

Harold Rice (Hyahtsa) demonstrated his considerable carving skills during the highly successful Writers Festival held in Eden Mills this past Sunday, Sept. 13. Harold, who is from the Coast Salish band in British Columbia, now makes his home in Rockwood. Beside Harold stands a carving of "Mr. Raven" — an important being in western native cultural tradition. (Eric Balkind photo)

Calling all hoofers

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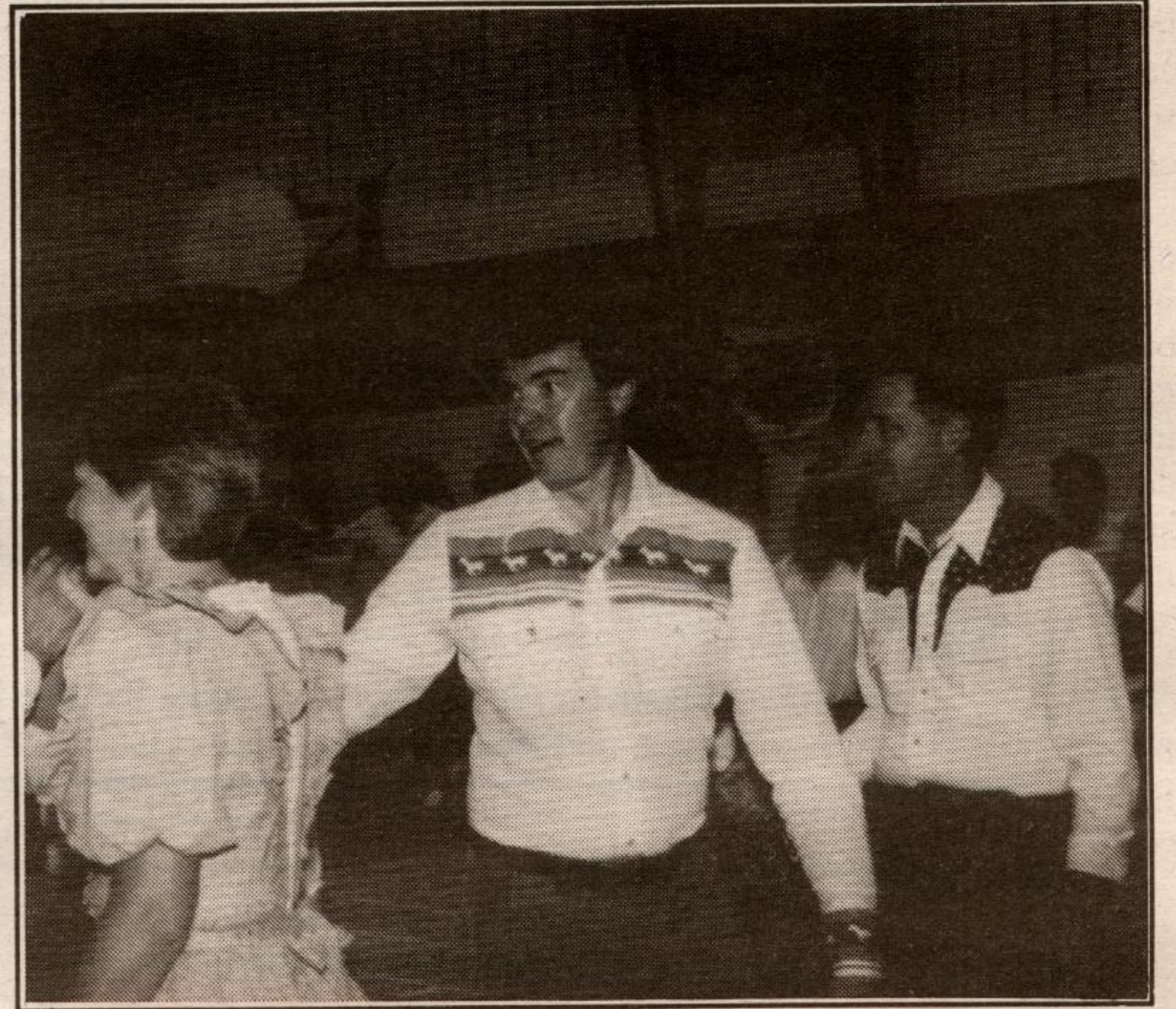
From allemande-left to arabesque there is a dance style for almost all tastes in Acton. Both the Acton School of Dance and the Acton Star Thru Square Dance Club are gearing up for their fall sessions.

The Acton Star Thru Square Dance Club is inviting the public to come out and see how easy and how much fun square dancing can be. Free introductory evenings of square dancing will be held Thursday, Sept. 24 and Thursday, Oct. 8 in the Acton High School cafeteria. In Brookville the free introductory evening is Saturday, Sept. 19 at Ebenezer United Church. Veteran instructor John Wigglesworth will be on hand to show people some of the simpler moves, like circle left, star thru and allemande left

Roberta Wigglesworth said Monday "We start off teaching people just a few steps and before they know it they are dancing. Some of our members are quite good and travel to other clubs and conventions across Canada and the U.S."

