



Frank Lane
Milestone, 1981

A founding member of CALLERLAB, Frank started square dancing as a member of an exhibition group at Central High School, St. Joseph, Missouri, in 1939. Four years of journalism college and a war-time stint as a pilot in Italy with the 15th Air Force, interrupted the dancing, but by 1948, having been impressed by the pleasures that men and women derived from square dancing, Frank decided this was the direction for him, and calling eventually became his full-time occupation.

By 1950 Frank was calling and teaching classes six and seven nights a week. Week-end calling engagements expanded and soon Frank and his wife, Barbara, were crisscrossing North America doing one-nighters, weekends, week long vacation institutes, and callers clinics. The Lanes' tours take them over 60,000 miles each year, running their own institutes at Asilomar in California and serving as staff members at Kirkwood Lodge and at other sessions around the country. In 1961 Frank and Barbara were a part of a square dance "think tank" in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, and in 1970 Frank became a member of the

Square Dance Hall of Fame.

His recordings have set standards of excellence on the several labels for which he has called and articles written by Frank have appeared in a number of square dance publications. He conducted callers schools and seminars all over North America, Australia, and New Zealand in recent years.

Although their travels have taken them to many key spots around the world, their summer time is directed to their square dance "home", The Dance Ranch in Estes Park, Colorado, where hundreds of dancers from all parts of the country come to visit and to just enjoy being a part of Lanes' world.