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## KNOW YOUR CALLER



This is a space reserved for all callers in the Northeast Florida Square Dance Association who are calling for a square dance club at the present time or have called for one. We want to make all square dancers familiar with the many callers, so, please callers, give us your stories of your calling life!

We are starting with Bill Camp, one of the most versatile callers in the association and the oldest, not in age by a long way, but in years as a caller. We have known Bill and Nora, his law, for a long time, and everytime that he may be calling a dance or even a tip, we know it will be a good one. They are a lively couple,

and you will see them at many square dances.

Bill and Nora start out their story like this: "It all started one evening in February 1951 when a couple of friends told us we needed to get out and meet people. The four of us had not been in Jacksonville long, and all of us needed to meet people.

A former Texan, who was moving to Orlando came to the Recreation Department to teach us square dancing and eight lessons turned us loose. We didn't know much except left from right (provided we were given enough time), and how to have fun. Those who were bitten by the bug stayed together, formed a club, and with the men who were brave enough, took turns calling one tip each. Modern square dancing was on the way in Northeast Florida.

I did not get up enough nerve to try calling at the club until late in the year. My calling and teaching had been at the U.S.O. here. After helping teach a class at the Recreation Department some of the class members asked me to call and also be president of a club they wanted to form. I bought a public address system in January 1952 and the Swinging Squares of Jacksonville became officially a club for square dancing. Within the year an open dance was started at Murray Hill Civic Center, and this was on the way to forming a club. Work was quite difficult on the many square dance figures coming out, and I was trying very hard to improve. With the help of this club the first Northeast Florida Square dance ROUNDUP in November 1954 was promoted. After the NEFSDA organized in January 1957 I turned the ROUNDUP over to the association. Beginning in 1955 I was on the teaching staff at the U. of Fla. with five short courses on square dancing which I taught. I am a charter member of Florida Callers Ass'n and was president in 1958-59. Having attended six of the eight state callers clinics, most of the state conventions, a National convention, I think the practice of going to the clinics, workshops, and panels each year has helped in many ways."

Bill and Nora demonstrated square dancing at "Fifty years of Progress in Jacksonville", Columbia County Centennial, Stephen Foster Folk Festival, Festival of Arts in Jacksonville, Azalea Festival, and county fairs. Square dancers, this man has been a caller for ten different clubs! Bill is presently calling and teaching for Lake City Squares and Palatka Kaper Kutters. He has taught some ballroom dancing and teaches rounds in our classes and

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clubs. He spends approximately ten hours a week practicing at home, and we learned that he carries a portable tape recorder along with him in order to practice his singing calls while traveling to and from club calling engagements. Here is his score for 1967 which is fantastic: Called 57 club dance nights, had 7 one night stands, 73 nights taught class and workshop, 25 nights visited other club dances, attended 20 special events, and, get this, learned 19 new singing calls!

Have they met people? Believe me they have danced with people from every state, and some foreign countries, people in all kinds of work and professions, and it has been fun all the way. This is a couple hard to forget and easy to make friends with at any dance. Thank you BILL and Nora Camp!

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GOLDEN ISLES SWINGERS

3rd and 4th Saturday. City Recreation Building, Brunswick, Georgia.  
 Caller - Dick Parker  
 President - Charlie Major (912/265-5067)

March 2 was election night. Our new slate of officers is: Charlie Major, president; Jimmy Moore, Vice Pres.; Sue Strayer, sec'y; Shirl Foley, Treas.; Sallie Williams, Historian. Our thanks to the retiring officers for their contribution to the good of our club. Attendance had improved recently, our financial health is the best ever, and we are enjoying more out-of-town visitors. Let's get behind our current officers and keep the momentum going, and do more visiting ourselves. At each future dance there will be "snacks". After a trial of hot and cold drinks only the minority of dietiers was out voted. Now, each couple will bring a light snack and we will all dance, eat, and have fun.

Thirty five of our members attended the Dixieland Square Up at Waycross, Ga. over the weekend of Mar. 8-9, including our most recent graduates (March 2). In addition to the enjoyable dancing and fellowship, many of our people visited jails, restaurants and Motels on a badge earning spree.

Sympathy goes from each of us to Grace Moore whose brother passed away at Milan, Ga. on March 7.

