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MERRYSTEPPERS

The regular weekly square-dance fell on October 31, and Dorothy and Marion Forsman invited the Merrysteppers to a Halloween Costume party at their outdoor dance-floor. Corn shocks and large (real!) jack-o-lanterns greeted guests as they went through the "woods" to the dance-floor. This set the scene for the varied costumes of members, and some difficulty arose in dancing in some of the costumes. Judging was done by teen-agers Marianne Forsman, Dot Wing, and Jane Mixson. Pauline and John Schmertmann were judged the best during the grand march; their Raggedy-Anne and Andy type costumes concealed their identity successfully until after the judging.

A bonfire and bountiful refreshments climaxed the evening of gaiety and dancing.

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FRIENDLY FROLICS New Year's Dance is open to all square dancers. Reservations are not required.

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PAXON PRANCERS

We are little lost Francers these days, because our caller Elwood Sexton has been working nights. We sure do miss him, but we've had a good time visiting other clubs and having different callers call for us.

October 19 we visited Merry Mixers and learned HEY DOWN THE MIDDLE (almost). Some of us don't follow instructions very well, not calling any names, but it is somebody who has lots of birthdays. We sure did have a good time, and we'll plan to visit again soon.

The next Thursday we danced at the Fair, and again on the following Sunday with Elwood doing the calling. Even though he hasn't had much practice lately, he didn't forget how to call or slow down. Most of our club and several visitors were there to help us and have fun. We signed up lots of interested spectators.

November 2 Myron Samson called for us. We enjoyed Myron and Barbara's visit and hope they will come again soon. Have you noticed how old they are getting? It seems they are always having birthdays.

Floyd and Margie Hazen called for us on November 9. We enjoyed dancing to their calling. Margie and her "Sugar Blues" -- who can keep from dancing? We Taws sure do have some squares for partners. You should have seen them trying to do the "Beer Mug Chain," always waiting for someone to take them out. One of the squares said, "Nobody will take me out." Can you imagine who? I'm sure Bea Smith knows. Ha! Hope our visitors had as much fun as we had. Do come back.

November 16 we had a good time dancing to the calling of Ray Baxter and Walter Knight. These new callers are really doing well. We're real proud of them because we feel they belong to Faxon, even though we know they will be leaving us to start classes and clubs of their own in the future. Ray and Rosina Baxter attended the Callers' Convention in Sarasota. Both say they enjoyed it as well as learning things that will help them in their new venture.

We celebrated two birthdays this month (officially): Rosina Baxter and Sara Warren. Both are getting younger.

Margaret Joyce, Reporter

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ASSOCIATION NEWS

The bimonthly Association meeting was held November 13 at the Mayflower Hotel with 18 present, consisting of club representatives and callers.

The meeting was conducted by Virgil Green, President for this year, who named the following committees: Paul Lane, Chairman of Trail Dance Committee; Charles Houghton, Chairman of Program Committee; Carl Law, Chairman of Membership Committee;

John Lawson, Liaison, Callers' Association; Hugh and Faith Butner, Publicity Chairmen.

Plans were made to continue the demonstration dances in various shopping centers under the direction of the public presentation committee and callers.

All present favored plans to have the Fall Roundup on the day of the Florida-Georgia football game as an annual affair. The dance is to be held at the new Municipal Auditorium next year, and each club has been asked to advance \$10 to cover pre-payment of Auditorium rental.

The GRAPEVINE publication has been assigned to Ruth and Bill Fleshman, who suggested that subscriptions be paid for on either a six-months or one-year basis. Advertising in the GRAPEVINE is solicited to help defray the costs of publishing.

Mr. Harry Edwards, Chairman Florida Federation of Square Dancers, announced that plans were well under way for benefit dances in Tampa, Clearwater, Ft. Myers, with Les Linnin charge. (11th National)

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RUTH AND BILL FLESHMAN

CIRCLE EIGHT

October 28 was our Halloween Dance, and the gala-decorated hall was jumping. Members and guests enjoyed the costumes. The judges gave prizes for Prettiest, won by Margaret Smith; Most Original, bunny rabbit and baby, Gladys and Jack Griffiths; Ugliest, Betty and Marvin Faircloth.

