

People Worth Knowing

by *Carmen Schweers*

Pioneers in folk and square dancing in the Sacramento area, and still active, are Catherine and Lawrence Jerue. They started their folk and square dancing career in 1940. By 1946 they were teaching. They started a youth group in the Carmichael area as teachers. From 1946-1953 they taught various groups and places, such as, Double D Dancers; a group at McClelland Field; an Army and Navy Officers Club; a group in Fruitridge Manor area, and an adult and youth group in the Catholic Church and the Ardeneros. They have been members of several clubs during their folk and square dance career, some of them were Double D Dancers, Ardeneros, Sacramento Folk Dancers, Mavericks and Circle Square Folk and Square Dancers. They were officers in the Sacramento Folk Dancers and Circle Square Dancers. Lawrence is a past president of Circle Square and is the present Treasurer.

Lawrence is the President of the Sacramento Council of Folk Dance Clubs this year. He was Vice President of the Council last year. Lawrence and Roy Brown are Co-Chairmen of the Third Camellia Festival and Pageant to be held in Sacramento on March 16, 1958. The first teenage festival for the Sacramento area was held this year as a part of the Council and City Recreation program.

Catherine and Lawrence have a large Colonial style home, almost in the country, near Carmichael, which has been enjoyed by many folk and square dancers. The large front and back lawns have been the setting for many picnics, potlucks and parties. The "rumpus room" back of the house has taken the place of the yard activities during the winter months. The Sacramento Council emblem that was dreamed up and designed by Ecks Nesbitt, came to life in this rumpus room. Several dancers learned to folk and square dance in this room. It has been a work shop for the exhibition group, the Mavericks. The setting for committee meetings, evaluation dinners, Bingo, Potluck and New Years' parties have taken place here along with many others. A Carnival in September 1956, held to help finance the Camellia Pageant, was at the Jerue's home.

Lawrence has been the Chairman for the past two years of the folk dancing activities at the Oak Park Fourth of July celebration, which has been a Council--sponsored project. The Circle Square Dancers gave their fifth Valentine festival or party this year. Lawrence and Catherine are not charter members of the Club, but they are the oldest members otherwise.

Catherine and Lawrence have been married thirty-five years, and last summer, on their anniversary, their home was the scene of a lovely party. Nearly one hundred and fifty friends, dancers and spectators enjoyed their friendly hospitality. They have a family of four

boys and one daughter and seven grand children. Don and Carroll, the youngest sons, are dancers and members of the Circle Square Juniors.

The Jerues have a Hardware and Parts store, where they work to support their family. Catherine has worked there, too, as she has all through the years, side by side, with Lawrence. They have made many friends through their years of folk dancing. We wish them much success and happiness in their future, and hope that we will be seeing them around folk dancing for the next twenty years, at least.



Catherine and Lawrence Jerue