So many splendid dance opportunities remain on the March calendar - Daytona, Gainesville, Jacksonville - that we will probably not have representatives at each. However, two are a must for our members - Friday, March 22 we intend to recover our Banner from the Allemandians, Friday March 29, Bob Rust will be our guest at the Buccaneer Motor Lodge on Jekyll Island - we hope a large number of our dancing friends will join us for this one.

The Golden Isle Swingers say thank you to the Doerings for providing the Grapevine news and information. We also welcome and extend best wishes to the new editors - please let us know what we can do to make your job more pleasant.

Sallie Williams  
 Reporter

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2nd & 4th Saturday, Arlington Congregational Church.

Caller - Harold Pillmore  
 President - Keith & Grace Haid (724-0305)

Our club was saddened this month by the loss of our newly elected treasurer, Herschel Woods, known to us as "Woody". He was one of the three who lost their lives in a plane crash from St. Augustine to Jacksonville on March 5th. We all express our deepest sympathies to his wife, Evelyn.

Many thanks to all the dancers who joined us for our annual Valentine dance, for helping to make it a lot of fun and a big success.

We have had a fine year under our very enthusiastic and industrious president, Harvey and Gloria Chambers. Our new officers who took over in March are: Keith & Grace Haid, Pres.; M. L. & Sarah Ashley, Vice Pres. Harry & Lou Null, Treas. We are looking forward to a good year which already looks bright with the progress our four squares of new dancers are making in their class.

Pete Pillmore  
 Secretary

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JAX 'N' JILLS

2nd & 4th Friday, Phillips Hi-Way Plaza Community Hall.

Callers - Tom & Marianne Hidding  
 President - David Willis

I'm sorry to say that this will be my last month reporting as we had our election March 8th. The new officers are as follows: Pres. David Willis; Vice Pres. Linda Hagadorn; Sec'y. Terry Foley; Treas. Allisor Smith; Reporter Glen Granade.

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**Jax 'N' Jills**

I know our new officers will try to do a good job.

All of us Jax 'N' Jills are excited about the hayride we are going to have along with the Teen Star Twirlers and the Mandarin Promenaders. The date of the hayride is March 30th.

If any of you Jax 'N' Jill mothers have any trouble with the Jax 'N' Jill dresses (the outfit) you can call Mrs. Barbara Samson and get some instructions for them.

Gary Maxey  
Reporter

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**ORANGE PARK PROMENADERS**

Every Friday except 2nd, Doctors Inlet Civic Center - 2nd Friday, Wesconnett Civic Center.  
Caller - Eddie Millan  
Chairman - Tom & Barbara Holt (388-2703)

Jim Brower's calling on April 16th is our feature news this month. He is calling Tuesday April 16th at the Orange Park High School, at the corner of Blanding Blvd. and Kingsley (about 3 1/2 miles West of "downtown" Orange Park). We are looking forward to the dance with anticipation and invite all other dancers to join us. For the 1st time since we have been having Jim, we will have a hall big enough to handle our members and guests comfortably. Remember now, it isn't at our new regular hall but at the Orange Park High School. We cancelled our dance February 22 to go to St. Augustine for Joe Lewis and had a real ball. On March 3rd we retrieved our banner from the Grand Slammers only to have it stolen by the Country Cousins on March 8th. This bit of snitching was corrected on March 16th when our own raiding party recovered our banner at Dinnsmore.

We are very enthused about the oak floor at our new hall at the Dr. Inlet Civic Center. It is next door to their Fire Station on S-224A. Probably the best way to get there is down Blanding 3 miles past the Orange Park High School, left on 224 at the Asbury Church for one half mile, and then left again on S-224-A to the hall

about one half mile or less. There are reflector signs at the left hand turns, or at least there were at the last dance and we expect them to stay, but someone may wonder what those squares and arrows mean and take them down to investigate. It seems there has not been too much trouble finding the hall since we've enjoyed visitors from Western Cutters, Country Cousins, All-derins, Friendly Neighbors, and Starlight Shufflers.

On March 8th we welcomed Terry Russell to membership and the week later, Howard and Gloria Gabbard became members too. These are all accomplished dancers transferring into Jacksonville and we are sure glad to enjoy their company.

