

**DON AND CATHY WILCOX
SEYMOUR, TENNESSEE**

Don and Cathy have been so valuable in square dancing. When the going gets rough they have the words to sooth and encourage.

Don and Cathy first discovered square dancing in Waverly, NY while still in high school. A caller in Waverly opened his home to teach square dancing. Don says this was wonderful in the war years because the house was within walking distance -- rationed gas or tires were not needed. A food counter in the home made it possible to buy your date a drink or a snack. The caller and his family each played a musical instrument. After Don returned from World War II, he and Cathy went back to school to complete their education. In 1970, they joined a beginner class in Knoxville and have been doing rounds and squares ever since.

Don and Cathy were most valuable in the early days of the state association. Don was working to help organize the Tennessee State Association of Square and Round Dance Clubs. They served as Area Coordinator (before they were called Area Vice Presidents), Corresponding Secretary and other jobs so Tennessee could organize and get ready to bid for a National Convention. Locally, they have held the jobs of the five clubs in KSDA. Two times Don has held the job as Council Chairman, Secretary and Dogwood Festival Chairman. They have headed the committee for the Dogwood Festival program book and the committee to secure advertisement for this book. On "clean-up/fix-up" committees they take the dirtiest jobs for themselves. They do not spread gossip, are not afraid of hard work, are cheerful, and they always have a smile and offer encouragement to others.