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MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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PALATKA KAPPER KUTTERS plan great dances ahead!

1st and 3rd Saturday, Union Hall, Hiway 17 North, Palatka, Florida.

Caller Bill Camp

President - Bill Young (473-4609 Keystone Heights, Florida)

Our Beginners Hoedown will be held Dec. 7. All beginners who have had 8 or 10 lessons are invited to attend. Dancers, bring your beginner friends. Callers will be Bill Camp and visiting callers. This is good experience.

The third Saturday night dance will be our Christmas Party. Everyone bring a \$1.00 gift and play our game. Beginners are also invited to this dance.

We're sorry to hear that Ed Friday, our able Treasurer has been ill. Sure hope you are feeling better, Ed.

Don't forget to mark your calendar. Jan. 7 Frank Lane will be calling at the Ravine Gardens in Palatka. Frank is really the "King of Rhythm". He grabs the floor by the ear from the beginning.

We'd like to thank the square from St. Augustine for judging our Halloween costumes. There were some weird getups. Walter Sapp won! Indian who? Come dance with us!

Ann Ashton
Reporter

ROUNDLEERS welcome back travelers

Wednesdays, Woodstock Park Community Centre. Workshop - 7:30, Rounds - 8:00. President - Carl Graeff (388-4354)

'Tis said that no news is good news, but that doesn't help much when trying to write a column, so guess that we had better put on the old thinking cap and see if we can't come up with something.

First of all, we are sure glad to welcome Bill and Ruth back again from their cross country travels. Glad that you folks had

such a good trip.

Seems like our wishful thinking proved almost too much for with the sudden drop in temperature Woodstock Community Centre must have been one of the coolest spots in town! Bill kept the platters going though, so we may have been a little pooped, but at least we weren't cold.

Two new dances were taught this month, "Trumpet Call" and "Molly and Me", and in early workshop, the old classic "Green Door", for those of us who missed it the first time around.

We are very glad to welcome back Jack Stevenson after an absence of several weeks, but we are now missing Carl and Rose Law. Under stand that Rose broke her leg and will be out for awhile. Can't keep a good square dancer down though. We're all pulling for you Rose. We hear that Fred Hafers has got

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ROUNDLEERS - continued

himself on the sick list. Sure hope that you are now feeling better Fred. We were sorry to hear about Joan Reynolds' father being in a car accident, and hope that he is now on the way to complete recovery.

Sorry that more people were not able to attend the Round Dance Council's "Round Up", which was held at the George Washington Hotel. Anyway we know that the ones who were there enjoyed it. It's always nice to meet up with other dancers from around the State.

To all Round Dancers, don't forget, if you plan on going to the Dinner Dance at Christmas, get your tickets now, as this is by reservation only.

Rhona Williams
Reporter

THE GRAND SLAMMERS - New officers and new Partners.

1st & 3rd Saturday, Minton Hall, 12th & St. Clair Streets (Paxon)

Caller - John Robbins

President - Wayne and Barbara Blackford
(781-2532)

At a meeting following our Nov. 16th dance the Grand Slammers elected a new slate of officers to serve during 1969. As of Jan. 1 new presidents are Wayne and Barbara Blackford. Chosen for Vice President was Earl Burch. When it came to the office of Treasurer we all decided we just couldn't top the best and re-elected Betty and T.J. Ward for that office. As for secretary it looks as though you'll all be hearing from yours truly in this column for the coming year, Larry and Harriette Dickerson. We're sure these officers will all be supported whole heartedly by the entire club and their year in office will be a fun filled one.

Wedding bells are ringing in two Grand Slammer families this month. Miss Sharon Ward, an old Knothead herself, the daughter of Betty and T.J. will walk down the aisle Nov. 23rd to become Mrs. Roy Charles "Butch" Shirly.

On the same evening Wanda Goedart's mother will be come a happy bride.

We all wish the very best to these two new families for years to come.

Some of us will arrive with leftover rice still in hand, a bit late for Tommy Stoye at the Fall Round-Up Saturday night. Better late than never, see you there.

With all the wedding plans in the making Slammers haven't been too active this month. Look out in December though. We did manage to have a gala halloween party for our class Oct. 30th. We've never seen so many original costumes. Sure hope the winners enjoyed their "color T.V.'s" and "Cadillac".

The last day of Nov. will find us in Valdosta with our own John Robbins. We plan to take along some of our class members to participate

in a skit.

Speaking of Mr. Robbins, he demonstrated on Nov. 16th that those who do not carry their own keys are sometimes left stranded..

Thanks to Lewie and Louise Perdua we are now members of the Kissin Kousin Clan....

We have plenty of Knit Knit badges on hand so come on over and see what madness the Grand Slammers are up to now.

