

OUT OF THE ALBUM

Dear Harry,

The article, "The First Decade," published in last year's "Dancer," aroused nostalgic memories for me, and I have unearthed a photograph of the office-bearers and committee of the Wellington Hawkes



Bay Association of Scottish Country Dance Clubs, which, I believe, was the first S.C.D. association in New Zealand.

Those in the group (from left) standing are: W. McPherson (vice-president), H. Dodd, A. Douglas, B. Fordyce, K. Shaw and M. Colburn. Seated: Shirley Child (secretary-treasurer), Marion Cunningham (first editor of the "Dancer"), Jack Seton (president), A. N. Other and Nora Sharp. This photograph was taken at the second dance in Morrisons Bush.

My association with dancing in Wellington has included being chairman of the Branch for the first four years and being president of the Branch as it has altered from Wellington Hawkes Bay, Wellington Wairarapa and finally Wellington, and I have been president of Lower Hutt Club since its inception.

I could quote lots of anecdotes, but one event really sticks in my mind. This was the time at Morrisons Bush when half of the dancers had to sit and leave room for the other half to dance, then on to Les Coe's farm for singsong and a cuppa. We got stuck in pouring rain on the "Hill" at 4.30 a.m. and arrived home at 7.30 on Sunday morning.

As Charlie Whitehill used to say, "Ye canna buy it." I would like to live it all over again.

Bill McPherson.