

**DON AND MILDRED WILLIAMSON
GREENEVILLE, TENNESSEE**

Meet Don Williamson, Mr. Square Dancing of East Tennessee. From dancer, to caller, to teacher, to recording dance records, few have been involved in square dancing longer than Don. Don and Mildred began dancing about 38 years ago, and soon after that he began calling. He has called and taught square dance classes on all levels from Basic to C1 (and once called some C2, he says).

He has also taught many callers and has conducted many seminars and caller schools over the years. He is a Callerlab certified caller coach. A member of Callerlab, Don has been on the board of directors and the executive board of Callerlab. Don does not limit his calling just to his local area; he has called in every state in the United States except two and internationally as well, having called in Canada, England, and Germany. He has also written calls that are on the active list, such as Flutter Wheel and Reverse Flutter Wheel.

Don owns his own recording company, Red Boot Records, and recording studio. This not only allows Don to produce square dance records to popular songs, but other callers as well record under the Red Boot label. Two years ago Don was honored by the Governor of Oklahoma and made an honorary citizen of that state in recognition of his popular recording of the show tune, "Oklahoma!"

If you wished to limit your description of Don*s calling to two terms, they would be almost infinite patience and smooth dancing. Don has never tried to embarrass dancers, rather will always encourage them and try to help them learn to make the proper moves smoothly. Naturally everyone responds positively to this kind of instruction.

Don is already a member of the North Carolina Square Dance Hall of Fame. It looks like we of his home state have been a little slow to give him the recognition he so richly deserves; it's about time we made up for this tardiness!

