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GRAND ANNIVERSARY WEEK NOVEMBER 7-12

Our Grand and Glorious Baby's Fifth Birthday

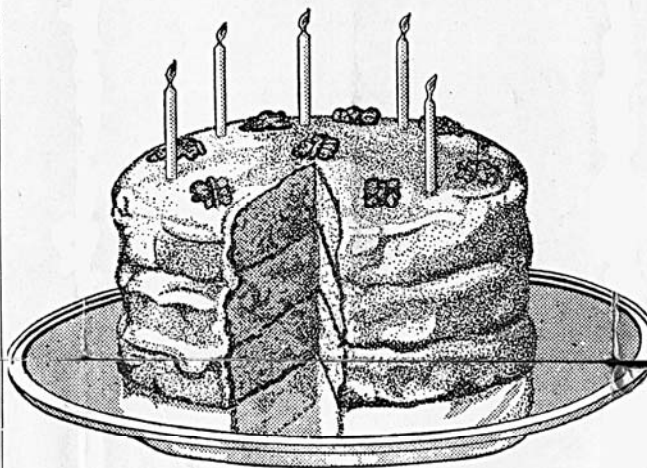
Yes, Folks, this is really good news, and we feel like telling everybody about it. Doctor HAPPINESS upon examining BABY on his fifth year pronounces it SOUND AND HEALTHY, the GRAND-EST IN THE LAND, FIT AS A FIDDLE. THE ARENA GARDENS ROLLER SKATING CLUB OF DETROIT, born one fair evening, November 12, 1935, has grown to be quite a happy and congenial fellow. This DADY has the largest number of relatives in the world, in fact, it is cuddled and supported by some twelve thousand fine upright cousin members of this joyous family. The A.G.R.S. Club is one of the most prominent organizations in the U.S. and well-known throughout the world. WHAT A SPLENDID, GRAND FAMILY. And by the way, Baby has two younger and very active brothers who are themselves doing quite nicely. The Detroit Figure Skating Club is two years old and the Detroit Juvenile Figure and Dance Skating Club just born this season. We are proud of such a family, YES, we should be, for they took all NATIONAL BLUE RIBBONS in 1939.

For the information of skaters who are not familiar with this fine BABY it will be to their advantage to get full particulars from the Club Secretary, Miss Helen Wolds, at the Club Desk. Why not join this happy family?

Juvenile Figure, Dance Skating Unit Advances

One of the greatest thrills of the week takes place on Saturday morning starting at 10:30 promptly when some thirty youngsters "ages 4 to 14" meet to attend the Juvenile Figure and Dance Class under the supervision of Skating Teacher Marjorie Martin supported by Professionals Miss Madeline Eastland and Mr. John Adams. Thrilling? Yes, very, when you can see little tots just barely capable of standing upright on their feet take so seriously to Rollers and take positions in the art of figures, and then to see mothers, who stand at the rail watching, smiling, and proud of the fine accomplishments of their youngsters. YES, IT IS THRILLING.

TREASURE CHEST
ANNIVERSARY PARTY
SUN., NOV. 12



Our Champions

Utter disappointment is shown by the United States Amateur Figure Champions, who, due to the present disturbances in Europe, lost the opportunity of a fine round trip vacation to take part in the World Championship competitive events scheduled to be held at Dortmund, Germany, October 14 and 15.

Jane Holcombe, lady figure champion, Walter Stokosa, man figure champion, Eldora Andrews and Wm. Best, figure pair champions, all members of the Detroit Figure Skating Club, seem to have settled down in good sportsmanlike man-

ner and resigned themselves to continuing their efforts to improve their technique and forget all about any world meet. However, we cannot help but feel that this argument over there has temporarily taken away the RAY OF SUNSHINE which the American skater had so patiently been looking forward to. We hope that everything will again be settled over there by this time next year, and that we may have an opportunity of sending not only one of each division but several first class amateurs to represent America.