Due to their plans to leave town, the Tomlinsons resigned our Chairmanship and the board elected the Holts in their place. It now looks as though we may be able to keep the Tomlinsons around, and they have stayed on the board and are still dancing with us, and are we glad.

Eddie Edge has started something with his surprise swinging of the opposite man while the sides/promenade. Now Danny Danson has started it and has caught a few startled men. Barbara Holt has started to award bars to any man who can Yellow Rock her off the floor. Many have tried but only four hold the bars.

Tuesday, April 16th at the Orange Park High School is when we hope to see "you all" while "we're all" dancing to Jim Brower. Keep Smilin.

The Orange Pickers  
Martin & Margaret

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President - Jack Stevenson  
Information - Call 264-6367

Here we are, now four years old, and did we have fun at our birthday party, and so we would like to extend our thanks to all of you wonderful people who came along to help us celebrate. Bobby Keefe called a real good dance for us, and in between-tips Bill Fleshman kept the rounds going, thanks Bill for taking over. We at Roundleers love having visitors, and so we hope that you will come back again soon and do some rounds with us. On the first Wednesday in April, the 3rd, we will be starting to learn the new round for the month, which is "Rag Doll", so come on out and learn it along with us, there will be no charge, all we ask for is the pleasure of your company.

We missed Carl Graef at the birthday party dance, owing to his recent surgery, however we sure are glad that he is now well on the way to a complete recovery.

Don't forget Roundleers that election time is coming up, and unless you want to be elected President on a write-in vote, you'd better be there to vote for the other fellow.

Rhona Williams  
Reporter

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GRAND SLAMMERS

1st and 3rd Saturdays, 12th & St. Claire  
Strs., Minton Hall  
Caller - John Robbins  
President - Bill Bailey (781-4069)

We are happy to report that the Slammers are back home. We want to say thanks a bunch to the Allemandarins for letting us use their hall during our eviction. We have started a class and anyone who has a prospective class member please contact Mary Bailey. Our class meets every Monday night and we would like as many club members to be there as possible. So come out on Monday and earn your Square Angel Badge.

Our banner is gone! The Western Cutters

made off with it a few weeks ago, but we'll be after it shortly. Glad to have so many of our friends from Orange Park dancing with us on March 2nd. They succeeded in recapturing their banner, but I know that our "bouncing bunch of banner snitching slammers" will be after it again. Sorry that your reporter had the bug and couldn't make the dance but we understand it was a real hoe-down.

Birthday greetings this month go to Betty Ward and Bud Poovey. Bud and Helen also celebrated their wedding anniversary. Bill Bailey was a little puzzled when he realized that Bud was born one day but somehow he managed to get married the day before. Now I'm confused!

Several of the "Slammers" traveled to Waycross to March 8th & 9th shindig. We understand they had a rip shorten time. Betty Ward earned her "Tennessee Kicker" badge and Hugh Bruce wanted to know if Bill had planned to earn his "Giraffe" badge.

Well folks have you circled April 5th on your calendar? Remember the "Grand Slamming Time" you all had at our April Foolishness Dance last year. Well we have again teamed with the Allemandarins for our second annual "April Foolishness Dance" and again Rod Blaylock will be doing the calling. So plan to attend and join us for an evening of fine dancing. The dance will be held at the Phillips Highway Plaza. See you there!

The Slammers are also planning an Easter Bonnet dance. So make yourself a bonnet and come dance with us on April 6th. Several months ago Nella collected a baby picture from all the Grand Slammers members and I understand she plans to put them to use at this dance.

Well folks that's about all for now, see you all at our next dance.

Wayne & Barbara Blackford  
Reporters

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MANDARIN PROMENADERS

Mondays, Mandarin Athletic Club, Brady Rd.  
Callers - Mariann and Tom Hidding  
President - Ronnie Braasch

On February 26 our club held graduation night for the following: Debbie Andrué, Patti Andrué, John Braasch, Sheri Braasch, Ann Casidy, Herin Cassidy, Kathleen Cassidy, Micheal Danese, George Daniels, Ken Daniels, Lisa Davis, Jane Lolder, Arthur Lolder, Libby Emanuel, LeAnn Flynn, Tommy Holden, Anna Marie Wilford, Melissa Huff, Eddie McLuckie, Darlene O'Brien, Lisa Parker,

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Bob Parker, Louise Trudell. We certainly had fun that night, and played lots of games.