Til next month,
Larry & Harriette Dickerson
Reporters

WESTERN CUTTERS - Halloween and Goblins

2nd & 4th Saturday, Mary Hammond Youth Center
Club Colors - Purple and White
Caller - Fred Beard

President - David & Claudia Fitzsimmons
(384-4162)

Way back in what might seem like history, we have to relate the notes on the partys we've had. Like for instance there was Halloween and the prizes won by the Fakes, (Helen & Vic) also the Kirklands (Bill and Jenny) and Johnny Johnson who had us all fooled. Those clowns, hippies and monster get-ups were great. A big vot of thanks goes to the decorating committee and host and hostesses - everything was swell.

And let's not forget the "Idiot" party. We had over two squares to made idiot and enjoy the dancing. Fred and Lila were dragged out of their warm home on this cold night to a waiting gang, still eager to dance all night. Food was plentiful and delicious.

If there was a dance you can bet your bottom dollar there was a Cutter or more there to enjoy it. You just can't go anywhere without meeting those "Purple People". The Starlite Shufflers had Charles Hill who worked us all through some old and new figures to make for a real enjoyable dance. Then there was Fun & Frolic dance by Les Gotcher, a real jewel of a caller. Les had us doing things we never thought we could and guess what - they worked out perfectly. And we don't want to forget the marvelous Allemendarin benefit dance with their great callers. The benefit dance was attended by more than three squares of Cutters who enjoyed their "Pie in the Sky". What a palace! When those Allemendarins do something they do it up right.

Cutters by the dozen were out for a fabulous feed and square up with our Mandarin kin at their annual Steak Dinner. The smooth operation of the whole evening was a sight to behold. Paxon Prancers were on our list too and dancing to Bob Rust the Cutters learned "His Thing" well. But all kidding aside Mr. Rust was at his top level best and the floor knew it. What a rocking good time. WOW!

Really couldn't say which was the best dance of the month because all were just terrific. Can next month get any better?? The coming

Continued - WESTERN CUTTERS

weeks promise lots of joy on the floor.

By the time you read this our Thanksgiving Election Dinner will be history. Okefenokee Square-Up tickets are out and now it is your job to catch a "Purple people" and get a couple of these limited editions. The date is Feb. 21 and 22 with the place being Waycross, Ga. With the live music of the Fontana Ramblers and calls like you've never heard. The ole swamp waters do somethin' to those "caller boys" so you'll come! Hear!!!

We sure have enjoyed having all you clubs dance with us this month, but did you have to take home your banners! Oh! well we will be back, we were just beginning to enjoy the brightly colored wall decorations. Lots of our folks have visited Friendly Frolics to try and bring home a "pretty flag" but of no avail, hope next time we come we can make off with it. (Editors note, Hope to have a story of this unusual banner in the near future).

In closing all we have to say - great moments in dancing are never enjoyed in front of a TV set. See you out there --

"Larriets"
Reporters

LAKE CITY SQUARES - A great dance coming in January.

2nd & 4th Mondays, 4th Saturday, Veterans Memorial Hall, Lake City, Florida
Caller - Bill Camp

Over the holiday season be sure to check before visiting our dance as there will be changes in the schedule.

Saturday, January 11th we will have our annual Harper Smith dance. This dance has always been a great success and we hope you are looking forward to hearing Harper. He is one of the better known National callers, and has called three Knothead Konventions, the last one in 1967. If you have heard him you will not want to miss this one. If you have not heard Harper, be sure to hear him this time at Lake City Armory January 11th. We will not dance the 2nd Monday, so the Harper Smith dance will be one to make Knothead if you travel the 100 miles with a square or more.

Gene and Lillian Gemmer
Reporters

441 CLUB - Saunders brings snowstorms and earthquakes??

2nd & 4th Saturdays, Recreation Center, Gainesville, Florida.

We thought maybe just a small snowstorm, but earthquakes and tornadoes? Isn't that going just a wee might too far! Guess we had better schedule good weather for John Saunders' next trip on January 11th.

Also for Bill Camp on Dec. 14th and Eddie Millan Dec. 28th. Even the directions got turned around for Dot and Charlie Landiss and Barbara and Bill Lucas. They spent a pleasant (?) 45 minutes going around our new Courthouse and Library before coming to the dance. Pam and Ray Livingston, Sandra and Warren Milligan and Norma and Don Smith were apparently immune to these happenings, they had no trouble.

Barney and Grace Davis spent an unscheduled hour and a half on a Saturday night not long ago running a delivery service with a side-line of selling cigarettes. Jimmy and Bunny Whiteman had the battery stolen out of their station wagon and one square from Gainesville will be forever grateful to Barney and Grace for their help. If you ever need to know, Barney can tell you the closest gas station to the Mary Hammond Youth Center that is open at midnight on Saturday.

Chet Vetter
Reporter

JOSEPH LEE CENTER DANCE - Put your basics together and have fun.

Tuesdays, Joseph Lee Recreation Center, 42nd and Perry St., next to Pearl Plaza.
Caller - Bill Camp (388-3889)

After ten dances we are happy to announce that people are having a great time dancing. We have danced some 70 basics during this time. As a rule, between 40 and 50 basics are called at each dance. Of course, they can not be danced just everyway.