Amateur Skating Union of the U. S. Convention

The Convention of the A.S.U. which was held at Chicago, Ill., Oct. 14, 15, honors the R.S.R.O.A. Association (Roller Body) for its splendid accomplishment in the sport, and the fine hand in hand cooperation given the Ice Body. Fred A. Martin, Secretary and Treasurer of the R.S.R.O.A. attended the meeting and finds to his great satisfaction that all delegates and members of the A.S.U. are highly pleased with the progress of the Roller Sport, and the manner in which the R.S.R.O.A. has handled its business affairs. At this writing the Editor has the pleasure

to have before him a letter just received from the President of the A.S.U., Mr. Ted Young of St. Louis, who states: "I wish to thank you very much for the data which you sent me, and also the copy of THE DETROIT ROLLER SKATER. I believe they will be very helpful to us in the AMATEUR SKATING UNION, and also in our own Association here, the M.S.A. I certainly wish to compliment you on the businesslike way they are gotten up." Thank you, Mr. President, it is our pleasure to cooperate with such a fine body as the A.S.U.

SUNDAY NOV. 12

A Real Anniversary Party

Sunday night, November 12, will bring to an end our Fifth Anniversary Week in a grand celebration and gala carnival of fun, without a doubt this will be a real party, a very important part of the program will be featured by the mem-

bers of the Detroit Figure Skating Club whom by special permission under sanction of the R.S.R.O.A., will present the National Skate Dance Champions Miss Virginia Mount and Mr. Lloyd Young in a routine of advanced dance numbers. This people will be supported by many couples of the Club in a formation dance.

The month of November seems to be the starting point of winter activities and brings to the skaters many attractive features of entertainment. With the Anniversary Week Program we find a patriotic celebration scheduled for Armistice Day, Saturday, Nov. 11. Then our Turkey

(Continued on Page Two)

"BRIGHT STAR"



FRED MUREE

Members of the Arena Gardens Roller Skating Club and the Children's Safety Skating Club were made happy again by the pleasure of having BRIGHT STAR with them on his 79th birthday.

Bright Star has had a date with our members at the Arena Gardens ever since he started touring the country three years ago and thousands of his friends look forward to Oct. 7 of each year when Bright Star makes his annual appearance. Everyone extends greetings for his continued good health, and for a grand celebration on his 80th birthday in 1940.

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ARENA GARDENS WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday
WRESTLING THE YEAR ROUND.

Tuesday
REGULAR SKATING, 8:00 P. M.

Wednesday
SKATING. 8 till 11:30 p. m. Full Musical Program. Dance Class 7 to 8 p. m., no extra charges. 1 till 6 p. m. D.F.S. Club Practice.

Thursday
SKATING. Matinee 2 till 4:30—Excellent time for beginners. Evening 8 till 11:30. Full Musical Program. Dance Class 7 till 8, no extra charges. 6 till 7 D.F.S. Club Practice.

Friday
SKATING. Matinee 2 till 4:30—Excellent time for beginners. Evening 8 till 11:30. Full Musical Program. 6 till 7:45 D.F.S. Club Session. Figure and Dance.

Saturday
SKATING. Morning 10:30 till 12, Juvenile Advanced Skating School. Miss Marjorie Martin, Bronze Medalist, teacher. Matinee 2 till 4:30, Children's Special Session, with Full Musical Program of entertainment. Evening 8 till Midnite. Full Musical Program. 5:30 till 7:30 D.F.S. Club Practice.

Sunday
SKATING. 10 till 12 a. m. D.F.S. Club Session. Figure and Dance. Matinee 2 till 4:30, Full Musical Program. Evening 8 till 11:30, Full Musical Program.

PRICE SCHEDULE

Matinees

Guests	30c
Club Members	25c
Children	20c
Saturday Matinee—Children	15c
Saturday Matinee—Children's Club	10c

Evenings

Club Members ALWAYS	40c
Guests	50c

Special Events (Masquerades, Etc.)