For a few nights we danced at Mrs. Braasch's house. Her son, Ronnie, is calling some for us. He's the greatest for a beginner. Last Friday, March 15, was election night, Pres. Ronald Braasch, Vice Pres. Ronnie W. Braasch, Jr., Sec'y. Debbie Braasch, Treas. Harold Braasch, reporter Gayle Bowman. We will have a big jamboree March 30 and will be going on a great hayride. On this we can earn lots of badges. On March 15 we had an old member back, Terry Bowman, my brother, who just might join this club again.

Gayle Bowman  
Reporter

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ATTENTION CAMPERS

On Sunday, March 10, fifteen couples met at the Allemandarin Hall and decided to form a Square Dance Campers club in the Northeast Florida area. It was decided to hold an organizational meeting at Orange City Campground on April 20th. This is a very fine campground with all facilities located about 20 miles southwest of Daytona Beach, just off Interstate 4 at Orange City. Highway signs will direct you. Most campers will check in Friday, April 19 and remain until Sunday, April 21st. All square dancing campers are invited and urged to attend. For further information contact Barbara Lucas, 733-3770 or Joe McMath, 268-9964.

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RHYTHMAIRES

Tuesdays, 8:00 P.M., Early Workshop 7:30  
Englewood Home Demonstration Center  
Instructor - Helen Crout  
President - Billy Bishop (724-8761)

During the past month the club learned "Caprice", the round of the month for March. We workshopped "Moon Over Naples" and "Heartaches" for the benefit of the new dancers in our club.

During April we will work on the round of the month, "Rag Doll", a cute two-step which should go over well with square dancers and "The Sheik", another nice square dancer's round.

We're so happy to welcome as new members of our club: Don and Bea Smith, Larry and Joanne Ewing, Roger and Eunice Johnson, Jim and Lydia Sockwell, and Dick and Dot Schaughency. They add much to the fun and festivities of the Rhythmaires.

Helen's new class in St. Augustine is making fine progress and Helen's enthusiasm, as always, is high. Till next month, happy dancing.

Anne Willis  
Reporter

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The Northeast Florida Square Dancers thank you, Sally and Ernie Doering, for your laborous contribution to us as publishers of the "GRAPEVINE".

The nomination committee for preparing a ballot of officers for the association was appointed early this year due to complaints of the short "working" period allowed these in the past. The committee consists of: Jim Whiteman, Gainesville (Chairman); Charles Robshaw, St. Augustine; and Joe McMath, Mandarin. When these members approach you to serve, give them your cooperation.

Some years back, the clubs of the NEFSDA accepted a set of rules for governing banner stealing. These rules were reprinted in the February issue of the "GRAPEVINE". It seems that, somewhere along the line, the rules have been insufficiently explained to dancers entering into this enjoyable recreation. Some have gone so far as to take a part of a caller's apparel when that club's banner was not available. One or two of the callers may go along with the dancers on this. However, most of them (as well as the majority of the dancers) do not approve of placing a caller in such a position. This can only be considered as imposing upon a caller's good nature, and definitely is not the policy of the NEFSDA nor it's member clubs. Therefore, I request that each dancer who has knowledge of these acts, or of plans to commit such, inform those concerned of the accepted conduct of dancers.

Bob Ross  
President

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WESTERN CUTTERS

2nd & 4th Saturday, Mary Hammond Youth Center  
Club Colors - Purple & White  
Special Guest Callers  
President - David and Claud Fitzsimmons  
384-4162)

Graduation was the great ... Refreshments delicious; attendance marvelous; Good sports plentiful; fun-by the x full; and a string relay that kept ever tickled. Cups,  
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... and diplomas were given to the class of '68. And that night our hearty thanks were rightly expressed by Tom Carrow, to the sponsors of the class, Kellys, Donnellys, Robinsons, and the Zietlows. Festive decor was attended to by the sponsors, plus LeJene Allen and Claudia Fitzsimmons.

Have you met the new Cutters? Well, you will never recognize them by the way they dance, they are real sharp! They are working in about every capacity, officers, host and hostess, telephoning, sweeping out the hall, and even beating the bushes for new dancers. The last item we didn't tell them to do but they are so excited about dancing that "it just came natural like". So our new class will start March 21st with Tom Hidding teaching.

