


COMMUNITY

 HARMONY HALL

A toe-tapping good time

Soupbean Katie and the Cornpones played to a toe-tapping crowd at an old-fashioned country dance last weekend.

Katie cheerfully provided instructions for those who had never learned and those who had forgotten the steps to such old favourites as the schottische, the heel-toe polka and the Virginia reel. There was

even one square dance.

Spectators sang along with the band through renditions of many old favourites, such as *Beer Barrel Polka* and *Tennessee Waltz*.

Line dancers from the regular group at Harmony Hall gathered at the back of the hall to enjoy the music with their own dance style and were joined by some others in the crowd.

Dress for the evening was country with denim and cowboy hats aplenty. The "parade of hats" was conducted to the music of the small bagpipe played by Alex Buchanan with Ardene Brooks chosen as the winner of the best-decorated hat.

Soupbean Katie and the Cornpones is an orchestra of mostly-retired musi-

cians who play for the love of it rather than money. They agreed to play for this event without a fee on condition that half the proceeds be donated to the Gibsons Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre. The Gibsons Seniors Society was happy to agree, as soon as all the expenses have been tabulated a cheque will be sent. Initial estimates put the amount at approximately \$380.

— *Submitter*