Guests	60c
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Halloween Masquerade
TUESDAY
Oct. 31st
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CALLING CQ

No, no, a thousand times no! I didn't do it! Taint so! I deny everything! It wasn't me! Seriously, though, that last column purporting to be by Junior was not by Junior at all. As I had been away from all you folks for so long, I thought it would be nice to have a ghost writer and print something up to date. It was up to date all right—in fact, it was way ahead of itself. No hard feelings, Bea, 'n Bob, 'n Frank. Just remember, twent me. Incidentally, glad to see me back? (Hub, I'll write it anyway, so there!)

But let's get into the sing and swing of things. Firstly, it seems to these ever-observing eyes that the Bradshaw-Kurkowski Axis (No relation to the Rome-Berlin) is following climatic conditions. All you bachelor-minded males had better beware, cum Sadie Hawkins Day. Aside to Chuck Woodward (Private. Personal. No one else can read): J. B. has been wondering why you haven't been skating when she's been skating.

Then we have Stewie's party, or rather Stewie had it. It was a birthday party, a birthday party with lots of eats—and Larson, which is as it should be, and if this is getting complicated, don't blame me, blame Larson's capacity. Have you ever seen a man eat and eat and eat and eat while every one around him sat in openmouthed amazement (not to say amusement)? Fourteen to sixteen sandwiches, seven cups of Java, five pieces of cake, one dish of pickles (large), six large helpings of potato salad, plus all the trimmings—and as I went out of the door, these words trailing after, "These samples are swell. When do we EAT?" Dazed, I stumbled down the stairs, crawled to my car, groped aimlessly for the door handle, found it, turned it, opened door, and tumbled in: I had the godurndest synthetic stomach ache a mortal man ever had. And to think that Bob Larson took what was left of the sandwiches and cake home with him because he was hungry!

Because you should have come but didn't, are the Lotharios of ye Gardens, Bill Allen and Stanley Nowicki who, of all things, couldn't find a girl! Bill Allen at least tried to come by himself, but in keeping with the evening, he couldn't find the street! Are you sure you had the right car, Bill? Other little people who wasn't there are: Dora Beck, Larry Corbin, Ruth Boichot, Bud Tierney, Bob Paul, Verna Picton, Ed Pellman (who had no work), Jack Toms and Sis Andrews. At this time I wish to convey my sincerest sympathies to Jack Toms, whose mother passed away a short time ago.

Gawsh! if I expect to make deadline tonight I've got to hustle. Sorry this is all "party" peepuls, but it's all I've got time for now. More next ishy. 73 'n 88 plus.

JUNIOR.

Anniversary Party

(Continued from Page One)
 Hunt on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, Nov. 22, and a grand Thanksgiving Day matinee and evening skating on the 23rd. You know, you may wonder why Thanksgiving is on Nov. 23 instead of the 30 as it has been customary; it is the suggestion of our President, Mr. Roosevelt, to hold Thanksgiving one week earlier than usual in order to give the nation's business and extra week's time to prepare for the usual heavy rush on Xmas, so to conform and assist we follow through with the earlier dates. Then comes our grand Skaters Reunion and Club Nite on Wednesday, Nov. 29 and of course you know just what a swell party this is, everybody sees everybody else, races, games, fun and our club members' Fox-Trot contest. All of the above activities with Skate Dance Classes, special matinees, special parties scheduled on Tuesday nites and all of the regular skate sessions, etc. Yes, November is only the start of winter roller skating activities. What a season!

Stuff on the Staff

Bill Wilson, our door man in that very fetching uniform must have a way about him—else how could he be reading the Club Paper last month before anyone else knew it was off the press?

We haven't been doing a very good job finding things to print about Lou Uhley, except she was seen driving a pretty nice car. Whoooo, nuffa that.

Then could be we should forget that Jess Bell had a birthday—and a party. Indeed, and it took our friend Charlie Byers and his Toledo colleagues to think to present him with a lunch box, a coffee pot (one cup), a box of matches, a few cigars and a book written on the subject of "Dogs." These items suggested entertainment for Jess when in the Dog House.