Banners on the move. We have captured the Grand Slammers banner and retrieved our own from the Friendly Frolics. We had more than enough dancers to "make off" with the Orange Park Promenaders banner but "the ole fruit pickers" didn't have it. We did come home with some oranges, (ask the O.P.'s about an orange). The Blackmans, Hedgecoths and Fitzsimmons have their mementoes.

As you have probably heard Bobby Keefe is not with our club. We have enjoyed having Bobby as our caller and wish him well in his new endeavors.

Hospitality plus... Vivian and Charlie Jackson hosted a business meeting in their attractive home, and Mike and Pauline Miklos invited all to their delightful home with eating and dancing the order of the evening. Buzz Ruis kept the crowd hoppin' with new calls.

April 13th will feature a "come as you are" dance, so don't be too surprised at what walks in the door. April is a big month for us with SCOTTY THOMAS from Gainesville calling our 13th. And S-W-A-N-Ging Danny Robinson calling the April 27th dance.

Diehards... Tom and Barbara Holt will lead our dieharders thru their paces (or places). The Ambursays, Fedeles, Collins, and Blackmans will be trying to make it this week March 19th. Don't give up gang, you'll sure meet a lot of swell squares along the way. Oh yes! more "Grasshoppers" are showing up in the ranks so "hey! look them over".

The hard to find Spring Fling was attended by your reporters who after desperate attempts to locate the hall, enjoyed one of the finest dances of the year.

We have a long list of dancers who have visited other clubs this past month and wish we could mention them here but space will not permit. It has been fun and next month we'll

make it bigger and better!

"Larriet"  
The Hedgecoths (388-6655)  
Reporters

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FRIENDLY FROLICS

1st and 3rd Saturdays, Phillips Highway  
Plaza

Caller - John Saunders  
President - Joe and Ruth Brandt (724-4716)

Yipes, here it is 10 P.M. the 19th and I clean forgot the "GRAPEVINE". Maybe that will be a good excuse not to write too much.

Although we've mentioned it before, we've been asked to welcome John Saunders as our caller, "officially". Sorry John, we thought we did it several weeks ago, and that the wonderful turnout to our dances completed the welcome from all of us and the many neighboring clubs.

As you read this we are about 3 weeks away from our "Miss Friendly Frolics Dance". This year we wish to invite all other clubs in our area including St. Augustine, to have at least one participant. The winner will receive a full year of dancing "free" with our club. So all you dolls get out wigs, etc. and try out for our "girlie" show. Remember April 21st dance starts at 7:30 P.M. so that there will be plenty of time for the contest.

Our president and three other couples went to the Spring Fling at Gainesville on March 16. They reported a wonderful time both at Gainesville and at "the lake" at Herman Ibach's cottage for the weekend.

We haven't heard of any illness this month and we're sure happy that its that way.

Plans have been started for a spring outing, perhaps back at Camp O'leno. We'll report more next month as soon as the plans are completed.

Jane & Les Spring  
Reporters

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Y-KNOTS

Thursdays, Southside Community Center  
1541 Hendricks Avenue  
Caller - Frank Clements  
President - Bill Hancock (398-0903)

The Tuesday night classes with our excellent caller-instructor, Frank Clements,

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have been well attended by "beginners", "repeaters" and "helpers" who make up three and four squares of mighty fine couples having a real good time. Sure moving along fast, too, and Frank says it is one of his best classes, ever!!!

Our regular club dances on Thursday nights have also been well attended and for several weeks we had an "extra special" treat in having Joe McMath give us at least one-half hour of instruction and help in Round Dancing each night before the dance. This was certainly enjoyed by many and our thanks and appreciation to Joe for his effort.

Some of our Y-Knots visited the Dixie Chain Gang on Saturday night March 9th at the Phillips Highway Plaza and "snatched" their banner too. Sure hope they will "gang up" on us real soon in return.

On Friday night March 15th, two squares of our Y-Knots were honored by performing as one of the opening numbers on the program for the Riverside Lions Club's 23rd Annual Minstrel and Variety Show at the Civic Auditorium. They were great and we were proud to be so well represented. With Frank Clements calling we had the Dulaney's, the Simpson's, the Sullivan's and Herring-ton's in one square. The Johnson's, Hancock's, Davis' and Fulton's in another. Our special thanks to Margaret and Joe Shannon who stood by in the wing just in case a toe was broken.

