

8/11/80.

Today Alice + myself visited Ivy Sands for our weekly lesson.

She showed us a press-cutting which she dated ~1935-9. It was about Pussitta Spencer who had just danced in the Northumberland + Durham Championships in Gateshead. She was 5th. The championship was won by Walter Doyle who won his first championship in 1908. P. Spencer was 18. Ivy said that she was 14 in 1935 + that Spencer would have been 18 in 1935 or 1936.

She also told us that when doing a 'shew' she would begin the double shuffles very softly and work up to a crescendo.

She said that the final step of the single hempipe was just lances: i.e.

1	step	}	shuttle to str.
a			
2		}	step in str.
a			
3	step in rear str.		
4	hop.		throw foot fwd.

Repeat ~~the~~ of alternate feet + break (she used break. A).

She also showed us two further steps of the double hempipe. She said she always did them in the same order: that way you could remember what came next easily.

She said that there should be quite a bit of 'bounce' but arms should be by the sides.

Step 6 'Crab walk' - Ivy's name.

	a	step		
	1			step.
	a	heel		
	2			heel
	+		toes click.	
A	a	step		
=	3			step.
	a	heel		
	4			heel
	+		toes click.	
	a	step		
	5			step
	a	heel		
B	6			heel
=	+		toes click.	
	a	step		
	7			step
	8		heels click.	

Step is. ABABBB + breaks - special - see below.
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	a	step		
	1			step
	a	heel		
	2			heel
	+		toes click.	
	a	step		
	3			step
	a	heel		
	4			heel
	+		toes click.	
	a	step		
	5			step.
	6		heels click	
	7		heels click.	

When Ivy just showed us this step she did
the repeat off R foot but only for just two
beats i.e. L. heel always down first. She later
corrected herself & said that this was wrong
but she had never noticed before. i.e. repeat should
be all off R. foot.

Step 7.

	1	step	}	shuttle.
	a			
	2		}	shuttle.
	a	hop		
A	3		}	pick up toe in lean ft. step.
	4	thru bow well bent at knee.		
	5	step	}	shuttle
	a			
B	6		}	shuttle
	a			
	7		}	snap (cf. break. B).
	8			

done two's ft.

Step was ABABBB + break. (Ivy used B).
L L R R L R

Ivy was definite that the beat on bt. 3 was with
the toe, foot vertical.
Snap should be loud + fast.

We also tried to see Verdon Robinson and the
Fanells but both were out.

Julie Jorman + Cath Hays went to see Tiny Allison
but she had been taken to hospital on 7/11/50
having become 'numb down one side of her body'