Guess what was found the other night—a cleverly written letter addressed to Margie Martin from the "Professor" in Toronto—none other than our old friend Brother Bob Martin. He's building up a threatening bunch of figure skaters in that thar town.

Then of course we all know about this Bobby Burton—Marge Martin business but you don't all know about that day Bobby was holding the yarn for Marge to wind up—it happened in the check room.

Of course the kids are all very glad to have that strong armed lady-lifter-upper Mickey Dunn back again. Just call him "Pro"—he demonstrated on number sixteen the other night.

We can never get tired of thanking the lady who furnishes the needle in the nick of time, holds our heads when we raise a lump, helps hold those stray hairs in place by passing out the muchly needed bobby pins and all the rest of those nice things she does for us, and seldom sees Mrs. LaRose.

It was swell to see Bill Horn the other night. He's still a Chicago Cop.

Folks been awondering about those brand new skates, and it is a real pleasure to ask about them 'cause Earl King is heep big Chief of the Sales Department. Seen skating circle waltzes—Madeline Eastland and Hugh Shiveley. What—again? Indeed, Hugh is back from Pennsylvania and still likes our Detroit ladies—he likes them "Pink" Ladies, too.

Mickey King just won't do things out of the ordinary. How's a guy gonna get the low-down on a lady when she doesn't have the courtesy to do anything wrong to make "Stuff." Just say it's a good thing the whole staff isn't thatta way and note that sooner or later we'll have something on her, too. In the meantime, S'long.

TREASURE CHEST SAT. NITE

Tuesday Skating Popular

Tuesday night, which has just recently been added to the regular weekly program, is showing indications of becoming very popular, in fact our calendar already shows parties booked way into January, and so many calls are being received for reservation of this particular night by organizations giving skating parties that party representative Jess Bell who has been assigned by Manager Fred A. Martin as party contact man is finding it difficult to please all. On going to press (under date of Oct. 20) we have the pleasure of welcoming the various groups who have dates in the near future to enjoy roller skating at the Arena Gardens. Among which are:

- Nov. 7—Junior Class of St. Vincent's High.
- Nov. 21—St. Joseph's Commercial College.
- Nov. 28—St. David's Sodality.
- Dec. 12—Junior Class of St. Joseph's High.
- Dec. 19—Junior Class of St. Stanislaus High.
- Dec. 26—The J. B. C. Club.
- Jan. 23—Senior Class of St. Joseph's High.

St. Joseph's Commercial College

St. Joseph's first roller skating party is announced for Tuesday evening, November 21. Plans are under way to make this night a pleasant one, and from all reports this will be the largest skating party ever held by this school. The committee has arranged fun contests and games with prizes to winners and asks the students to make a real night of it by bringing your parents and friends to enjoy this Pre-Thanksgiving Skating Social.

LULU LOOP



Lulu Loop lost a quarter
 In the middle of the floor.
 Everyone was looking for her
 All the way to the door.
 Came a time she stopped
 We could not understand
 Everyone's eyes popped
 "The Quarter"—'Twas in her other hand.

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THOUGHTS WHILE ROLLIN'

(APOLOGIES TO O.O.McINTYRE)

By LITTLE ROLLO
Edited by "WE"

BOB RETURNS

Here we go again but where is the blonde lady who was going to give me some new "dope" for this issue??? Even Abe Lincoln knew "You can't please all of the people all of the time"—or something like that—so let's have what you know about who.

Look out! We either saw Robin Hood in advance of the Halloween Party or must we admit it was that red hat with feathers that went skating around the rink tilted on the crown of our own Richard "Tarzan" McCrearey. No wonder the gals "Spin" for him.

Remember last issue I told you I'd find out who it is that's taking up so much of Marvin Stayman's time—none other than Dorothy McHale.