With a walk through we are dancing Miss Frenchy Brown. Everyone has had fun learning this round. By the time you read this report we will be dancing "Jingle Bell Rock".

I wonder if you are one of the ones who has attended this dance? If not, why not try and attend some Tuesday night at 8 p.m.

Bill Camp
Reporter

STARLITE SHUFFLERS, catching up on the past, present and future.

Every Thursday 'cept the 5th, Joseph Lee Youth Center, 5120 Perry St., about 44th & Pearl

President - Bruce Yongue (388-3798)

As one fellow said, "Didn't see your article in the Grapevine last month". I apologize but being one who waits til all the news is in, (that's my way of putting off til the last minute) I was faced with a problem. The man who sends my pay check around thought that it was more important that I go to Atlanta for a few days. I found it hard to disagree and by the time I got back to the Bold New City twas too late to make the deadline. I want you to know that I am writing this little gem five days before time runs out.

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STARLITE SHUFFLERS - Continued

Due to the time lag some of this is old news but bears repeating. As almost everyone knows the Camp O'Leno Hoedown was another roaring success this year. Just keeps getting better and better. We had about 160 dancers and danced in the neighborhood of 15 squares, more or less. Some of the folks who were trying to sleep complained about the late dancing. Seems that when the music and stomping stopped in the early A.M. things were so quiet that it was hard to get back to sleep. Maybe next year we can just keep a recording going all night and then there won't be a problem.

There was a "Beauty Contest" and if you haven't seen the pictures that Bruce Yongue is showing around town you just haven't seen REAL beauty. There was Roberta (Bob) Hall playing a wicked guitar. Gustina (Gus) Ruser with the longest, blondest hair that I'm sure not even a hair dresser would know. Brucilla (Bruce) Yongue as a Hula dancer would make all hands leave Cheveron Island. And Waltina (Walt) Knight, WOW! I've seen legs before, but nothing like that. Betty Grable never had it so good.

We had Charles Hill from up Savannah way call for us on Nov. 7th. Was nice to see some of the old faces around again. Everyone seemed to have a fine time. See what you miss by not being a regular. While on the subject of regular dancers - all of the stink in the air doesn't come from the Pulp Mill or Gliddens. I'm sure part of it comes from some of the "STINKING" turn outs that we have had for a while. As we have stated before, it's your club and you make it what it is. If there is something that you may not like, why not come on over and be heard. Your Board of Govenors are working mighty hard to make Starlite Shufflers a real fun club, but they need your help. The time is almost upon us to make New Years Resolutions. Why not start now and see if you can live up to your resolutions? Resolve now to make a positive effort to come to at least every other dance. You may have so much fun that you will find yourself looking forward to Thursday night. You will find a few changes. For example, did you know that we have a new class that started on Nov. 14th? Well, we do and we want to welcome Ernie and Janell McLeod, Paul and Janie Clark and Lonnie Sockwell. It was nice to see Bill and Pauline Beaver around again. Pauline had a little surgery on her leg and has to sit it out for awhile, but we know that it won't be long before she again will be squaring up. It also gives us a great deal of pleasure to welcome as new members Dave and Elmarita Hays. Actually they started dancing with us over a year ago, but because of Daves having to work nights and Elmarita taking time to add to the Hays family, we lost them for a while, wo we'll make that welcome, and welcome back. Wo as not to confuse anyone we

better explain how the class is going to run. Starting Nov. 14th, James Maxey will teach the class from 7:30 til 9 each Thursday night. All club members are invited, and asked, to come early and dance a tip or two with the new class. We break at 9 for refreshments and then have the Club dance til 10:30. Why not grab a friend who would like to learn to dance and bring them along for the next session? The class will run for 20 weeks.

As to the future plans. On Dec. 19 we will have our Christmas party. It will be a Pot Luck affair, starting at 6:30 p.m. Bring a \$1.00 gift for a man or woman, depending on which you are. If you bring the kids, and they are very welcome, bring a gift for a boy or girl, again depending on what your child is. With todays styles it's sometimes hard to tell the boys from the girls, so if you aren't sure bring one of each. On Dec. 15 the club is having a picnic at Camp O'Leno. Bring the family and join in the fun. Starts around noon. On Dec. 14 we will pick up our banner from the Jubileers. That is sure to be a fun evening. Watch this column next month because we have a SPECIAL SURPRIZE for Jan. '69. To repeat, your Board of Govenors is working mighty hard. Come on out and lend your support.

Something to think about. Here is a little riddle on relationship. What THREE ways can your sister in laws, father in laws, grandson be related to you? If you have missed two dances in a row and come to the next one, I'll give you the answer.

Walt Smith
Reporter

CALICO SWINGERS, a new Club in the Offing.

2nd & 4th Sundays, 7 to 10p.m., Westconnett Civic Center
105th St. just off Westconnett Blvd.
Callers - Tom and Mariann Hidding (771-6272)
President - Don Miller Jr. (771-2800)

Sunday, Nov. 17th we had election of officers, the following were elected; Don Miller, Jr., president; Susan Gordon, Vice President; Donna Hicks, Secretary and reporter; and Donna Lou Fedele, Treasurer.