The Acton School of Dance has registered 100 Acton dancers, all girls, to take ballet and jazz classes this fall. Dance instructor Susanne Keith says there is a class available for all ages and skills.

"We hope to teach our youngest students, the 3-year-olds, to recognise rhythms like marching, walking, skipping and waltzing. We teach the pre-schoolers to co-operate with the other students and the



Members of the Acton Star Thru Square Dance Club strut their stuff at Acton High School.

teachers and to learn to act as a group," Keith said Friday.

"The older classes are taught following the Royal Academy of Dancing Syllabus, offered in levels from pre-primary to grade 5. The jazz classes are taught using popular music and consist of exercises, stretching and dance routines."

Keith's classes begin Saturday, Sept. 19 at St. Alban's Parish Hall.

For square dance information call John at 878-2678.

For ballet or jazz information call Susanne at 853-0390.

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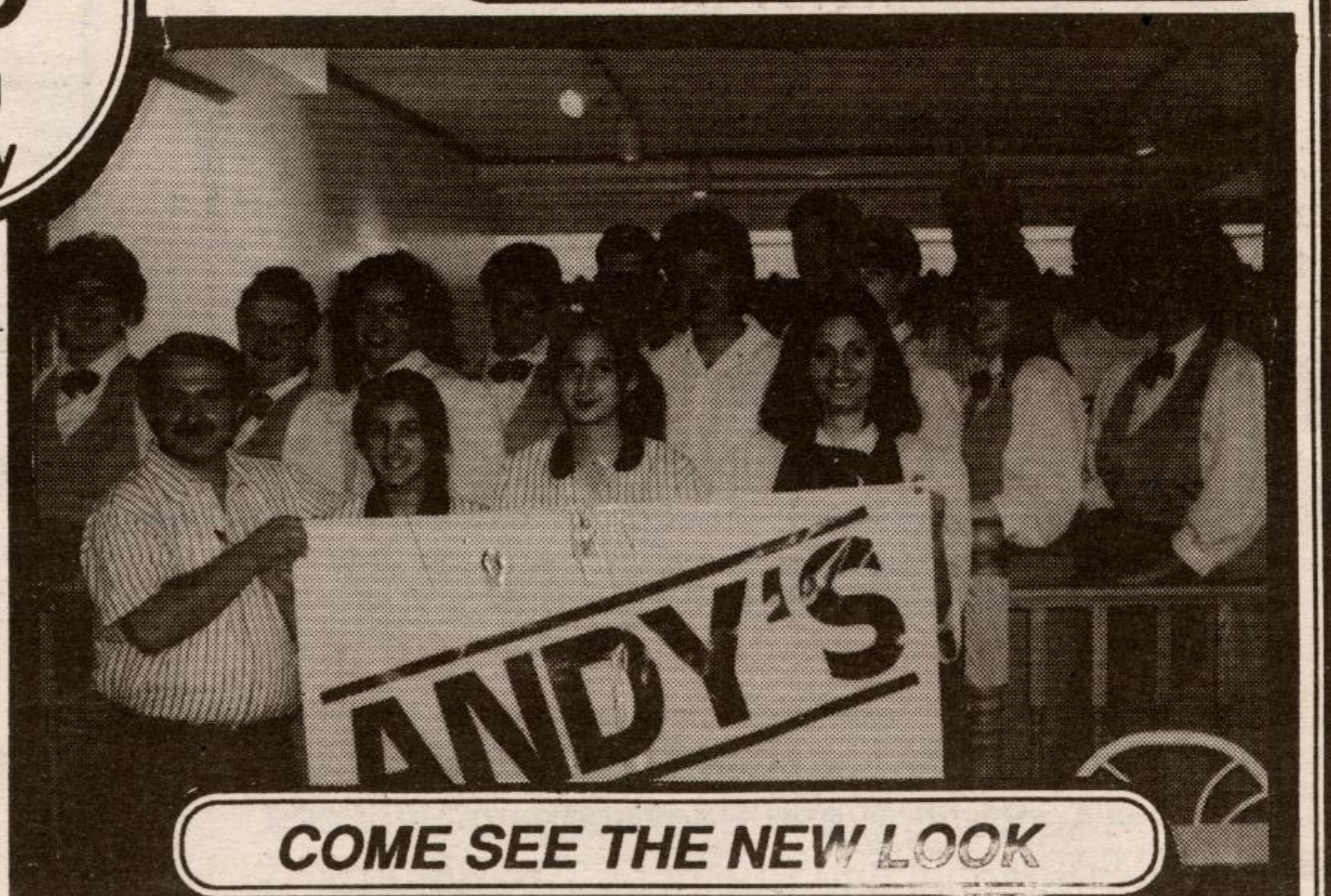
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