

GRAPPEVINE

Published monthly by THE NORTHEAST FLORIDA SQUARE DANCERS ASSOCIATION.
Dedicated to square and round dancers and callers.

MANAGERS.....Bill and Ruth Fleshman, Rt. 6 - Box 346, Jacksonville 17.
SUBSCRIPTION RATES..... \$1.00 per year (optional quarterly payments).
ADVERTISING RATES..... \$2.00 per column inch; classified ads 25¢ per line.
REMITTANCES should be made to N.E. Fla. Square Dancers Assn., Rt. 6 - Box 346, Jax 17.
NEWS DEADLINE.....20th of each month. Only signed articles will be accepted.

FEBRUARY 1962

FRIENDLY FROLICS

THE JUBILEERS

FRIENDLY FROLICS Club held their first New Year's Eve dance on December 30, and what a success it proved to be! We will just HAVE to have one every year! Sixty-five couples signed in for the evening of fun and feasting. We danced to the excellent calling of Herschell Lee and Myron Samson and later in the evening enjoyed a delicious meal, just everything from appetizers to desserts. There were prizes, balloons, and favors, also a "soap opera" skit by Rosa Lee Lee and Barbara Samson and a very entertaining dance, schottische style, by Jim James and Frank Cross. The club officers and various committees are to be commended for their efforts; we also want to thank our many visiting friends for their support in this undertaking. We hope to have the pleasure of inviting you to another New Year's dance next December.

The combined clubs of Circle 8 and the Jubileers -- henceforth to be known as THE JUBILEERS -- held their first dance of 1962 in the Fellowship Hall of the Arlington Congregational Church, corner of Floral and University Boulevard. This club will meet regularly every second and fourth Saturday night each month in the aforementioned hall.

Caller Harold Pillmore had planned a really fine dance, and it was truly appreciated by all who attended. We "Crossed Over the Bridge" and like "Saints (we) Came Marching In." Guests were many, including one couple passing through town on their way south from Morristown, Tennessee, who are readers of "Bow and Swing." It pays to advertise, as they proved to us.

At our regular dance of January 6 the club was very pleased to have all the graduates of Myron's class become members of Friendly Frolics Club. They were presented diplomas and a subscription to "Bow and Swing." We hope they will enjoy all our dances as much as we have over the years.

Dancing began promptly at 8:00 PM and continued until 11:00, the evening ending with coffee and cookies. Talk was of the fine time had by all, and we are looking forward to more of the same on Saturday night the 26th when Jack Griffiths will call us another evening of fine square dancing.

Myron's new class, which began on January 12, was well attended -- thirteen new couples, and more are expected. Let's all give Myron and this new class as much support as we possibly can. Classes are being held each Friday night at Englewood Home Demonstration Clubhouse at DeKalb and Englewood Avenues. The class will be open for registration through January 26.

THE JUBILEERS, with Harold Pillmore calling, will start a beginners class at the same place on Friday nights at 8:00, starting February 2. So all who are interested in learning the fun we enjoy so much, come and join the class.

Onalea Hackbert, Club Reporter

See you there and at our regular dances on first and third Saturdays at Annie Lytle School.

MERRY STEPPERS (Gainesville)

Ellen Johnson, Reporter

The City Recreation Center was the scene of the annual rollicking and jovial New Year's party sponsored by the Merry-steppers Square Dance Club of Gainesville on the evening of December 30. Twenty-five sets of square dancers, including eight sets from Jacksonville, Jesconnett, and Ocala, danced to the calling of Bart Bartley, Bob Waites, and Floyd Hazen. Ruth Bartley and Bob Waites programmed the rounds.

During the evening a square of dancers from "outer space" dropped in to entertain the group. Those taking part were Carey and Alma Dunn, Aubrey and Elizabeth

HOCHMAN'S SQUARE DANCE OUTFITTERS

TREAT YOUR "TAW" TO A NEW
DRESS, SKIRT, OR BLOUSE
FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

CLOTHES FOR ALL THE FAMILY
USE YOUR F.N.B. CHARGE ACCOUNT

801 N. Edgewood Ave. (Open Sundays)



Griffis, Elliott and Virginia Gathercoal, and Coy and Ruby Strickland.

