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WESTERN CUTTERS

VALLEY TWIRLERS (Palm Valley)

The CUTTERS had a get-acquainted cook-out party for our graduating class and their families, and it was a big success. Games were organized for the children and included sack races of many types, also a tug of war. The biggest event, however, was the Twist contest. Believe me, these kids can really twist. When each contest or game was over, the winner and runners-up received ribbons of various colors (furnished by Ann Lynch). Each contestant must have gone home with at least one ribbon. One exception to the rule, Bea Smith received a ribbon for NOT entering a contest (the Twist, of course).

A cook-out topped off the afternoon. The food was delicious. There were baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad, cookies, cup cakes and brownies. The main course was hamburgers and hot dogs. Even the gals had to admit that our cooks, Earle Pierce, Phil Grasser and Leon Smith, did a mighty fine job. The party ended with mothers collecting their children, who were well mixed with the local real estate. (Dirt, man, dirt!)

We now have a water cooler and vending machine with assorted drinks. Both are appreciated by all dancers.

Our new banner is an eye opener!! Isn't it? Donna Grasser conceived the idea which was presented to the club and voted in. Ann Lynch and Jo Patterson were appointed to get the work done and did the job real well. Of course the banner went with many of our members to the Convention in Miami Beach. I'm sure all of you who went to the Convention will agree it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, even though it was pretty damp in Miami. Everyone had a wonderful time. Many new badges were made at all hours of the night, such as Turtle, Kangaroo, Plunger, etc. To sum it all up, it was a tired but mighty happy group of CUTTERS who left Miami on Sunday.

The CUTTERS extend an invitation to all square dancers to visit our club and dance with us. You'll enjoy dancing to our caller, Floyd Hazen. We think he's one of the best. We're having a guest caller on July 28th-- Lew Green from Miami. He's a real good caller too, so come see us. We'd love to have you.

Gladys and Phil Grasser

Special sale on old tunes, both square and round \$1. See EDDIE (BOW'S) RA 4-9424.

Saturday, July 7, did not turn out to be such a dreary day after all. The sky cleared and the sun came out late in the afternoon; then the parking lot at South Ponte Vedra Beach began to fill up with square dancers intent on earning their Surf Twirler badges. In spite of more rain and quite a few jelly fish stings, everyone had a good time. There were dancers from Amelia Island Squares, Jubileers, Merry Mixers, Friendly Frolics, Paxon Francers, Seaside Squares, Starlite Shufflers, and Western Cutters, as well as our own club members.

About 9:30 when everyone had danced on the sand long enough, we all picked up our gear and drove over to the Palm Valley Community Center to finish the dance. It was good to see such a real big turnout, some still in bathing suits, dancing to the calling of Ray, our regular caller, who had a helping hand from Walt Knight and D. J. Lynch. Thanks, boys; you all did a good job. Just wanted you to know, Walt, we did serve coffee right after you left. We had a little trouble with the plug, but it perked eventually. The last dancers left at 12:30. We were all pretty tired by that time but hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as we did. Maybe we can do this again next year.

We were pleasantly surprised with a visit from Mary Anne Moore and Bob Austin of the Marian Squares from Savannah, Georgia.

Our caller and family are going on a much-needed two weeks vacation and hope to visit some of the different square dance clubs on our way up through Georgia and the Carolinas. During this time D. J. Lynch is going to call for the club. See you all when we return.

R. E. Baxter, reporter

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Northeast Florida Square Dancers Association dues were payable July 1. (\$3.50 per couple or \$2.50 single.) Membership includes year's subscription to BOW & SWING. Pay your club delegate or any Association officer.

AT 3:00 P.M. MANY OF YOU HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ATTENDING ASSOCIATION MEETINGS SO WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR YOU THEN. This will be an important meeting as nominating committee for next year's officers will be named (bring your ideas), membership problems will be discussed, etc. So come and lend your strength and ideas to your association. We need all of you if the Association is to function properly to serve all dancers in our area.

We are hoping to have further information as to the results of the National Convention by meeting time too, so come and hear about the aftermath of an event of this kind. We have received information that the Convention managed to show a very small profit which in due course will be distributed throughout the State. 'Nuff said for now.