We plan to attend the new dancers hoedown in Palatka on Dec. 7th, and our graduation is set for Dec. 21st. We will start dancing as a club beginning on the second Sunday night in January, and we will be dancing second and fourth Sundays at the Westconnett Civic Center.

Until next month when our new reporter takes over, come visit, the welcome mat is always out.

Mariann Hidding
Temp. reporter

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COUNTRY COUSINS w in W.D. Brand.

Saturdays, Dinsmore Civic Club.
 Caller - Walt Knight
 President - Bob Zortea

Some of our club members ventured over to the Winn-Dixie on Main street Nov. 1st and 8th for a grand finale. We earned four bars these two nights. They are the Ranch House Goon, which was earned at Zorty's restaurant, Concrete Crawlers, Square Angel and W. D. Brand (we are the only holders of this).

Better late than never! Starlite Shufflers, we had a very enjoyable weekend at Camp O'Leno. As you know us Country Cousins were the last on the floor Saturday night or rather Sunday a.m. and the first on the floor Sunday. It was a weekend many of us will never forget.

We want to welcome two new members into our club, J.C. and Alvina Sorrell. The Cousins elected two new reporters, Edward and Vivian Bessent. You're right, that's us.

On Nov. 9th we performed for the V.F.W. at our club and we really had a big turnout.

Our new class members are coming along so well we are planning to graduate them Dec. 7. Dec. 14th is set for our Christmas Party, we hope to have a large turnout and a wonderful time. Our dance for Dec. 21st has been canceled but we are coming back strong with our New Years Party on Dec. 28th.

Look out other Saturday night dancers, we are planning to cancel one dance a month to visit ya'll.

Edward & Vivian Bessent
 Reporters

ANCIENT CITY SQUARES Hal Ham in Accident.

Fridays, Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center,
 St. Augustine, Florida.
 Callers - Bob Keefe and Hal Ham
 President - Bob & Grace Hall (824-2490)

Hal Ham has had an accident and will be on the inactive list for a while. The saying that you take people for granted until they aren't around is sure true, for our club has lost its good right arm and Hal is sorely missed by all. He is in the Ormond Beach Memorial Hospital, Ormond Beach, Fla. 32074 and surely will enjoy hearing from each one of you. Let's let Hal know how much we miss him and look forward to his return.

A BIG THANKS goes to Frank Clements for coming to our rescue and finishing our class in progress along with our Monday night workshop. A big bouquet goes to John Robbins, who came out one rainy Monday and filled in at the last minute for Frank.

Bob Keefe has agreed to call every Friday night until Hal returns. Just shows what a co-operative group our local callers are. We greatly appreciate their help. Thank you all.

The Bakers, Grans, Moores, Priesters and Thompsons sneaked in on the Y-Knots one Saturday night and made off with their beautiful new blue and white banner. First time it has been stolen, we are told. We are looking forward to their visit to retrieve it. We also learned Lynn has a knack for massage -- on stiff necks that is.

The Fun & Frolics paid us a visit and stole our banner. Let's get over there and get it back soon. We really enjoyed having them and had a fine dance that night with Bob Keefe calling in his usual good style.

The Bakers, Grans, Robshaws & Shulers, along with the Junior Shulers, ate some fine steaks with the Allemandarins Saturday night. The Junior Shulers were really initiated for sure - having only had 5 lessons at this time, but our veteran (?) dancers pulled them through John Saunders best.

Our Special Activities Chairmen, Jack & Doris Shuler, are planning a big dance for Feb. We'll keep you posted as soon as we have the details on this gala affair.

We wish to thank the Floyds for the fine steak supper and dance we held at their lovely place on the river. Just proves again what good cooks these squares are.

You haven't tasted clam chowder that's really good until you've had some of Clarke Moore's. We all had this opportunity while celebrating Florence's birthday. Thanks Clarkey, let's do this more often.

R & R Reporters

FRIENDLY FROLICS plan Happy New Year Dance.

1st & 3rd Saturdays, Philips Highway Plaza
 Caller -- Bobby Keefe
 President -- Don & Bee Smith (725-1504)

There's nothing like cool autumn weather and good calling to bring out all those square dancers who've been "laying low" during the hot summer months. We're delighted to have so many visitors at our club dances. On October 19th a group of Country Cousins came and retrieved their flag. This was the flag's first "trip away from home" and Friendly Frolics is pleased to have the honor of first filcher.

Speaking of flags, we've lost ours again. This time to Orange Park Promenaders. Good to have them. We expect to have it back, though, by the time you read this.

Realizing that to attract visitors we must visit also, Friendly Frolics turned out with a total of 19½ couples to help the Allemandarins get a start on their new hall.

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This was the benefit dance at Brundage Motors on Oct. 25th, a real lively dance.