FUN AND FROLIC

Carl and Helen Holland greeted the guests at the door and gave out name tags. Wendell Kilpatrick and Carey Dunn, Chairman and Co-chairman of the entertainment and decoration committee, provided a colorful background for the festive dance. Warren and Jane Ogletree, Tom McRorie, Don, Gwyneth and Katherine Brooke, and Linda and Bonnie Kilpatrick helped the chairmen put up the decorations and handed out the hats, balloons, horns and noisemakers to the guests.

We are pleased to announce that our club has a new caller, Jack Griffiths. Jack is well known to all square dancers, and why not come out and support and encourage him and also enjoy an evening of fun and square dancing every Tuesday night?

Don Brooke, Chief Square, welcomed the guests and called upon Harry Edwards, President of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, to give the invocation.

The Christmas party was a big success. It was held early in December to allow the dancers a chance to attend the other dances given by the various clubs. Betty Faircloth was chairman for the covered dish supper and dance. Many tempting and delicious dishes filled the decorated table. The hall also was beautifully decorated, and the favors, prizes and special dances added much to the enthusiasm of all.

The Chuck Wagon Taws, Lou Simpson, Margaret Strickland, Sarah Hendon, and Keith Rousseau, headed up the many committees necessary for such a large affair. Those in charge of receiving the "covered dishes" and keeping them hot or cold were Ruby Strickland, Jane Ogletree, Ann Johnson, Dot Sappington, Cecile Smith, Laure Garrett, Darlene Dunn, Kathryn Drake, and Bo Brown.

Sickness has kept many of our members at home, but we hope that all are soon recovered and will be back to dance with us and boost our attendance.

The Marraysteppers Club supplied the coffee, rolls and one hundred pounds of barbecued ham and sauce. Tom and Sue McRorie served the coffee, and Landy and Chris Rowland secured the rolls.

An unexpected visitor -- Mr. Maish of WPDQ radio station -- surprised us Tuesday evening and held an interview with our caller and club members which was later heard over the program entitled "Night Beat on the Go." The club was thrilled to get this extra publicity.

Serving at the forty-foot buffet table were Lois Wilkowski, Vera Brogdon, Lucille Nelson, and Agnes Weber. The table was decorated by Lucille Green.

Among other recent visitors were Tommy and Loraine Thompson from Los Angeles.

Anna Powell worked in the kitchen with the Chuck Wagon Taws, and Jane Durrell helped the Taws with the clean-up detail.

Faith Butner, Reporter

Dancing continued into the wee, small hours of the morning with Bart "letting the hammer down."

PAXON PRANCERS

Y - SQUARES

We do not have any BIG news from Y-Squares, but we would like to extend an invitation to each and every one of you to visit and dance the LATEST with us at the YMCA, 221 Riverside Avenue, on the second and fourth Fridays at 8:00 P.M.

Congratulations are in order for our President and his wife, Curtis and Margaret Thompson, on the birth of a new daughter. She was almost a Christmas doll. We're happy for them and look forward to having them dancing with us again.

Paxon has a new citizen as of December 15, when Rosina Baxter became a U.S. citizen after being here for 15 years. We're glad she finally decided to do so and are proud to have her as a member of our club.

Rose and Carl Law, Club Reporter

We're also proud of all the couples who represented Paxon at the Dog-Patch Jamboree in the Coliseum in December. Sara and Wilfoch Warren and Patsy and Bob Love rode in the covered wagon and danced in one of the exhibition squares. Other couples who participated in the dancing were Mary and Gerald Kieffer, Dolly and Alvin Hall, Verla and Charles Page, Margaret and Bill Paramore, Mae Thomas, Beverly and Carl Tison, and Martha and Al Pierce.

