Tulipan

Have you noticed my Square Dance purse? It is my pride and joy and I want to thank "Doc" Campbell, for all of the time and effort he put into the making of it. It proved to be the "B elle of the Ball" at the Cleveland Convention. If I happened to set it down in one of the "stores" at the convention, people were always trying to buy it, and the shop owners to find out where I got it. Thanks "Doc", I think you can retire and get rich by building barn purses.

JOIN THE THINKING DANCERS ON  
JULY 9-10

THE COMMUNITY CLUB PAVILION WITH  
MIAMI VALLEY ROUND DANCERS AND  
THE H-A-M-I-L-T-O-N-'S .

FONTANA FUN FEST  
by Millie Boehringer (Al's Taw)

The Second Fontana Fun Fest was held May 25-29 at Fontana Village, N. Carolina. We (Al & Millie Boehringer) were ably assisted by Pat & Irma Celanto teaching rounds. John Stewart, A.B. Coleman and Jamie Newton (the clown prince of square dance calling) were the staff callers with Jay Orr from the village and four other guest callers assisting. The attendance was double that of the first Fun Fest held in Sept. '59. A total of 127 were registered from Ohio, Tenn., Ga., N & S Carolina, Va., Ala., Fla. and N.Y. In the evenings, local people attended making a total of 18 or more squares.

The very reasonable price includes all meals lodging, dancing and after party snack. The callers are very versatile and call both hash and old and new singing calls. The band (Fontana Ramblers) is the best for square dancing we have ever encountered. There are other activities for those not wishing to attend all of the dance sessions. There is always a skit at the after-parties. Ask Al about the beauty contest as he participated as Miss Ohio. However, he was beat out of first prize by Miss Alabama.

We wish to extend an invitation to all of our round and square dance friends to attend the fall Fun Fest to be held Sept. 7 thru the 10th. Incidentally they also provide baby sitting service if you wish to take your youngsters with you. WE GUARANTEE YOU WILL HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24 !!!!  
WALNUT HILLS SQUARE DANCE  
JAMBOREE



BIRTHDAYS  
HAVE NOT  
MADE THESE PEOPLE



"TOO OLD TO CUT THE MUSTARD ANYMORE"

## JULY

- |    |               |                             |
|----|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 1  | Al Heideman   |                             |
| 3  | Grace Wolff   |                             |
| 5  | Katie Young   |                             |
| 16 | Peg Tulipan   | (This is really my age-men- |
| 20 | Ralph Batsche | tally)                      |
| 23 | Mark Sumner   |                             |

## AUGUST

- |    |                   |
|----|-------------------|
| 4  | Allen Rammelsoerg |
| 7  | True Titus        |
| 9  | Mary Sumner       |
| 18 | Bill Wolff        |
| 20 | Ross Shafor       |
| 28 | Cora Clark        |

## ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN

If you don't agree with this statement, just ask Macey and Hoppy Parrack. It really was an automobile accident that blackened Macey's sparkling eyes, and not "Hop". Fortunately they were not seriously injured. However, Hop's mother was not so fortunate. She had to have several stitches to close her wounds. I guess the car was the most complete casualty of all. We are glad that just it was no more serious.

WANT NEW MEMBERS FOR YOUR  
DANCE CLUBS????? COME OUT  
TO WALNUT HILLS JAMBOREE  
AND SHOW THEM HOW MUCH FUN  
DANCERS HAVE.



### BUCKEYE CONVENTION

The Second Annual Buckeye Convention held in Cleveland May 13, 14 and 15, was a "real ball". There were several Daytonians there. Some of us had to work, others just went to have fun, but all of us agreed that our hosts from the Cleveland area did a great job. We want to thank the chairmen, and all of the committee members for giving us such a fine convention.

There were good callers and leaders from all areas of the state, the program varied, there was always something interesting to do. With all of these ingredients the event was assured of success even before the first musical note sounded, and successful it was.

The Round Dance portion of the Convention had the goal of "Something for Everyone". There were Easy Rounds, Intermediate Rounds and Advanced Rounds. There were workshops of all types. There were demonstrations by three Round Dance groups:

An "Adult Group" from Toledo demonstrated a Waltz Quadrille.

A "Teenage Group" from Akron gave a Round Dance demonstration.

The Cleveland area demonstration included members from each of the six Round Dance clubs of the city.

The Square Dance portion showed equally good planning. There was something for each level of dancing. It also showed that Ohio has a number of excellent callers.