All you club members who were unable to attend our business meeting this month, we've voted to change the meetings to Wednesday evenings rather than Friday - this will be the second Wednesday in the odd months. We will use the dance hall for the business meetings.

Everyone is urged to get tickets to the big New Years Eve dance early as the number of tickets to be sold is limited. We have wonderful things planned for this big night, which includes, as usual, a buffet supper. See our flyer in this issue of the Grapevine.

Many thanks to Frank Clements for calling for us Nov. 16th. You did a wonderful job, Frank, and we all enjoyed it.

We'll be seeing you around, wherever there's a dance.

Ruth Brandt
Reporter

RHYTHMAIRES - Molly and Me becoming popular round of the month.

Tuesdays, Southside Youth Center, 8:00p.m.
&:30 early workshop

Instructor - Helen Crout (724-9757)
President - Lucius Nelson, Woodbine, Ga.

During November, some of our old rounds were reviewed, and Rockin' Ida was especially worked. Special thanks go to Ed and Evelyn Criminger for teaching the round of the month, Molly and Me. This seems to be a number which everyone enjoys.

The Roundoleers visited us on Nov. 19th and it was fun to watch some of their dances, such as Trumpet Talk, and have them join us for our rounds.

Helen reports that the class of ten couples is really making progress. They have learned Molly and Me, Bramble Bush, Roses, and Hukilav which is the Northeast Florida Area round for December and January.

The round dancers annual Christmas dinner-dance will be held Dec. 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Robert Meyer Hotel. Contact Helen Crout for information. Some of the favorite rounds (beginners and intermediates) will be danced.

Our sympathy goes to Jack and Doris Shuler on the loss of her nephew in Vietnam.

Congratulations to Jack and Wanda McMath on their recent wedding anniversary.

We are sorry to hear of "Mac" Germains stay in the hospital and hope he'll soon recuperate.

That's all for now. Hope to see you real soon.
Eunice & Roger Johnson, reporters

DIXIE CHAIN GANG, Halloween party a haunting success.

2nd & 4th Saturday, Philip's Highway Plaza
Caller - Frank Clements
President - Warren Smith (725-7642)

Did we ever have a Halloween Dance!!! Anyone coming to the dance had to first come through the "Haunted Hall" at the back of the dance floor. No wonder we couldn't dance too well, we were all still shaking in our boots! Our thanks go out to many chain gang members for a job well done, especially, Bob Smallwood-corpse, Billy Johnson-vampire, Weary Smith-hand without body, Doug Crout-ghost with the treasury, sound effects-Ronnie Yuille, Decorations and refreshments-JoAnn Witte and competent helpers. We all had a great time and enjoyed the calling of James Maxey. Thanks a lot Helen and James for putting up with us. Come back again, anytime.

The White Elephant sale and Turkey Raffle was a big success. We danced about 5-6 squares each tip. Everyone got into the holiday spirit it seems because all our White Elephant articles sold and I'm sure everyone went home with at least one real BARGAIN. Frank was in rare form and dance we did! The raffle winner was Kenneth McIntosh, Grandfather of Janet Gibson who pulled his name out of the hat!! Do we smell a rat!! Ha! ha! Keep up the good work Janet.

The Chain Gang was out at Mandarin in full force; for the steak supper. It was a wonderful meal with desert galore. Nothing for the calorie counters. You all should have seen Norma Powell trying to finish her supper as they pulled the table from in front of her. She didn't stand a chance. A good dance was enjoyed by all, and Johnny Robbins really out did himself.

That's it for now gang. Have a nice and safe Holiday Season. Happy Dancing.

Billy and Claudia Johnson
Reporters.

ALLEMANDARINS planning other fund raising events.

Church of Our Savior, Mandarin Road
Caller - 1st, 3rd, 5th Fridays, John Robbins
2nd, 4th Fridays, John Saunders
President - Bill and Barbara Lucas

Oh, we have had so many things going on that I really don't know where to begin. First let's go back a little and say that our benefit dance at the Volkswagon Bldg. was a tremendous success. We just can't thank Marshal and Marcie Catlin enough.

We also must thank Buz Ruis for the benefit dance he put on. I understand he called even though he had a very bad sore throat, and therefore, got a little assist from Mariann Hidding. Thank you both so much.

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Continued - ALLEMANDARINS

There were people who just for some reason or another were not able to attend either of the two benefit dances and so sent their contributions directly to us. These people too, we thank.

Our Steak Dinner was a marvelous success. Our Allemandarins got together and worked those two nights with nary a complaint. Our class also was there in the kitchen shoulder to shoulder with the rest of us. We think probably we have the cream of the crop in our club, of course, we are just a little bit partial I suppose.

We have one other fund raising event going on right now. I don't think this has been tried before as our first response to the idea was tremendous. We are raffling off a matching MAN'S SHIRT AND WOMAN'S SQUARE DANCE DRESS to be made especially for the winner by our very own DOT IANDIS. The tickets are \$1.00 for a chance on both. The drawing will be held at our regular dance on Friday, Dec. 20th. Check with any Allemandarin for your raffle ticket. Remember all proceeds go into our building fund.