"SQUARE 'EM UP AND PROMENADE TO THE PLAZA WESTERN WEAR" FOR THE LATEST AND MOST COMPLETE VARIETY OF SQUARE DANCE CLOTHES!

Leonard and Frieda Saraga's

PLAZA

WESTERN WEAR

3657 Philips Hiway Plaza Shopping Center Jacksonville 7, Fla. Phone FL 9-3859

We had a good time at our Christmas Party. Almost every club in town was represented. We sure do appreciate all of our friends coming and helping us to have such a nice party. Thanks to Peggy Morgan for being sure that we had enough

WESTERN CUTTERS

mistletoe. Santa was unable to come but sent two of his best helpers (in Santa dresses), Margaret Parramore and Mae Thomas, to greet our guests. The dance was going good, and we were all having a good time when Joe Joyce interrupted to tell us a group of hillbillies wanted to use the building for a wedding. It seems some old fellow had found a man he could make marry his daughter, so we had to clear the floor for the wedding. Bob Love was the minister, Roy Huguley the bride, Paul Morgan the groom, Gerald Kieffer the father of the bride, Bill Parramore best man, Wilfoch Warren ring bearer, Beverly Tison mother of the bride, Martha Pierce mother of the groom, Margaret Parramore and Mae Thomas the flower girls. After the wedding we had a game with mysterious sacks. Everyone who was lucky enough to be left with a sack had to model the clothing that was inside. Our models were Mandy Houghton, Rose Perez, Geraldine Kieffer, Virginia Tresca, Irvin Rutledge, Charles Page, Myron Samson and Charlie Humber. After the style show we gave several prizes and presented Elwood with a gift. Thanks again to all our members for helping with the refreshments and other details, and to all our friends for making the party a success.

We, the PAXON PRANCERS, would like to express our thanks to Elwood for a good year of square dancing. He has been a swell guy and a great caller. We would also love to thank all the callers who called for us the six weeks Elwood worked nights. Jax is just the best place we know for good callers. We'll be missing Elwood these next six weeks but are looking forward to having Myron call for us.

Our Christmas wedding gave one of our members ideas; he got himself a bride New Year's Day. He's one of our new members, Barney Cheshire, his bride the former Cora Valentine. We wish them much happiness and a lifetime of square dancing. That's one way to get a pardner.

Hoping to see lots of visitors at our Thursday night dances.

Margaret Joyce, Reporter

Things are starting to roll again at the WESTERN CUTTERS after the long holiday season and the layoff from dancing resulting therefrom. We are happy to say that all of the last class have indicated their desire to join our club and join with us in the fun and fellowship of square dancing. The club's next class is scheduled to open on January 17.

The new officers have taken over the reins of responsibility for the operation of the club, and it looks like we are in for a banner year in 1962. They all have the willingness to work that is necessary to keep a club moving in the right direction.

A large group of CUTTERS made the trek to Gainesville on December 30 for the New Year's Eve dance sponsored by the Merry-steppers. As usual a wonderful time was had by all those in attendance. A wonderful meal was served at midnight, and then dancing continued under the calling of Bart Bartley until the wee small hours. Thanks loads to the wonderful members of the Merrysteppers who acted as hosts to our group.

Several members of the WESTERN CUTTERS have made their reservations for the National Square Dance Convention at Miami Beach in June. Many are looking forward to this as the event of a lifetime. Here's hoping all the clubs are well represented at this affair. It will be years before the Convention returns to Florida.

We are happy to welcome Phil Grasser back after several weeks in school. Now Gladys and Phil will be dancing with us again. We have missed them.

VAG, Reporter

MERRY MIXERS

The MERRY MIXERS concluded the old year with a Christmas dance and a graduation ceremony for Herschell's class. Lucky winners of the boots and slippers donated by the Saraga's Plaza Western Wear were Gladys and George Powell. The members of the graduating class were presented diplomas attesting to their ability and were subjected to a blindfold dance as their initiation. Imagine their surprise as the blindfolds came off and each could see that his fellow initiates sported a big sooty black eye!