We were delighted to learn that "THE READERS DIGEST" magazine is planning an article on Square Dancing. Watch for it! We were equally delighted and charmed by Beth Day, the competent READERS DIGEST representative, who covered the Second Annual Buckeye Convention.

### HAMILTON WEEKEND JULY 9-10

**SOMEBODY MISUNDERSTOOD!!!**

OOPS! Some of you don't know that YOU must send in your news. If you don't like the kind of coverage you and your favorite people are getting, it's because you aren't sending it in. Write it in, and it will be printed. Make yourself your club's reporter! That is in case your club does not already have a reporter, if it has a reporter, see that he gets the news!

### AT WALNUT HILLS JAMBOREE

YOU'RE THE ONE WE WANT TO SEE WED. AUG. 24

MR. WINDSOR SAYS, "THANKS" FOR  
DAYTON STATE HOSPITAL NIGHT.

On May 13 members of the Miami Valley Dance Council clubs brought their gifts of games, toys, play equipment, fishing poles, etc., to the Whirlaways Dance for the Dayton State Hospital.

When Ross Shafor, Whirlaways Press, took the things out to the hospital, the director of the Recreation Department said that they were exactly the kind of things they needed. He asked Ross to give his thanks to all of you dancers, as he said the patients will certainly enjoy your gifts. Ross thought that some of you might still have some of these things at home, and not have had a chance to give them, or know if they were just the sort of things that were wanted. He thought you might be glad to bring more gifts if you had this information.

Again, dancers, thank you for helping those less fortunate than you.

### SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Anita Reiplinger in the loss of her Mother, Mrs. Olive Moore. Mrs. Moore passed from this life, Thursday, May 26th.

### POOR BETTY!

Did you know why we have been missing Betty Cooley around the dances? Well, it seems that Betty came out the looser when she went down for the count. She suffered the worst thing that could happen to any dancer, she broker her foot!!!!

### CONGRATULATIONS "ALEX"

Another dancer deserves our congratulations! No, he isn't getting married--Alex already has a charming taw, Dottie. On the second week of June "Alex" Alexander will receive his Master's Degree from the University of Maryland. So, you'll miss them on the 2nd Friday in June, and it will be because of this "previous engagement" at the University of Maryland. Good for you Alex!



CALENDAR OF DANCES IN JULY AND AUGUST

JULY			AUGUST		
DATE	SYMBOL	EVENT	DATE	SYMBOL	EVENT
F 1	#	Dayton Squares-Helt	M 1	¢	Circlettes-Boehringers
S 2	#	Buttons & B ows-McDevitt	T 2	#	D.Round Dance Club-McDevitt
	*	Just Us	W 3	*	Merryantics-Ritter
T 5	#	Dayton Round Dance Club-McDevitts		#	Boots & Ruffles-McDevitt
W 6	*	Merryantics-Ritter	Th 4	#	M.Valley Folk Dancers-Wolff
	#	Boots & Ruffles-McDevitt	F 5	#	D. Squares-Forsythe
Th 7	#	M. Valley Folk Dancers-Wolff	S 6	#	Buttons & Bows
F 8	#	Whirlaways Squares-Davis		*	Just us
S 9	#	HAMILTON WEEKEND-MIAMI VALLEY	M 8	#	M.Valley Sq. Dance Club
	*	Round Dancers (Wolff-Leader)	T 9	#	M.Valley Rd. Dancers-Wolff
	#	Bow & Swing-Heideman	W 10	*	Merryantics-Ritter
S 10	#	HAMILTON WEEKEND-Miami Valley		¢	Circle 8's
		Round Dancers	Th 11	#	M.Valley Folk Dancers-Wolff
M 11	#	M. Valley Sq. Dance Clubs	F 12	#	Whirlaways Squares-Davis
T 12	#	M. Valley Rd. Dancers-Wolff	S 13	@	Gay Squares-Tawawa Park, Sidney
W 13	*	Merryantics-Ritter			Davis
	¢	Circle 8's	13	*	Bow & Swing-Heideman
Th 14	#	Miami Valley Folk-Wolff			Merryantics-McDevitt
F 15	#	D. Squares-Burnside	M 15	¢	Circlettes-E. Boehringer
S 16	#	Knollwood Dancers	T 16	#	D.Round Dance Club-McDevitts
		N o "Boots & Ruffles	W 17	*	Merryantics-Ritter
M 18	¢	Circlettes-E.Boehringers		#	Boots & Ruffles-McDevitt
T 19	#	D. Round Dance Club-McDevitts	Th 18	#	M.Valley Folk Dancers-Wolff
W 20	#	Boots & Ruffles-McDevitt	F 19	#	D.Squares-McDevitt
	*	Merryantics-Ritter	S 20	#	Knollwood Dancers
Th 21	*	M. Valley Folk Dancers-Wolff	M 22	#	M.Valley Square Dancers
F 22	#	Whirlaways Squares-Davis	T 23	#	M.Valley Rd. Dancers-Wolff
S 23	@	Gay Squares-Tawawa Park, Sidney	W 24	X	WALNUT HILLS JAMBOREE
S 24	*	Kissin' Kuzzins		*	Merryantics-Ritter
M 25	#	M.Valley Sq. Dancers		¢	Circle 8's
T 26	#	M. Valley Rd. Dancers-Wolff	Th 25	#	M.Valley Folk Dancers-Wolff
W 27	*	Merryantics-Ritter	F 26	#	Whirlaways Squares-Davis
	¢	Circle 8's	S 28	*	Kissin' Kuzzins
Th 28	#	M. Valley Folk Dancers-Wolff	T 30	#	D.Round Dance Club-McDevitts
	@@	Family Activities (Covered	W 31	*	Merryantics
		Dish) - Brokamp		¢	Combined Boots & Ruffles and
F 29	#	Combined City Clubs			Circle 8's
		Ron Schneider			