We have had several of our members in and out of the hospital this month. Bill Lucas was in having some tests made but is out now. Joe Summers had a bit of lung trouble. Virginia said "at least Joe came home with a Band Aid to prove he had been in the hospital whereas Bill Lucas had no proof at all". Marcia Catlin was in for an operation but is home convalescing nicely now.

There was one contribution from the Y-Knots that we want to give an extra not of thanks to. I was one of the people who was unaware of the fact that the Y-Knots were our original sponsors. It seems that a few couples from Mandarin who had previously been dancing with the Y-Knots decided to form the Allemandarins. The Y-Knots were good enough to come out and dance with the new group to fill in the squares until new members were added. These are the nice people who make square dancing so great!

The Callers too must be remembered. For the special benefit dance both of our callers, Johnnie Robbins and John Saunders donated their time and talents. With so many people helping us we just know that our new hall will be a reality much sooner than even imagined!

In the meantime remember we will be dancing at the Church Hall. We have the Good Lord as a sponsor there, so everything is bound to be alright.

Ronnie & Harriet Braasch
Reporters

MANDARIN PROMENADERS - expansion planned
with an up and coming class.

Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Julington Creek Civic Club,

Orange Avenue

Caller - Dick Goedart

President - Ronnie Braasch (268-9680)

Well, it seems as though we slipped up last month and forgot to get anything in the Grapevine. We won't let that happen again.

We had a super Halloween party and for that we must thank Mrs. Shirley Braasch for the planning and the games and prizes. We certainly did enjoy ourselves.

Our class is progressing nicely. Mr. Goedart has found the way to keep us busy in between tips and that is to put on some rounds. These are different for the class. We old timers have been doing them for ages though, but it is always so much fun to teach them to beginners.

Report cards came out recently, and we have lost a few of our Promenade rs because of bad grades. Hurry and bring those grades up, we need everyone.

That's all for now. Hope each and everyone of you have a nice Holiday Season.

XX, Temporary Reporter

FUN & FROLIC having good times together.

Tuesdays, 8p.m., Woodstock Community Center
Caller - Jack Griffiths

President - Jim Mollenhour

Les Gotcher has come and gone and I don't need to tell you that our hall was ringing with some very fine calling. Everyone was in fine spirit and Les kept us all moving. As usual the refreshment committee outdid themselves and the goodies were very welcome.

This was the month for good times for our club. Friday, Nov. 8th, a large group of us visited the Ancient City Squares and made off with their banner. A grand time was had by all with as friendly a bunch of folks as we have been privileged to dance with. We are looking forward to having them visit with us to recapture their flag as soon as possible. We should have quite a few visitors as our walls are adorned with several banners that we managed to pirate away in the last few weeks.

After a week of rest (our dance was cancelled on Nov. 19th due to an Art and Craft show at Woodstock Community Center) we are going to be ready to go in earnest with our new class which begins Tuesday, Nov. 26th from 8:30 to 8:30 p.m. The first hour of our regular dance night will be turned over to the class and the "experienced" dancers will take over at 8:30 p.m. If you know of anyone who is interested in learning to square up we would be more than glad to see them join our class.

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We were saddened last month by the death of Ray Monteen's mother. We want to express our deepest sympathy to both Ray and Catherine.

The holidays are rapidly approaching and we will probably be seeing most of you at the parties which will be going on in various clubs. In the meantime, come join us every Tuesday and jog along with us.

Aliette Register
Reporter

ORANGE PARK PROMENADERS dancing at new location.

2nd & 4th Fridays - Minton Hall, 12th & St. Clair Sts.

Caller - D. J. Lynch

President - Tom and Barbara Holt(388-2703)

We missed last month's report to you by being out of town on vacation and leaving the chores to someone else who then forgot about it. But we'll try to make up for it now.

D. J. Lynch is still on his cruise as this is being written, but we expect him back in time for our next dance, which is scheduled Dec. 13th at our new location, Minton Hall.

Mariann and Tom Hidding, Bill Camp and John Robbins have been helping us out with their dancable calling while D. J. was cruising. We sincerely appreciate their great help.

Our raiding parties have been active and currently have the Friendly Frolics' and Western Cutters banners on our wall. We were out of town for the Friendly Frolic raid but can personally report that the Western Cutters are sure hospitable, even gave your reporters a free return ticket.

We've had our troubles with halls but hope we've settled down now at Minton Hall on the 2nd and 4th Fridays.

Our Dec. 13th dance will also have us voting for three new board members so start thinking about your vote and be sure to be there.

Since we've cancelled our 4th Friday dance in November for the Fall Round-Up, and that will be history by the time you read this, our next dance is the Dec. 13th Friday, see you then.

Keep smiling, especially on Friday.

The Orange Pickers
Martin & Margaret
Reporters

JUBILEERS have great dance coming up in future.

