

**JIM DISHNER
GRAY, TENNESSEE**

James R. Dishner began square dancing in the fall of 1975 when he joined a class sponsored by Johnson City Grand Squares. Upon completion of classes he joined Johnson City Grand Squares and Eastman Squares of Kingsport. He is currently a member of Circle Left Square Dance Club of Erwin and Eastman Squares of Kingsport. He has served as president and vice president of all three clubs. He has also served, at various times, as his club*s representative to the local association, Mountain Empire Square and Round Dance Association

In 1978 Jim worked with others to create our local association. He has served as president, vice president, and secretary of that association. Jim has organized several special dances for the association to help raise the level of the square dancing experience for local dancers.

Jim has served on the board of the Tennessee State Association of Square and Round Dance Clubs, Inc. as Area Vice President and as Delegate for Area VI at various times over the years.

Jim served as Assistant Chairman of the 8th State Convention and as the General Chairman of the 12th State Convention. He also served as Consultant to the General Chairman of the 20th State Convention.

His service to square dancing is not limited to local and state matters. He has also served as a committee chairman of the 29th National Convention.

When you go to a dance in Area VI, you are likely to meet Jim and his wife Carolyn. If you go to the local association meeting, Jim and Carolyn will be there as always promoting square dancing with the zeal of a true believer.

Without them square dancing in Area VI and the State of Tennessee would not be the same.