During the month of April--"Showers" of birthday wishes and congratulations should go to Annette Dulaney, Wilma Hock, Dot Kellogg and Georgia Mae Cuppett and to Bessie and Arthur Allen, Lucie and Curron Gantt, Wilma and Phillip Hock for wedding anniversaries.

Joe & Georgia M. Cuppett  
Reporters

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SOUL MOLDING

The molder's skill is tested when at last the mold is rammed.  
When cope is lifted, pattern drawn, he shapes the pliant sand  
With trowel and slick and lifter; deftly moves a skillful hand  
To make it match the pattern as closely as he can.  
With greatest care he sets his cores; not in the least annoyed  
In knowing that his handiwork is soon to be destroyed.  
A mold is slicked and washed and cored and closed and clamped--and then  
They pour it full of molten steel and shake it out again.

But every foundry workman knows that sand molds are not lasting  
But only made to realize the end result -- the casting.

Yet cores and molds must all be shaped with utmost care, we've found  
In order that the casting may be good and true and sound.

You cynics and you skeptics who would have us wonder why  
Our lives should be impeccable--ideals and morals high;  
"Why not live gaily, fast and free! Why not take wings and fly?  
For life's at best elusive, fleeting--in the end we die!"

Nay! Life is like a founder's mold, shaped in timeless sand.  
And like the mold, it should be formed with careful, skillful hand.  
This temporary sand-mold life assures the ultimate goal  
And must conform to pattern for the casing of the soul.

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ALLEMANDARINS

Fridays, Mandarin Athletic Club, Brady Rd.  
Caller, 1st, 3rd, & 5th Fridays - Johnnie Robbins.  
Caller - 2nd & 4th Fridays - John Saunders.  
President - Ivan & Dot McGill (268-9908)

Again this month the Allemandarins were out in numbers and up to their old banner stealing tricks again. First it was up to Brunswick, to the Golden Isles Swingers, where we had 7 couples enjoy an evening of Dick Barker's calling. We didn't take his shirt this time but their banner is presently hanging on the walls in Mandarin.

Another club who lost their banner this month was the Paxon Prancers. On March 7th we had 2 full squares dance with Bob Rust. Their banner is also decorating our walls at present.

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Also in connection with Paxon, we had four of our members receive their "P.P." badge this month. Congratulations are extended to Kirk Lucas, Jackie and Les Linker and Elaine Ayer. Keep up the good work, and tell me you had earning these

... some banners, although we wish we could hang our happy memories on the wall for others to share with us. Several of us made a trip to Waycross. The Joe Lewis dance in St. Augustine had a showing of about 2 squares. Thanks are extended to those who couldn't make the trip, and showed up at our own dance which was on the same night.

Did you go to the birthday party? One of our own callers, John Saunders, was given a party by his Daytona club, and a group of us went to join in on the fun. The special caller for that evening was Rod Blaylock. If you didn't go then I bet you don't know what a "turn-'n'-cue" is!

Here we go again!! Get out your calendar and be sure that last month you made a note of our big dance on April 5th. The Allemandarins and the Grand Slammers are sponsoring an "April Foolishness Dance" at the community Hall at the Phillips Highway Plaza. We will square up at 8 P.M. with Rod Blaylock as caller. The Allemandarins will be canceling their regular dance so we will be looking forward to seeing each of you there.

Help!!! If you've done something, know something, or are planning something, don't keep it a secret. Please pass along any information you can so we can all read about it in the newspaper. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Elaine Ayer  
Reporter

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ANCIENT CITY SQUARES

Fridays (Except 5th Friday), Chamber of Commerce, St. Augustine, Florida  
Caller - Oscar Erwin  
President - Jack and Doris Shuler (829-3079)

We were delighted to have about 40 squares of dancers from all over this area at our Joe Lewis dance, February 23. It was a memorable dance, as I'm sure all of you who attended will agree. Joe Lewis presented a combination of calling and showmanship that was delightful. Thanks again to our special activities chairman, Sam Baker, for making this dance possible.