Virgil Green, President

Tote-A-Record Case: 120 for \$5.45 inc. PP 60 for \$3.25. SEE EDDIE (BOW'S) RA 4-9424

F R I E N D L Y F R O L I C S

H'lo dere! "Snewpy" here, "Skooping" the Beachcombers Dance (Nautical but Nice) being scheduled by FRIENDLY FROLICS for August 18 at Annie Lytle School. Special Events Chairman Frank (Sailor Boy) Clements and his crew (Myra Faircloth, Marge Piszczek, George Stanton and Jack Starling) promise you a "shelluva good time" so grab a sarong (dress optional) and join us on the 18th.

FRIENDLY FROLICS plans to take neighboring square dance clubs by "storm" -- with a monthly visit to a different club, beginning (alphabetically) with a call on "Fun and Frolic" in August. This little maneuver will (we hope) enable us to know each other better, as well as encourage more visiting among the clubs in this vicinity. Incidentally, when you join us at our "Beachcombers Dance," take a look-see at the club scrapbook! Thanks to Genelda McDonald, it is being kept up to date with a load of amusing pictures and interesting clippings.

Leonard and Frieda Saraga, of "Plaza Western Wear," are pleased to announce that well over \$100 in free merchandise has been given away to members of their "Bakers' Dozen Club." New members are always welcome, so, for further info, trot on down to see these good people at Philips Highway Plaza!

One warm evening in July we "froze" at Tuesday night workshop when Myron called, "Go ice cold" (a take-off on "Go Red Hot"). "Dixie chain on a zig-zag track" proved to be a bit of a challenge, too! With such valuable material and an excellent caller at our fingertips, it would be a shame to eliminate these Tuesday night sessions, but this may be necessary unless we have a better turnout! So, let's get with it! Make Tuesday your night at Englewood Home Demonstration Club with Myron and the "crowd."

The fireworks were all over when FRIENDLY FROLICS celebrated the "Fourth" on July 7 at Annie Lytle, although we did get a mighty

big "bang" out of that "twist" exhibition by Russ and Bettie Osborn and Roy and Genelda McDonald. Myron shook the halls with "Thunder Road" (to get even with a bunch of hecklers) while Herschell gave a very classy rendition of "Red Wing" (involving a dip 'n' dive with a wrap around). A mighty pretty figure, Herschell! Thanks to Barbara Samson, the refreshment table was most patriotically decorated, even to the delicious cupcakes Barbara baked. Visiting us that evening, all the way from Arkansas, were Bill and Virginia Jeffcoat (old club members we haven't seen in ages), in addition to Bob and Jeannette Smith (glad to see you back again), along with Fuller and Virginia Tresca, Charles Christensen, Arthur and Betty Wells, Lucille Williams, Orson and Marilyn Fressell, and John and Judy Marshall. Come back, y'all! Real Soon!

"Summertime, an' the dancin' was breezy" (sorry, Mr. Gershwin), but, oh! that delightful air-conditioned hall (location Atlantic Boulevard) that FRIENDLY FROLICS tried on for size recently!! Preceding this special dance of July 14 members and guests were treated to a watermelon feast. This was your little brainstorm, Eddie Bowman, and we sure missed having you and Willie Gray there to enjoy it with us! Every good wish for a full and speedy recovery, Eddie, though I know the feelings of the club have already been conveyed to you through our thoughtful "Sunshine Lady," Faith Butner. Taking over "Melon Detail" for Eddie were two hard-working boys who haven't been able to shake the watermelon out of their ears yet! Thanks loads, Frank Clements and George Stanton! This new hall has great possibilities, but more about that next month. In the meantime "Snewpy" sez (and Dot 'n' Aggie agree) that "the broom closet has got to go!!!"

Lois Stanton, reporter

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SOME LEAN -- SOME FAT

About twelve years ago the City Recreation Department put on a beginners class of Square Dancing at what is now the Central Bank of Jacksonville. Over a hundred attended these first dances, and it was there that many clubs were started around Jacksonville. (cont'd)

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The first years, as usual, were lean years as this was new to Jacksonville. However, it has grown steadily, and now we are in the fat years of square dancing, with everyone having a wonderful time. The prospects of the future are in our hands for the taking. I eat, sleep and dream of ways to help. I would go every night, only the time gets in the way, now and then.*

We in Jacksonville are destined to grow into a large group of the best and friendliest peoples in Jacksonville. Keep going; take your families and your friends to the best fellowship in America.