2nd & 4th Saturday, Arlington Congregational Church

Caller - Harold Pillmore

President - Keith Haid (724-0305)

Our Nov. 9th dance was a good one, twice as

much fun because we had two callers. Dick Goedart and Harold Pillmore shared the program.

If visitors at that dance were curious as to why the Jubileers had to stay for a meeting, we will let you know. Plans were being made for a Valentine dance on Saturday, Feb. 8, 1969. Our caller for the dance is to be Frank Coggins who calls in Atlanta and is highly recommended by Doris and Elton Turner.

On Friday the 13th of Dec. the members of the new class of dancers will combine with the Jubileer club members for a covered dish party supper. We will find out if these folks can cook as well as they dance. This meal will be followed by an open fun level dance. Other beginners would be welcome to dance with us too. Our regular dance on the 14th will have to be called off.

I am happy to report that Alma Roberts is making a rapid recovery from her recent stay at St. Vincent's hospital. Sure hope that she and Frank are back dancing soon.

More good news, Les and Muriel Sikes have returned to dancing after being away from it for two years.

Harvey and Gloria Chambers are now vacationing in Australia. December they will have a nice summer tan.

Keith and Grace Haid had some anxious hours last month. They were vacationing on the Gulf Coast and were visited by hurricane Gladys.

Election of officers will be next month; - and that means a new reporter.

Pete Pillmore
Reporter

GOLDEN ISLES SWINGERS - Chamber of Commerce.

2nd, 3rd, 4th Saturdays, 8 to 11 p.m., City Recreation Bldg., Brunswick, Ga.

Caller - Dick Barker

President - Gene Williams (912/265-8432)

During the thrilling past month we had a wonderful time entertaining the Housing Authorities of Georgia Convention on Jekyll Island where well over two hundred people attended, and at least five squares participated at one time and three to four squares several times. Our club turned out to help make this a night for the conventionaires to long remember. We put on several skits to entertain those folks with. I am sure those folks will remember Oct. 29th for a long time to come.

Our club will have its Christmas dance the 14th of Dec. on a regular dance night, but instead of exchanging gifts as we have in the past we are going to put the money in a box that will go to BOYS ESTATE, similar to the Sherriffs ranch in Florida. It really

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will be a special dance since Dick Barker and Johnnie Robbins from Jacksonville will be sharing the nights agenda for calling. We hope many of you will come and be our guest for this very worthy cause.

Louise Bowers
Reporter

EDITORS NOTE

We want to thank all of you and are grateful to you who conveyed sympathies to us for the recent loss of Ray's mother. She had a full, eventful, and magnificent 89 years and saw many things happen during that time. As the minister said in a most picturesque way; some live only to see the sunrise, others see the noonday sun only, but she saw the sun set and it was a beautiful one. Thank you all.

Marge and Ray

NOTES ON THE NEFSDA MEETING HELD NOV. 10

A good attendance of delegates were on hand at the bi-monthly meeting of the NEFSDA at the Robert Meyer Hotel. The meeting was presided over by our new president, Bob Sinn.

Ernie Doering, Chairman of the Fall Round-Up reported that all preparations for this special event are being completed. He also distributed copies of the program for this event and I am sure when you see it you will want to extend a great big thank you to Harvey Chambers for a job well done.

Our annual Toys for Tots dance is running into some difficulty. At this writing we are without a hall. (See Special Coming Events for location). All delegates were advised to contact their respective clubs and inform the members that the location of this dance will be changed and that the date might also be changed.

State Federation - Paul Lane reported that the Bow and Swing will cease their publication June 1969. Anyone interested in taking it over should contact Mr. Cody. Paul also reported that plans are in full swing for the next State Convention to be held in Tampa June 19, 20 and 21, 1969.

Fifth Saturday Dances this year will be held on March 29, May 31, Aug. 30, Nov. 29. Plus of course, our Fall Round-Up for 1969. We are in dire need of Chairman for these special dances, anyone interested please contact either Bob Sinn or Theron Smith, and they will be most happy to fill you in on the details.

Next meeting of the Association will be held on Jan. 26, 1969. Time and place to be announced later. Barbara Blackford, sec.

GATEWAY CALLERS ASSOCIATION

I hope everyone will be out to our first annual Gateway Callers' Association dance on Dec. 7th. This will be held at Minton Hall, home of the Grand Slammers, at 12th and St. Clair Streets. Most of the area's callers will be in attendance to call a tip or two.

The Gateway Callers would like to welcome our newest member, Mike Langley and his wife, Carol. Mike is in the Navy and is making his home here presently. As yet, his pilot duties have kept him away from most of the dances, but we hope all of you dancers will have an opportunity to meet him in the near future.

Helen Crout has been attending our Association meetings to discuss round dancing in the area. It has been decided that the callers will help choose a square dancer's round for three months instead of the current round a month. Instructors will be sent to different clubs to help teach the new rounds as they are chosen. The new round for the next three months is "Hukilav Song" and was taught at the Fall Round-Up. I hope everyone will try to learn this dance.