Our next big dance at the Armory is coming up during our Easter Week celebration here in St. Augustine. This is an annual affair

and getting bigger and better every year. It is to be held Wednesday from Daytona is the caller. It is \$1.50 per couple, so mark Wed. the 17th of April on your calender and come help us celebrate. It will be a grand dance!

The Ancient City Squares new officers will be installed April 5th. Jack and Doris Shuler have been wonderful leaders for the past year-now we will all be behind the new officers who are: president Bob and Grace Hall; vice president Richard and Maxine Germain; Secretary Ray and Ruth Gran; treasurer Robert and Eileen Baucley.

We have enjoyed having our many visitors this past month. You are always welcome, so come dance with us on Friday nights at the Civic Center and don't forget to come Wednesday, April 17th at the Armory!

Margaret Newlon  
Reporter

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END OF DAY

At nightfall, when I hasten  
From the foundry's toil and strife,  
To that home across the river  
Where the ever loving wife  
Has a chicken pie for supper  
I know that she will say,  
"I've prepared your favorite dishes, dear,  
For you've worked hard today."  
A block from home the kiddies  
And the dog all run to meet me,  
And at home the wife is sitting  
In the doorway; there to greet me,  
In her fresh, clean dress and apron  
She's as pretty as can be,  
With a rose among her tresses,  
And the baby on her knee,  
As she sits there what a picture!  
An artist couldn't paint it!  
With outstretched hand she murmurs softly,  
"Where's the check?  
It's pay day, ain't it?"

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FUN AND FROLIC

Tuesday, Woodstock Community Center  
Caller - Jack Griffiths  
President - Scottie Hayes (724-4197)

Those of you who missed our Jack Livingston dance on February 27 missed seeing the two most beautiful "dames" in Jacksonville! We mean Mrs. Short and Miss Lewis by name. Ladies, if you want to improve your figures, two half rolls of bathroom tissue are just the thing. Our refreshment committee, ably

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Continued - Fun and Frolic

led by Ray and Clyde and I did a did themselves with their goodies. short it was a very enjoyable evening with Jack really putting us through our paces.

On Tuesday, March 12 we were delighted to have the visit of some of the students from Jones College. The evening ended up with Fun and Frolic promising to return the visit the first Saturday in April to bring square dancing to the campus. Our own Clyde Brown made all the arrangements and we are grateful to him for giving us the opportunity of exposing these young people to our hobby.

This was the month for visitors as on the 19th we had a square of dancers from Western Cutters and Orange Park Promenaders who were starting on a strenuous week of every night dancing in order to make Diehard.

We are still learning new round dances and reviewing old standards every Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. for one half hour prior to our regular square dancing. So come early and come often. We love to have visitors

Aliette Register  
Reporter

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DIXIE CHAIN GANG

2nd & 4th Saturdays, Philips Hiway Plaza  
Caller - Frank Clements  
President - Warren Smith (725-7642)

Well friends I believe I can honestly say the Chain Gang has had one of the best months that we have had in a long time. The change back to Philips Plaza and 2nd & 4th Saturdays must have done the trick.

We had a large crowd journey to St. Augustine to dance to Joe Lewis, an occasion we won't soon forget.

Saturday, Feb. 24 we pulled off another Chain Gang graduation, this one was really a dilly. If any of you folks have never visited a Chain Gang graduation dance, your still in for a very unique experience. The entire dance is devoted to the harassment and persécution of the few brave class members who show up. The survivors of the graduation by the way are Bob & Linda Smallwood, Quinton & Louise Tapley, Elmo & Prudy Brown, and Sam & Carolyn Howard.

Well much to Frank's dismay the hanky-panky wasn't over when the dance was. It seems that Weary Smith began to load his bus with the Moore's, the Yuille's, the Willis', and the Smallwood's and from there on it was "Marietta or Bust". Around 3 A.M. Tom and Myrna, and James and Doris decided to try and quiet down the neighborhood. Well you

can guess how that turned out for the trip 4:30 A.M. the bus home was uneventful except East. The fact that the area around Beaver & Cliff was crawling with vice-squad detectives looking for a tall blond doing a strip act. I don't believe they ever found her. Did they Ann?

Friday March 1st we sent a gang to invade the territory of Mandarin, to beg, borrow, steal, or anyway possible to escape with their banner. Those Allemandarins sure do roll out the welcome mat!