Eddie Bowman

*I have attended about 1872 square dances, 3 state conventions, 5 Knothead Konventions, and 1 National Convention.

PROMENADERS
(Orange Park)

The Orange Park PROMENADERS have elected new officers for the coming year. In the office of president will be Mr. and Mrs. Larry Crutchfield; Vice President, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Church; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Nix. Serving as Chairmen of Committees are

Mrs. Harry Horton, Telephone
Mrs. Frank Pedroni, Hostess
Mrs. Kaye Carroll, Publicity

We also have a new class for pre-teen and teen-agers beginning August 2 on Thursday nights with Hugh Patterson as caller. Call CO 4-9304 or CO 4-9713 for information.

BADGES - Club and Specialty. Bumper stickers 10¢ to 35¢. SEE EDDIE (BOW'S) 9732 MacArthur Ct., P.O. BOX 16614, JAX

STARLIGHT SHUFFLERS

The STARLIGHT SHUFFLERS have been very busy during the past month. More fun! In addition to our regular club dance each Friday night, we've been dancing every time anyone said "Let's go," and we've gathered quite a few badges.

On June 22 we earned our "R by RP" badge, which means "Reprimanded by the Road Patrol." You earn it only if the neighbors call the Road Patrol to you while having a club dance at Walt Knight's house. However, the officers go away if you hold the door open wide and ask them to join the fun.

On July 7, six of our couples and their children attended the Surf Twirlers Convention at South Ponte Vedra Beach. It was great fun, and we earned our "Surf Twirler" badges. For those of you who have never squared up in the surf or in that deep soft sand, you have a real treat in store. After leaving the Beach, we moved on to the Palm Valley Community Center for more dancing. We left there tired but happy and got the sleepy children to bed at about midnight. THEN - we all congregated at Scott and

Angie's house 'til about 1:30 AM, Sunday, and - THEN went to Walt and Dot's house to see what they were doing. Can you imagine, they were asleep and we wanted to make "Idiot." We leaned on the door bell until he came to the door in his blue shortie pajamas, rubbing his eyes with one hand and scratching his head with the other. All he said was, "Close all the windows and keep the music low." We made "Idiot" and left before the Road Patrol could come again. One of our fellows said he had a speech all prepared, if necessary, like this, "But, Judge, we only wanted to be 'Idiots'." Think he would understand? If the rest of the gang were as tired as I was after all that, they found it hard to go to sleep, but I finally made it by counting little Idiots jumping over the fence.

Then there was the week 13 of us made "Diehard." Listed below is a record of our journey:

- 7/9 Englewood - Herschell Lee (caller)
- 7/10 Englewood - Myron Samson "
- 7/11 Coker's - Walt Knight "
- 7/12 Paxon - Elwood Sexton "
- 7/13 Starlight Shufflers - Walt Knight "

On July 11 we danced barefoot on the Coker's front lawn, making "Grasshopper," and, while at Paxon, three squares gathered in the Ladies' Room to make "Plunger" to Elwood's calling while he stood on the "Johnny."

The purpose of the Diehards is to promote and encourage square dancers to visit other clubs and classes to further enjoy this fine form of recreation and pastime. I must say we did just that, and we want to thank the various clubs for helping us have such an exciting week. And a special "Thank You" to Paxon for the party they gave us on July 12.

On July 13 we were honored to have Mr. Finis Lawson, from Kansas City, give us a very stimulating clog-dancing exhibition. Mr. Lawson is a cousin of Kathryn Hanson, one of our members.

To our vacationing members we say, "Have fun, but hurry back; we miss you." We have enjoyed our visitors during the month and extend an invitation to all of you to come dance with us. Oh goodness, before I close I must apologize to Angie, Vallie and Gladys for the misprint of their names in my article last month.

Betty Tool, Mrs. Secretary

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FUN AND FROLIC

Things have been pretty quiet at FUN AND FROLIC this past month. Our President, Reggie, and Secretary, Aliotto Register, are vacationing at Ft. George.

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Being July and running true to form, things are livening up. FUN AND FROLICKERS are planning a trip to Waycross Saturday, July 21, to dance with the club up there.

Congratulations to Marvin Faircloth for being promoted to Sales Manager of Florida for Norris Candy Company. M-m-m-m Boy! He must be a firecracker of a salesman.