KEY TO SYMBOLS:

- # Dayton Community Dance Pavilion (Hills & Dales)
- \* Private Club-space limited (Call: Merryantics CL 3-6352; Bow & Swing AX 3-7760; Just Us AX 9-4306; Kissin' Kuzzins TE 6-6230.
- ¢ Civilian Club Wright Patte son AFB., Ohio Route 444, Area "A"
- @ Outdoors (weather permitting) Tawawa Park Sidney, Ohio
- @@ Triangle Park, Dayton, Ohio



Summary of Miami Valley Dance Council Minutes  
Meeting, Dayton City Recreation Office  
June 6, 1960

The previous meeting was April 11, 1960

Treasurers report \$5,552.93 on hand.

Ralph Finch reported that we got the bid for the 1962 convention. He attended the State Committee meeting in Cleveland. The Biltmore is holding a block of rooms. Mr. Wampler signed an agreement contract to hold dates May 5th and 6th, Saturday and Sunday. \$1,600 is the price of Wampers for Saturday and Sunday.

We accepted the week-end of May 4,5,6 for the convention.

The Biltmore Ballroom will hold comfortably 76 squares and Wampler's will hold 352 squares.

It was suggested also that the convention committee remain the same even though the council will change by '62.

The following are chairmen and committees:  
Co-ordinator of Committees - Mike Solomon  
General Chairman - Harold Garrett  
Registration - Rose Graziano  
Publicity Co-chairman - Floyd Butterbaugh  
Al Boehringer

Program - Bud Ritter  
Hospitality - Irene Miller  
Transportation Co-chairman - Ross Shafor  
Norman Woodford  
Sound - Al Brokamp

Fall Festival's October 23rd Sunday afternoon and evening name has been changed to "Autumn Square and Round Up". It will be held at the Civitan Club. "Bring 'em and swing 'em will be used as a slogan.

The following committees and chairmen for the "Autumn Square and Round Up" were renamed and two additional ones were named:

Program Chairman - Ross Shafor  
Publicity - Fred Hettinger  
Hospitality - Irene Miller  
Assoc. Chairman - Rose Graziano  
Facilities & Sound - Norman Woodford  
Rickets - Horace Parrack  
Assoc. Chairman - Ralph Finch  
Decorations - Harold Garrett  
Refreshments - Art & Gladys Davis

Insurance was brought up again in connection with the Autumn Square and Round Up by Ralph Finch. He was appointed to look into it. Al Boehringer is to see Bill Wolff on it.

City wide square dance is Wednesday, August 24th, rain date August 25th at Walnut Hills Tennis Courts. The Council will back the Jamboree by being responsible for 1 set from each club to participate in the Jamboree as well as to jointly put on 2 exhibition dances with all 15 square dance clubs. Also to help man the registration booth. Miami Valley Folk Dance Club, Miami Valley Round Dance Club and the Dayton Round Dance Club will have exhibitions and participation type dances. There will also be some community singing during breaks.

Meeting was adjourned.

Eleanor Kurtz, Secretary