Our beautiful door prize, a dried arrangement, was made and donated by Edith Ford and was won by Bob Hackbert. Pumpkin prizes were won by Ben Fancher, Pete Pillmore and Charlie Head.

The high spot of the evening was a square dance skit put on by Betty and Marvin Fair-

cloth, Estelle and Frank Simpson, Betty and Charlie Head, and Audrey and Mark Fletcher. Our caller Jack Griffiths had a time with them.

Speaking of callers, you wouldn't have recognized Harold Pillmore. Ask him how his balloons are holding up. Herb and Ann Lawhorne called, and "Cotton Candy" Ann is great. Joe Smith is coming along with his calling.

The Jubileers Club spent their regular dance night with us. They will also be dancing with us for the November 11 and 25th dance.

The evening ended with refreshments as usual. As you know, square dancers like to eat.

We thank all for coming and making our trick-or-treat night a gay one.

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CORRESPONDENTS

The news deadline is the 20th of each month. This is not a change. Everyone wants to read your club's news; please meet the deadline.

WESTERN CUTTERS

The hospital rolls have included two from the Western Cutters recently, with Jim Badger having a stay at Baptist Hospital, and Gordon Cleaveland being up at St. Vincents. Happily both are now out and on their way to recovery.

A small but enthusiastic crowd enjoyed the calling of Jack Jackson on November 1. His smooth style of calling had everybody moving all during the dance and still

ready for more at the close. He is really good.

Plans for the Christmas Party are under the capable direction of Bea Smith, and I am sure it will be a fun-filled evening. Plans are to hold the party on December 16. This is an annual affair and is directed toward fun for the entire family. We are hoping that our beginning class will be joining us at that time too.

Phil Grasser has left for five weeks' schooling. The Navy is sending him to Oceana, and he does not expect to return until just before Christmas.

Jim Morgan has had his dance nights interfered with by a stint of Shore Patrol duty. Seems his schedule has a habit of keeping him on duty Saturday nights.

Paul and Mary Lane have just returned from a fun-filled week at Miami where they attended the Les Gotcher Institute at the Crown Hotel.

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ROUND DANCING

If you are interested in round dancing, please come to Woodstock Community Center in Woodstock Park, Beaver and St. Clair Streets, at 8:00 P.M. Wednesday, November 29. Regular meetings are contemplated with nominal cost to participants -- possibly as low as \$1.00 per month. We plan to review old rounds and learn new ones on a help-each-other basis. Ruth Bartley and Bob Waites have devoted a lot of time and energy trying to help Jacksonville-area couples in round dancing. Let's try to profit by their contributions and continue round dancing.

RUTH AND BILL FLESHMAN

FRIENDLY FROLICS

Friendly Frolics continues on its friendly frolicking way, its members dancing every chance they get. This past month several unusual opportunities arose: the successful Benefit Dance (sponsored by Erin Pomerantz and the Art Division of the Riverside Woman's Club on November 9), exhibition dances at the official opening of the Sherwood Forest Shopping Center, also dancing at the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural and Industrial Fair, both on the Gator Bowl field and in the square-dance booth.

Our visitors, bless them, continue to come, not only from other clubs here, but from as far away as California -- on November 18 we had another visit from Clarence Ellis, a Happy Hopper from Savannah, also Bill and Evelyn Alexander of Augusta, Ga., and Carl Law.

On Sunday, November 19, Friendly Frolickers "dropped in" on surprised Ted and Elinor Johnson, who have just moved into their lovely new home at Atlantic Beach. This house-warming was also heart-warming. The afternoon was enjoyed by all, as were the coffee and other delicious refreshments. We wish Ted and Elinor lots of happiness and good luck in their new home.

Herschell's class on Tuesday evenings is coming right along, and we are looking forward to the time when these folks will be dancing with us at our regular Saturday night dances.

Big plans are under way for our BIG New Year's Dance at Annie Lytle School on December 30 at 8:00 P.M. We want to stress again that this dance is open to ALL square dancers, and reservations are not necessary. A special invitation is extended to everyone. Besides an evening of dancing to the calling of two grand callers, Herschell Lee and Myron Samson, there'll be a dinner (turkey, ham and all the trimmings!), surprises, favors and fun -- everything for a completely enjoyable evening! Don't miss it -- we'll see you there!!

ELLEN JOHNSON, Reporter

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