A great big welcome to:

- Ralph and Marie O'Neil (formerly of Jax, now residing in Alexandria, Va.)
- Walter and Pansy Martin
- Edythe and Russell Grelle
- Pearl and Randy King
- Grace and Barney Davis
- Marquette and Jay Carter
- Virginia and Fuller Tresca
- Kal Howlett

Jessie and Johnnie Fletcher (three cheers to Johnnie for holding his own in a square after venturing all the way to the Smoky Mountains with Boy Scout Troop 160.)

We had a grand time Tuesday, July 17, dancing to Jack Griffiths' calling. Just like old times. Jack is going to Richmond, Virginia, September 22, to call for the Western Twirlers. He has extended an invitation for square dancers to come along. Folks, you don't have to go all the way to Richmond; Jack calls at Woodstock Community Center (air-conditioned!) every Tuesday night. We of FUN AND FROLIC believe Jack is like wine -- he mellows with age! So-o-o-y'all come!

Your July reporter, Grace Green

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MERRY - MIXERS

June 21 we enjoyed our covered-dish supper for the month. As usual, the variety of foods was very good, and we had a good turnout, including the dance which followed. Ray Baxter was amongst our visitors and honored us with a couple of tips. The next Thursday on the 28th we journeyed out to Jax Beach to dance to Les Gotcher. In spite of the hot weather and the slippery floor, we all enjoyed his calling immensely. How he could mix up that "hash," keep up with the individual squares, and bring that corner out of nowhere was amazing.

We started July off with a bang on Thursday the 5th. Even though our ranks were thinned by vacations, work schedules, and hot weather, we mustered up five squares, including our lively visitors who brought along their relatives from California. They promised us a California version of the twist but never got up the courage to get out on the floor. Have you seen the high-level square that twists through every left allemande? The "noisy half" brought it back from the Miami convention; it caught on quickly, and now we have a square or more including the Trescas, Olsens, and Saragas who distract our caller no end (end?).

Did you know that square dancing is now listed in the yellow pages? Club member Saraga has undertaken the job of volunteer-

ing to serve as an information center for out-of-town visitors and local people who are interested in learning. Are you including square dancing in your vacation plans this year? Bettie and I should be in Fontana as this goes to press; George Williams dances every year way out in Salt Lake City, and others are planning to work in some dancing on their journeys. Usually a call to the Chamber of Commerce will net you a place to dance in a strange city.

Although I was forced to miss our regular covered-dish supper and dance on the second Thursday of July, I am told that the usual good food and company prevailed. Plans are under way to change the August supper-dance to the third Thursday, the 16th. The club is to provide the meat course, and members (and our regular visitors) are asked to bring a double portion of whatever their specialty may be. Herschell's class will be our guests for the evening. From all reports this is a real lively bunch, and we are looking forward to welcoming them into organized (?) square dancing.

As the deadline for this issue of GRAPEVINE nears, we are anticipating a visit from a group of Western Cutters on the 19th. Herschell called for them the 14th while Floyd was away, so they decided to pay us a visit too.

We have sorely missed our Association activities these past few months since the Gainesville dance. Of course there have been extracurricular things like the Fernandina Festival, Miami Convention and the Gotcher dance, plus the upcoming Knothead Konvention -- but it's a long, long time until the next N. E. Florida dance following the Georgia-Florida game in November. Anybody got any ideas for an area get-together before then?

We've enjoyed having all our visitors this summer. Y'all come back again and bring your friends with you to the Arlington Community Center any Thursday night.

Russ Osborn

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SILVER SWINGERS
(Ocala)

It is hard to settle down after the Square Dance Convention -- but here goes. We were proud of Bill Muench who introduced the "Triple Dixie Chain" (his) at the Convention. We had gone over it several times at the SILVER SWINGERS, so we did not have any trouble with it in Miami. So many of our SILVER SWINGERS were at the Convention and could be found in the Hot-Hash room where Bill was.

On June 1 the SILVER SWINGERS met at the VFW Hall in Ocala, with the usual big crowd of dancers. We reviewed "Left Allemande down the track," "Triple Dixie Chain, Arky movements, and many more that

I fail to remember. Mabel and Randy Davis led us in our round dancing, and we enjoyed a social period, after which we had a short workshop.

