

DATE 'N 8'S

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Opal + Marshall Alley

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TO THE SELECTION COMMITTEE. In nominating Opal and Marshall Alley as the Honor Roll Couple of 1985, we wish to present the following--

In Chicago, a young sailor attended a USO square dance in 1943. On that day, Marshall Alley and the world of square dance were exposed to each other. It was a case of true love. Marshall returned to the Miami Valley, and he and Opal met at a square dance.

In 1960, the Alleys took Western square dance lessons at Cornell Heights School. They joined the Gold Crown Square Dance Club at old Frigidaire Park. By this time, they had become addicted to square dancing. For all these many years, they have been familiar figures at many area dances. They were, and are, forever willing to help fill a square or just be there to help new dancers learn. On many winter nights, they could be found at dance classes at Frigidaire Park or Michael Solomon Pavilion acting as "angels" --always smiling, always cheerfully helping those who stumble or those who can't tell left from right.

Opal and Marshall have capably served in many capacities in square dance circles. In 1962, they worked at their first state convention; it was held at Hara Arena in Dayton and was sponsored by the Miami Valley Dance Council. For the Buckeye convention held in Dayton in 1973, Marshall and Opal were chairmen of the House and Grounds Committee. As Dayton hosted the state convention in 1976, 1979, and again in 1982, Opal has willingly and capably loaned her talents to the Sewing Room Committee. This above average couple has been actively involved in every club in which they have held membership: In 1968-1969, Opal acted as publicity chairman for a new club--the Two by Fours. At that same time, Marshall was chairing the Program Committee for the Whirlaways. They were chairmen of the Date 'N 8 Club in 1972-1973; they were treasurers for the Two by Fours at the same time. In 1979-1980, they became treasurers for the Date 'N 8's. Opal, with her wide knowledge of sewing, has helped plan and design club dresses for both the Two by Fours and the Date 'N 8's. Marshall and Opal are acquainted with many good callers; therefore, Marshall contracted callers at one time for the Date 'N 8 Club. ~~In 1982~~, they functioned as chairmen of the Kitchen Committee for the Date 'N 8's. No task is too big or too small for this extraordinary pair, and every job is performed in a superior fashion. Opal and Marshall have the exceptional ability to fill any position and to work happily with all.

At this time, they are active members in the Dayton Square Dance Club, the Whirlaways, the Two by Fours, and the Date 'N 8's. So interested in square dancing are they, that they have attended national dance conventions in Texas, California, and Kentucky. They have taken square dance vacations in Michigan and New York. They usually attend the Buckeye conventions, enjoying and participating in them fully.

Although quiet and unassuming about it, they are thoroughly dedicated to square dancing--thus, they are also completely dedicated to helping others learn to square dance well. They are so enthusiastic and comfortable to be with that they make square dancing fun for any and all dancers with whom they come in contact. Whether high level or beginning dancing, it doesn't matter, they laugh and say, "We just like to square dance."

Marshall and Opal are always there when needed. They have participated in the area of square dance far beyond the call of duty, loving every minute of it. It is a privilege to know and dance with them. It is with pleasure and pride that we nominate them as the Miami Valley Dance Council Honor Roll Couple of 1985.

Respectfully submitted,

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