Saturday March 8th was a big success, we really had a fine dance. Seems as though the Allemandarins don't trust us to take care of their flag. They came and took it back. Better lock it up folks, you never know when there's a Chain Gang in the territory. Well if it wasn't bad enough for the Allemandarins to play the part of the Indian-giver -- but the Y-Knots converged on the scene and made off with our banner. Well I don't believe they'll get away with that.

We're looking for Weary to make an announcement at the 5th Saturday NEFSDA dance. That's the same day the stork is supposed to visit the Smith residence.

We will refer to our personality of this month simply as John Doe. Little John was born in Frostproof, Fla. on May 19, 1846. John was the baby of three boys. He was raised right there in the growing city of Frostproof, and continued to cause the Sheriff and local authorities to pull their hair out until he joined the Navy in 1944. John served his country galantly from 1944 to 1946. On Dec. 24, 1946 John threw away his little black book to settle down, for on this day he married the former Miss Shaw in the Mt. Tisgah Baptist Church. John and his bride now have two boys, two dogs, one horse, and 7 roaches. They have been involved in square dancing for about six years. I personally have seen John show up for square dance functions dressed as a cowboy, an Ashley St. bum and a Beaver St. broad. I have seen him in dress and undress at a dance. John was recently in the hospital for surgery of the lower back, but is doing fine now. John is just about the best known and best liked guy in the NEFSDA, "would you believe our own Frank?"

Billy & Claudia  
Reporters

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P.S. From the Dixie Chain Gang -

April 13 is the coming date of the Easter Bunny Ball:  
Get with it old pal - Grab hold of your gal, and parade to our hall-for the Easter Bunny Ball.

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Continued - P.S. from the Dixie Chain Gang

From the Editors desk:

Just a little hare-brained scheme to multiply your pleasure, So hop on over to Philips Highway Plaza, and join the fun on Saturday April 13th. And hey! All you minichicks, don your loveliest, funiest or wildest Easter bonnet and compete for a prize.

Lois Stanton

Caller Bobby Keefe is forming a new club at the Englewood Home Demonstration Center on the 2nd and 4th Fridays. The first dance on March 22nd was attended by many enthusiastic dancers. If interested in good calling and dancing come out on April 12th.

Eddie Edge

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Square Dance Clubs - Remember to send in a correct list of all graduates to us along with zip code numbers, so that we can send them their free copy of the GRAPEVINE.

Do not forget about the free listing of your special dances in the special events column. If you know several months in advance about a coming dance, let us list them.

Clubs! Please do not call in news, announcements, or corrections on articles at the last minute or past the deadline! All articles must be written, signed and either mailed or delivered before the 20th of the month. If after the 20th they may or may not get entered into the GRAPEVINE depending upon the space allotted.

Marge and Ray

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS

- April 3 - Roundleers Round of the Month "Rag Doll", 8:30 P.M., free instruction, everybody invited.
- April 5 - Second Annual April Foolishness Dance - Sponsered by Grand Slammers and Allemandarins. Philips Highway Plaza - Caller - Rod Blaylock
- April 12 - Jim Brower - Sponsored by Challengers.
- April 13 - Western Cutters "Come as you are" dance - Scotty Thomas, caller. (See Flyer).
- April 13 - Easter Bunny Ball - Dixie Chain Gang.
- April 16 - Jim Brower - Sponsored by Orange Park Promanaders-Orange Park High Cafetorium. (See Flyer)
- April 17 - Easter Dance - Sponsored by Ancient City Squares and Easter Week Committee, (See Flyer) Caller - Hal Ham, St. Augustine National Guard Armory.
- April 19 - Irv Elias - Sponsored by Challengers.
- April 26 - Miss Friendly Frolics contest and dance - Sponsored by Friendly Frolics.
- April 27 - Danny Robinson - Sponsored by Western Cutters. (See Flyer).
- May 11 - Irv Elias - Sponsored by Western Cutters. (See Flyer)
- May 17 - Tex Brownlee - Sponsored by Challengers.
- June 13, 14, 15 - State Convention - Miami, Beach, Florida (See flyer).
- Aug. 16, 17 & 18 - 4th Jekyll Island Jamboree - Callers, Bob Bennett, Rod Blaylock, Red Warrick.
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