On June 22 the SILVER SWINGERS met again at the VFW Hall. We had to postpone our meeting on the 15th because of the Convention. We had visitors from Miami, Margaret and Marvin Mockabee, who will be moving up our way soon and probably joining us. Mabel and Randy Davis taught us the "Chop Suey Polka," which was enjoyed by all who participated. This seems to be a catchy dance, and everyone was doing it before too long. We missed Ruthe Munch and Betty Young. Understand Ruthe hurt her back. Hope she is better and sitting in her usual place at the door next time. Our workshop included many of the newer movements taught at the Convention. We felt right up to par by the time Bill finished with the workshop.

Elsie Trantham, reporter

KNOTHEAD KONVENTION KNEWS

You might be interested in the fact that Marvin Faircloth, who did such a "bang-up" job on the Donkey Party at the Knothead Konvention last year, has agreed to take on the job again this year. Many thanks, Marvin.

We also note quite a few hotel reservations from your area.

This year we have added a "Teen and Family" period for Saturday and Sunday afternoons. If there are any Teen callers who would like to participate in either or both of these periods, please have them contact me. These periods will be under the direction of Bill Roundtree who handled the Teen and Family Room at the National Convention in Miami.

About the Trails-End Dance Friday night, August 31 at Reebing Hall. Your admission will be your Knothead badge. Those who wish to qualify for Knotheads and meet all requirements will also be admitted to the dance on a temporary badge.

Jack Jackson of Columbus, Ohio, will be the Konvention Kaller. I don't believe it is necessary to elaborate on Jack as I know most of the dancers in your area are well aware of what a terrific caller he is and what a good dance he will give you.

See "you all" at the Konvention.

Squarely yours,

Jim Galloway, Chairman
FLORIDA KNOTHEADS, INC.

SEASIDE SQUARES
(Jacksonville Beach)

June 20 was a good week for SEASIDE SQUARES. Our guest list was long, and we had three squares, with Joe Smith doing the

calling. The Morgans (Jim, Phyllis, Paul and J. L.) of the Wesconnett Western Cutters and the Diehards (Honolulu) were present. Al Dewalt, the originator of the Diehard badge, and his wife Joyce from Memphis, Tennessee, came with them. Our other guests were Virginia and Fuller Tresca, Ruth and Sam Somers, Gladys and Avery Powell, Hin and May Etta Thuysin, Virginia and George Cathoy and baby, Helen and Doyle Beatenbough and Bill Skiles. After the dance the Hustons had a large crowd of us over for coffee, cake and shop talk.

Our next meeting was combined with the Les Gotcher dance. The Community Center was well filled. Paxon Francers appeared in their group colors. We all enjoyed their red and white shirts and dresses. They brightened up the room considerably.

Our hall was being used as a dressing room July 4 for a beauty contest, so we had to forego square dancing for fireworks and the like.

July 11 we danced under the stars. Herschell Lee did his calling from the band shell. W. R. and Virginia Jeffcoat, former residents of Jacksonville who are now living in Texarkana, Arkansas, were present. Some spectators from Georgia also joined the fun. Despite the cool ocean breezes it was a hot night, and an audience gathered around to watch us. Please come join us if you can.

Grace Governale, acting reporter

RE M I N D E R S

- July 1 - NEFSD Assn. dues payable. (See notice on page 1.)
- July 28 - Lew Green calling for Western Cutters dance.
- July 29 - (Sunday) Northeast Fla. Square Dancers Assn. meeting at Woodstock Commun. Center (Beaver and St. Clair) at 3:00.
- Aug. 1 - Wed. - Bob Rust calling for Paxon Francers dance at 8:00, Mary Hammond Youth Center, 12th St., Admission \$2 couple.
- Aug. 2 - Thurs. - New pre-teen and teenage class starting in Orange Park. Hugh Patterson calling. Phone CO 4-9304 or CO 4-9713.
- Aug. 16 - Thur. - Merry Mixers covered-dish supper and dance. Also graduation of beginners class.
- Aug. 18 - Sat. - Beachcombers party by Friendly Frolics at Annie Lytle School. Costume optional.
- Nov. 10 - Saturday. (Florida-Georgia game day.) N. E. Fla. Square Dancers Assn. FALL ROUNDUP. Jack Jackson calling. To be held in new Jax Civic Auditorium. Advance tickets now on sale at \$1 each. Door admission will be \$1.25 per person. Get your tickets NOW.

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