A very fond welcome to Wally and Ethel Kiefer of Flint and Saginaw. It's grand to see Wally on skates again, and we are always pleased to have them com-a-visitin'. Hello again to the Dayton kids who came to Detroit with Jimmy Oswald who was guest instructor for the D.F.S.C. on Sunday morning, Oct. 15 BUT cars will be cars, they will crack up and I never miss a BANG UP PARTY, always manage to be in the "cars" when it happens, soooo see you next time. We also appreciate having many other visitors among them were Mr. and Mrs. Jennison from Bay City, Mr. G. Zindell of Grand Rapids, Mr. Lewis from Crystal Lake, Min and Harper Spencer of Mt. Morris, and gosh! if I was to print all of their names I am afraid it would fill this whole page, so let's just say we are always happy to see you and come again.

Some folks outside aren't really aware that the kids in the D.F.S.C. are still going places, and why not when we have instructions like this given to us: Heep Beeg Chief Fredtellum Martin said, "take the next five minutes to work on Brackets—watch your position and do some polishing up." Mmmme Brackets, Polishing up—sounds to me like the Porters wanted the day off.

You know who we've been seeing together somewhat lately? Alfred "Stogie" Walkley and Marian Oliver. Funny how names will "out" isn't it?

Speaking of names that recall nicknames—somebody has been trying awfully hard to find out Elmer Meeker's nickname but "Bunny" and I have been friends for a long time and I simply won't tell. Wonder where the rest of the Meeker family are—haven't seen them skating in some time except for Duane and that new little lady he's skating.

Jack Taylor is the one who so often tries to be different. Some of these skaters like to hold ladies on their laps, but not Jack—he picks on a horse—belonging to the Ebling Creamery, but it's Archie Ewers who "got a kick out of that"—he has a smashed fender.

We hear Curley Farmer and Peppy were plenty worried one night for fear Mickey would announce their engagement at Fairhaven—but he didn't, and neither will we—yet.

RULES OF DRESS Arena Gardens Rink

GENTLEMEN—Skating is permitted in business suit. Coat may be removed providing party is otherwise attired in unobtrusively colored shirt and tie. Suspenders, sweaters, jackets and uniforms other than those of active U. S. Services are not permissible.

LADIES—Skating is permitted in your choice of dress providing the costume skirt reaches to the knees. Slacks, riding breeches, beach pajamas, etc., are not permissible.

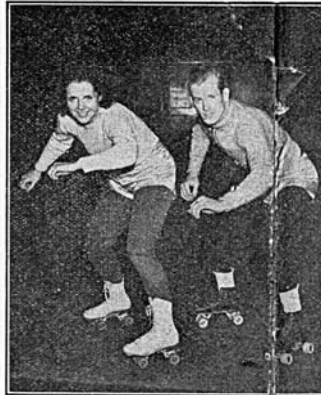
MAKE A NOTE OF THIS!
NEXT CLUB NITE
Wednesday
NOV. 29



Treasure Chest - Saturday Nite

Speed Skaters

As the season rolls along, activities also increase and right now we see in action again many of the SPEED kings and queens of past seasons. Manager Martin has created a new unit which is called the "Detroit Speed Skaters Club" under the direction of Trainer Jesse Bell which meets every Tuesday and Thursday night at 11:30 after the regular skating session and goes into routine training for one hour periods. This unit now has a membership of 26 young men and women who love this particular sport and Coach Bell wants it announced to all skaters who may have a desire to take part in speed events this season, to send in their entries for training. The unit is limited to fifty members only and in order to avoid delay is it all important that all speed skaters get in touch with Mr. Bell as soon as possible. A speed program is being planned for the coming spring and by that time we hope to present to the fans a field of top notch racers.



Verna Pieton and Lindy Lindberg

Do you suppose anyone but Lulu Loop would insist that Swedes come from Switzerland—it must be a masculine Lulu 'cause we're not supposing—it's a fact, Joe Thomas still thinks so. While we are in the Thomas family, my goodness Bobby, what a long beard you have, Xmas is only two months away.

