Ralph Page



Bob McQuillen's note:

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For a dear friend of many years.

Ralph George Page (January 28, 1903 – February 21, 1985) was an American contra dance caller. He was influential in spreading it from New Hampshire to the rest of the United States and other countries and was recognized as an authority on American folk dance overall. Page began calling contra dances in 1930 accidentally, when he was scheduled to play for a dance in Stoddard but the caller developed laryngitis.

Page was one of three founders of the New England Folk Festival Association. In 1966, he toured England and led workshops with the English Folk Dance and Song Society. His book, **The Ralph Page Book of Contras** was published by them in 1969.

Other tunes by Bob McQuillen in this section are:

Amelia's Waltz Laurie's Hornpipe Andy's Hornpipe McLenon's Reel Applejack's Reel Michael's Hornpipe Boil the Sap New England Winter Chips from the Block Raphy's Red Hat Dancing Bear, The Sanella's Swinger Deer Run North Scotty O'Neil Larry's Waltz Shelley's Reel