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Personality Profile Of The Week

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Bert Everett doesn't remember learning to dance. Born in the County of Norfolk, England, of farming parents, he was taken to square and country dances as a baby in arms.

During his 10 years service in The Royal Navy, Mr. Everett travelled to many countries. He says, "Dancing is an international language, if you are a good dancer you are soon at home anywhere."

While in the Navy, Mr. Everett visited Toronto and Port Credit. After the war, he and his wife Helen decided to come to Canada, and chose to settle in Port Credit. They have lived on Cumberland Drive for 17 years.

Bert Everett and his wife Helen are both active in square dancing in the community.

Mr. Everett is quick to point out that "square dancing" is a term many people use to cover a variety of dances, which are in fact country dances or round dances. Square dance means just what it says, a dance in a square formation. Country dances also cover the schottische, Virginia Reel, waltzes, polkas, barn dancing, lines dancing and polkas.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett are teaching for the 14th season in Port Credit. Here they teach children from grade six upwards from all the Public Schools in the town.

Mr. Everett calls and he and his wife teach and demonstrate. Mr. Everett has some very strong feelings about Canadian square dancing. He says that, "Canadians all too often blindly follow others, particularly the United



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States." He likes to incorporate Canadian dancing and music.

On the other hand he emphasises that he teaches dances from 42 different countries at The University Settlement House, another of his projects.

He feels that dances from other countries should come after dancers have learned the dances from their own country. He says many dancers from Ontario don't know the dances from Quebec or even Manitoba and even less well

the dances peculiar to Newfoundland.

Mr. Everett, who averages 170 dances or classes each year, is with The Four Corners Square Dance Club, one of the largest and most successful in the area.

Mr. Everett was one of the founders and first President of Port Credit Minor Lacrosse Association.

This busy man is a gardener, interested in nature and collects stamps and coins.