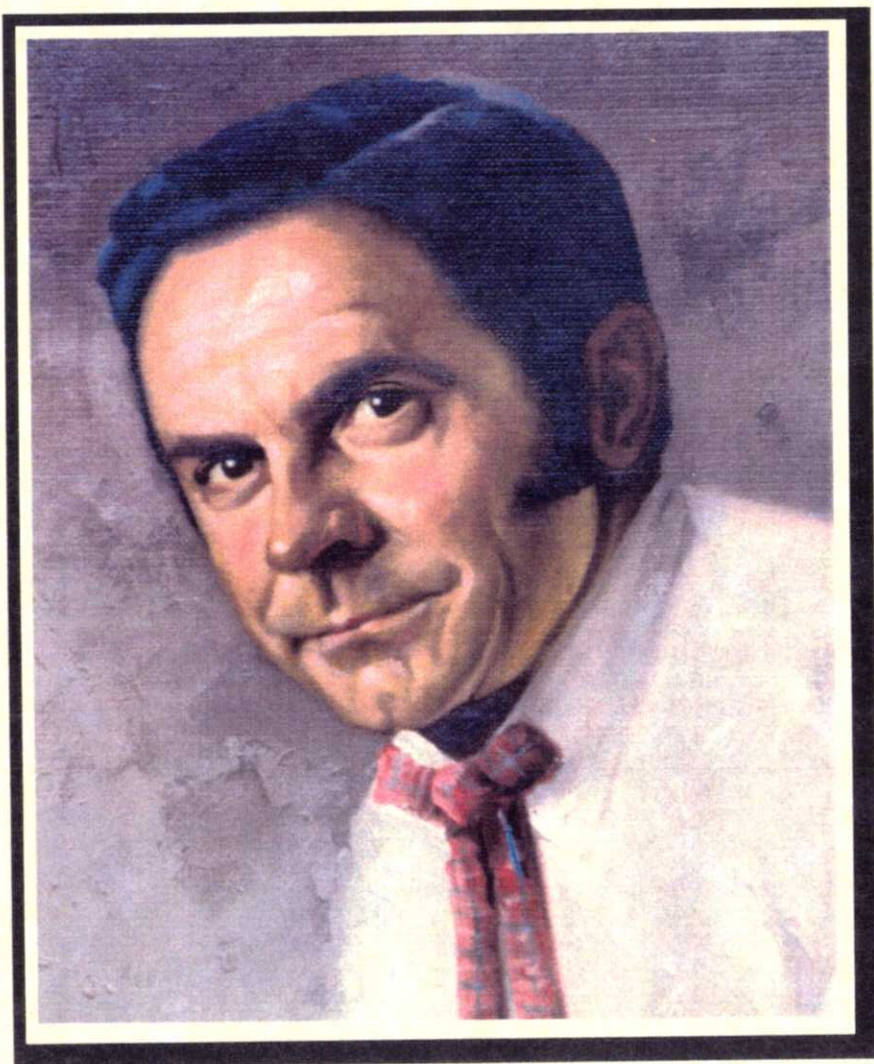




Dave Taylor
Milestone, 1986

A letter from an appreciative dancer once stated: "Dave Taylor's recent visit to call for (our club) will not soon be forgotten. Before getting up on the stage to call for the dancers, Dave was called upon to apply artificial respiration to a 14 year old boy who had apparently drowned. After he worked for an hour, the boy was revived. To say the least, those concerned will be eternally grateful and, needless to say, we are all looking forward with real enthusiasm to his and Angie's next visit to our town."

A most unusual testimony to the varied qualifications of one of the activity's popular leaders.

Dave was "drafted" into a career in calling. Back in 1953, while working part-time for the Detroit Parks and Recreation Department, he was put in charge of Saturday night activities which included teaching children's square dance classes. This was the beginning of square dance calling for Dave.

Before long, he had a busy home-club and class program underway, and this lead to a full travel-calling schedule with appearances at some of the most prominent festivals, conventions, week-end, and week-long square dance institutes. By the mid-1990s Dave had made more then twenty calling tours to Europe and had sponsored an annual European Square Dance Convention that attracted dancers from a wide range of countries. In February, 1994, he called his final dance while on a tour to New Zealand.

Dave has conducted callers clinics in North America. He has written numerous articles for square dance publications and has recorded 52 single records, four albums, and one stereo tape.

In 1971 Dave was inducted into the Square Dance Hall of Fame and that same year became a founding member of CALLERLAB, serving several years on its Board of Governors and two terms as Chairman of the Board.