Guess who was down the other night looking over the old pictures in the lobby and giving the whole rink a general go-over? Yep, Bill Allen without Vera Stark, but it doesn't mean a thing, girls, that was just his night off. And it's Dotty Pulver who is being married in November—gosh! the old gang IS going that-a-way.

I'm not sure whether it's the latest college fad or just that the boys are kidding the girls, but the latest sights in the lobby show boys with their trousers rolled to their knees to put on their skates, and then we promptly see one of the floor men telling them to roll 'em down. Also in the lobby we saw Elsie Peterson so very busy with the boy friend she didn't see Helen Wolds trying to give her a dollar she had coming. Elsie should worry about a dollar, so what—I know other folks hereabouts who would pay much more attention to folding money—especially on Friday night, wouldn't they, Joe Bart?

Those brand new gillaamorous Rollaway skates are taking the money eyes of all skate owners and of course it was Janet Yearick and Jack Weir who were first couple to have them—Jack's skates became so fascinating Bill Best and Hugo Laine couldn't refrain and they each had one during session the other night.

S'long again,

LITTLE ROLLO.

Note: As this goes to press, we are sorry to inform our dear readers that "Little Rollo" is again confined to her bed, and we all join in wishing her a speedy recovery.—The Editor.

D. F. S. C. TO GREET THEIR PROFESSIONAL



ROBERT D. MARTIN

Robert D. Martin, better known to intimates as Bob, returns home for a few weeks to resume his duties as head professional of the D.F.S.C.

Mr. Martin, who has been responsible for the wonderful work accomplished by the Detroit Figure Skating Club during the past two years, will return to the Arena Gardens again on Oct. 27 to assist the Club in its advanced skating activities.

The D.F.S.C. is well known throughout the U.S.A. as the most advanced Club in both figures and Skate Dancing, and has the distinction of having among its members the National Figures and Dance Champions for '39. Now that the season is well under way and the members have decided on what they will take up, we feel that the return of Bob will be invaluable. Besides being recognized as one of the leading roller professionals of the U. S., Bob is also on the R.S.R.O.A. Test Committee, Chairman of the R.S.R.O.A. Figure Committee and on the A.S.U. Figure Committee. Bob has asked the

Editor to request members of the D.F.S.C. to make their application for proficiency tests in advance—so as not to be disappointed—report to the Club Test Committee as soon as possible for in so doing you will assist greatly to expedite this work.

Appointments for private instructions by Robert D. Martin may be booked through Miss Wolds at the Club Desk.

Don't Forget!



REGULAR SKATING EVERY TUESDAY NITE
8 to 11:30

PROFESSIONAL SKATING INSTRUCTORS

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- Marjorie Martin—Figure Junior Bar, Bronze Dance Medalist, \$1.50 hour.
- Madeline Eastland—Bronze Dance Medalist, \$1.50 hour.
- Mildred Brown—Teacher of Plain Skating, \$1.00 hour.
- George Brett—Bronze Medalist of Figure and Dance, \$1.50 hour.
- Joe Parchem—Bronze Dance Medalist, \$1.50 hour.
- Joe Thomas—Bronze Dance Medalist, \$1.50 hour.
- Jess Bell—Teacher of Plain Skating, \$1.00 hour.
- Mickey Dunn—Teacher of Plain Skating, \$1.00 hour.
- Vlady Regentik—Teacher of Plain Skating, \$1.00 hour.