All you callers be sure to be present at the December meeting of the GCA because nominations and elections will be held then. New officers will be chosen for the next six months and "you need not be present to win"!

We're happy to report that our organization is continuing to grow. Thanks to the callers' participation and also to the cooperation we have received from the dancers' association.

Attention all you artists and wouldbe artists. We need someone to design a badge for the Gateway Callers' Association. If you have an idea, draw it up, give it to your club's caller, and we will choose the one to be used for our Association badge. We'll have a nice surprise for the winner.

GCA reporter

THE MAKING OF A FALL ROUND-UP

Let's see now. What actually goes on behind the scenes as far as planning goes for a Fall Round-Up? Secure the hall, of course, and at a nominal fee. Print up a program with enough advertisements to pay for the printing. Usually the Caller has been secured but you have to get this confirmed that he will be there. Also the Callers Association has to line up the callers for the Friday night program. All this work had been delegated to three men, and they had to lend their cooperation to each other. Harvey Chambers did a beautiful job on the program. It was an excellent one. Ernie

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Doering secured the auditorium and did all the coordinating for the Round-Up, and Big Tom Hidding had the Callers lined up. Simple isn't it? Tommy Stoye had been secured back in 1966 on the recommendation of some couples who had heard him at a National Convention and he was a top notch caller with several wonderful recordings in circulation. Well, it wasn't all this simple and some hectic moments and hours were shared by our careful planners. First of all Ernie could not get a confirmation from Tommy Stoye that he was going to be here. You can believe that there were anxious times when other caller's names were being tossed about just in case Tommy decided to say "no". Ernie's hair continued to thin out until finally toward the last planning moments Tommy said that he definitely would be here. Well, Ernie quit pacing the floor and Tom Hidding put away his caller line up and everybody then said, "Let's concentrate on selling the tickets. Al Blackman sold over 150 of these ducats.

The Friday night dance at the Round-Up was a big success and all the dancers were looking forward Saturday in anticipation of a National Caller. And then Ernie's sky fell again, "fogged in!! Plane can't take off!! Impossible to make it". A good excuse for Tommy Stoye but this was confirmed by the California weather bureau. How about that? Ernie really was thrown for a loop now, and he had to come up with a decision. No other National Caller could be secured with so little notice. We have plenty of Florida and Georgia callers who would have been glad to call. What would you have done? Well, Ernie came up with the best possible decision that could be made under the existing circumstances. He decided to put it up to the Gateway Callers Assoc. and cooperate with them on their recommendation. Now it was time for Tom Hidding to get out the Caller's board again. It was decided that as long as we couldn't get a National Caller we had the best talent to be found anywhere else at this time right at home here. This was a most intelligent, impartial, and fair decision and would be to all dancer's satisfaction to have the area callers. At the same time some money would be realized by the Callers Association as each caller was paid and this, in turn, he donated to the Association fund.

Well, you could see everything ran smoothly with good dancing, excellent calling, and everyone enjoying themselves. The last count was 41 squares on the floor. Dan Yoder and Tom Holt kept the M.C. duties hot while Big Tom was there with his board keeping the Callers informed who would be next up.

We need our NEFSDA and Gateway Caller's Association very much and each has to be a strong organization cooperating with each other. There will be other hectic times when we need these associations to come through and there they will be. We salute

all the workers and callers this month that helped put across the 15th Fall Round-Up.

A child's green sweater was found at the Round-Up. Please call Ernie Doering at 781-3351 if you lost one.

Nora Camp is recuperating at home after a recent operation.

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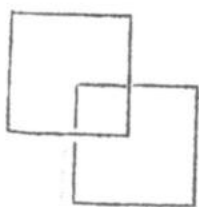
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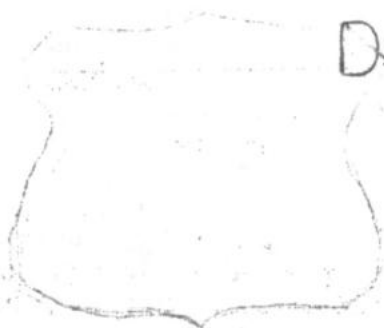
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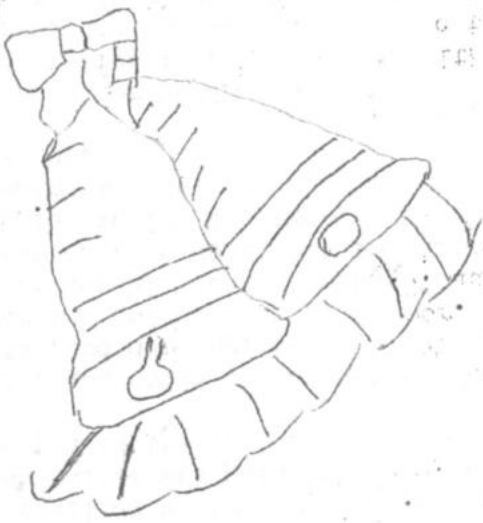
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