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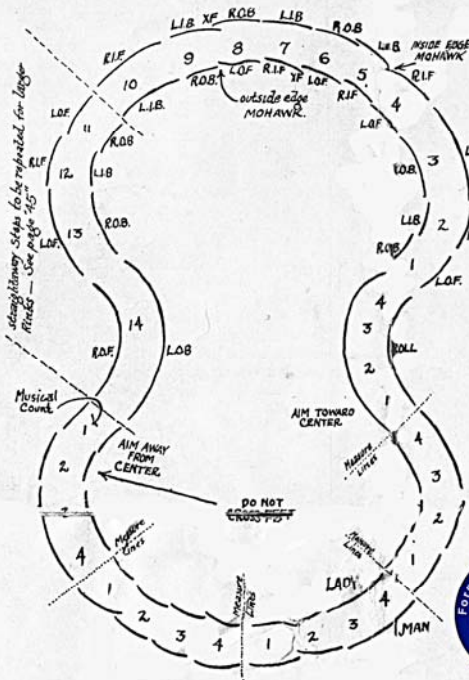


This page is dedicated to the Roller Skating Rink Operators Association of the United States of America, in appreciation of its wonderful accomplishments since it was formed in April, 1937. This body is now recognized by the Amateur Skating Union as the sole governing body over the sport of roller skating in this country.

It should be the duty of every enterprising Rink Operator in the United States to belong to this body and do their share in assisting skaters to advance in this great sport. Roller Skating, through lack of interest from Rink Men, has been dormant in the past but since the formation of the R.S.R.O.A. and with the untiring efforts on the part of its officers and associate members, skaters are "GOING PLACES" and roller skating is now looked upon with pride instead of being frowned on. MR. OPERATOR, what are you doing to HELP? WHY NOT JOIN THE R.S.R.O.A. "RIGHT NOW" and become one of the spokes in this WHEEL OF PROGRESS.

The National Offices of the R.S.R.O.A. wish to thank the following members for their R.S.R.O.A. Night proceeds contributed to the Treasury: Joseph L. Bell, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Edward Schrumm, Delaware; R. New Castle, Del.; A. J. Arechdera, Crystal Rink, St. Louis, Mo.; Fred Charles, Winston-Salem, N. Carolina; Lois Reynolds, Arcadia Gardens, Chicago, Ill.; W. A. Betts, Redondo Rink, Redondo, Wash.; A. O. Johnston, Twelfth Street Skating Rink, Erie Pa.

Every operator's cooperation is solicited for the advancement and progress of our skaters in the United States.



FOURTEEN STEP

This diagram will be the correct fourteen step, which is one of the competitive dances for this season 1939-40. The reason we print the fourteen step in this issue is to correct what may have been misconstrued as a competitive dance, the insertion of the Canadian Fourteen Step in the October issue. It will be the policy of the Detroit Roller Skater News to insert one of the 1939-40 Competitive Dance diagrams in each issue.

We trust that this diagram will assist you in distinguishing the difference between these two steps.



Circles (Eights)

- 1 ROF, LOF 1
- 2 RIF, LIF 1
- 3 ROB, LOB 1
- 4 RIB, LIB 2

A=Long Axis
B=Transverse Axis



Serpentines

- 5a ROIF, LIOF 1
- b LOIF, RIOF 1
- 6a ROIL, LIOB 2
- b LOIL, RIOB 2



Threes

- 7 ROF, LOF 1
- 8a ROF, LIB 2
- b LOF, RIB 2
- 9a RIF, LOB 1
- b LIF, ROB 1

SCHOOL FIGURES

The diagrams listed at the left will show the first set of compulsory school figures. They are printed herewith for the benefit of the roller skater who wishes to advance in proficiency; it is also important to know that in order to become a good dancer on skates it is necessary to know figures correctly. This has been proven time and again during dance competition and counts a great deal in smoothness, correct position, etc. Advance dances today require perfect edges, threes, double threes, brackets, rockers, etc., therefore THE ALL-IMPORTANT FIGURES. A GOOD skater cannot be made over night, so why not start right from the bottom and go to SCHOOL to learn the fundamentals of everything that is required to become proficient. So much enjoyment can be derived from Skate Dancing that it is natural for each skater to devote a little time and serious thought to the foundation of all skating—"FIGURES."

Competitive Roller Dances

The national office of the R.S.R.O.A. announces that the new Competitive Dance Book for 1939-40 has just been released and as this issue goes to press first copies of the book have been sent to all active Operators and Clubs, members of the Association. The book in itself is quite complete and carries full details and diagrams of all the competitive dances on the program for this season. A vote of thanks is in order for Chairman Fred Bergin and the various members of the Dance Committee also the many skaters who contributed a great deal of their valuable time in compiling data for this book. May we at this writing advise the skaters and all who are interested in competitive activities to send for this issue at once for the supply is limited and we wish to avoid disappointment. THIS IS NOT THE DANCE TEST BOOK but strictly a complete 1939-40 COMPETITION INSTRUCTION BOOK which contains Rules for Judging, how to hold competitive events, notes on how dances are to be executed, proper tempos, diagrams, etc. Price 35c plus 5c postage. Address R.S.R.O.A. NATIONAL OFFICES, 5795 WOODWARD AVE., DETROIT, MICH.

APOLOGIES

The Editor wishes to apologize to the readers of the R.S.R.O.A. page of the Detroit Roller Skater that through lack of space it was impossible to list the names of skaters who passed tests throughout the U.S.A. We will promise to do so in the December issue.

ONE YEAR OF STANDARDIZATION

R. S. R. O. A. Goes Over the Top

By P. B. RAWSON

With the 1939-40 skating season barely under way, it is amazing to note the great success that has crowned the efforts of the R.S.R.O.A. to standardize and promote skate dancing, to say nothing of figure skating progress.

I recall no other organization in any field that has equaled the speed record of this group in bringing order out of chaos.

On the whole, the dances are becoming well standardized. Certain sectional discrepancies exist, but these should iron out by next Spring. Rome was not built in a day.

The new R.S.R.O.A. Dance book (Competitive Roller Dances) will be an immense help, containing, as it does, diagrams of all Championship Dances for 1940, and valuable technical amplification of the Dance Test Book.

I would like to point out that the dance groups making the greatest progress are those which have made constant use of the Dance Test Book. It is a fact that in this book, the R.S.R.O.A. has given the skaters so much important skate dance information, that no skater can absorb all of it in one or two readings.

It should be reread and studied carefully and frequently. Also remember the suggestion made in these columns last Spring against neglecting the Bronze Medal dances in a rush to pass on to the Silver Medal dances. There's a reason. Excellence and ease of performance of the Bronze dances will make the Silver dances come much easier. And you will be a long time on Silvers anyway, so why hurry?

United States amateurs should feel a sense of deep gratitude to the R.S.R.O.A. for its magnificent first year's stewardship of the skater's long neglected cause.

Bring Your Bronze and Silver Medal Test Dance Book Up to Date

Make these two changes and mark these tempos in your test book and you will have the latest R.S.R.O.A. Dance data:

Page 11. In the Two-Step, next to last line, insert ROF after LIF making last sequence read ROF LIF ROF.

Page 12. Collegiate. Correct the error made in Lady's steps for the short or 4-Step corner turn. Should read RIF LIB ROB LOF.

Here are the latest accepted metronome tempos. Change your book to correspond:

Dance	Music	Metronome
Straight Waltz	Waltz 3/4	112
Two-Step Promenade	Two-Step 2/4	92
Two-Step Old Style	Two-Step 2/4	92
Spread Eagle Waltz A	Waltz 3/4	92
Spread Eagle Waltz B	Waltz 3/4	112
Barn Dance	Tango (Argentine) 4/4	92
Mohawk Waltz	Waltz 3/4	108
Continental Waltz	Vienness Waltz 3/4	168
14-Step	March 6/8	100
Collegiate	Fox-Trot 4/4	96
Fox-Trot (Keats)	Fox-Trot 4/4	92

APOLOGIES

The Editor wishes to apologize to the readers of the R.S.R.O.A. page of the Detroit Roller Skater that through lack of space it was impossible to list the names of skaters who passed tests throughout the U.S.A. We will promise to do so in the December issue.