After a lengthy holiday season, the club resumed their regular Thursday night schedule. Following our first dance of the new year, the Merry Mixers elected the following new officers for 1962: Paul Lane, President; Leonard Saraga, Vice-President; Virginia Tresca, Secretary; Mickey Cross, Treasurer. Needless to say, our capable and popular caller, Herschell Lee, received a unanimous vote of approval to continue his good work.

BOW'S

SQUARE AND ROUND-DANCE RECORDS
LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S SHOES

TRY OUR NEW EXTENDED-PLAY RECORDS
ONE PATER AND ONE SINGING
CALL ON EACH SIDE.

THESE ARE "CHALLENGE" SQUARE
DANCES BY WELL-KNOWN CALLERS.

EDDIE BOWMAN

9732 MacArthur Ct. N. (P.O. Box 16614)
Jacksonville, Fla. RA 4-9424

SAVE MONEY

REGISTER NOW FOR THE
11TH NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION

Our covered-dish supper, which has become a tradition of the MERRY MIXERS on the second Thursday of each month, received some competition on January 12 from the icy weather and the flu bug. Those who were lucky enough to escape the virus and hardy enough to brave the weather reported enjoying the usual good food and an enjoyable dance afterwards. Need I remind you that our welcome sign is out to all dancers who would like to enjoy a sociable meal and dance with us? Just bring a casserole of beans, salad, or what-have-you to the Arlington Civic Club at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of any month. Dancing starts at 8:00. Bring some friends along for the next one on February 8.

Most of our members had shaken the virus by our third dance of the year, and a good crowd enjoyed a lively evening of dancing to Herschell's calling, assisted by tips from Ann and Herb Lawhorne and Joe Smith. Club members serenaded Fuller Tresca with a rendition of "Happy Birthday" as he and taw Virginia arrived fashionably late. Through the efforts of our good members Fred and Erma Blado, we recently acquired a big new coffee maker and have been enjoying it immensely along with tasty cookies, cakes, etc.

We are pleased to welcome new members Jack and Betty Jackson, Bob and Kay Johns, Stewart and Marie Jones, Jack and Mary Ann Nolan, Ed and Libby Parrish, Alex and Hazelle Thornton. Of course we are always glad to see old friends and to welcome new visitors every Thursday night at the Arlington Civic Hall.

Russ Osborn, Reporter

KNOTHEAD KNEWS

In a recent election of Florida Knotheads, Inc. - JIM GALLOWAY of LUTZ, FLORIDA, was unanimously elected as chairman, and immediately succeeds Bill Muench who has held this office for the past five years.

All prospective KNOTHEADS should obtain new blanks from local callers and after completing membership requirements should mail applications, properly filled out and together with check, to JIM GALLOWAY, Rt. #1, Box 711, LUTZ, FLORIDA.

Plans are in the making for our next 6th FLORIDA KNOTHEAD CONVENTION. WHERE??? WHEN??? -- LABOR-DAY WEEK-END OF COURSE - September 1, 2 and 3, in Clearwater.

(Note: The GRAPEVINE has a supply of new KNOTHEAD blanks for local distribution. Phone AM 8-9349.)

ELEVENTH NATIONAL

HERE IT IS - This is your opportunity to become part of the snow-balling excitement attending the 11th National Square Dance Convention!!!

Every dancer throughout the state will act as host at this Convention. Every dancer must be a good public relations and publicity man. Any dancer requiring information or wishing to register a willingness to help, please contact your chairman:

Virgil Green
4741 Irvington Ave., Jax 10.

We again wish to urge everyone to participate -- select the committee which will interest you the most and offer your services -- DO IT NOW!! You will enjoy the satisfaction of making this convention second to none; you will then wear your Host Badge with pride at the Convention.

REGISTER NOW for the 11th National and be one of those dancers proudly wearing the orange "MIAMI-BEACH-FOR-YOU-IN-62" ribbons.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Northeast Florida Square Dancers Association congratulates recent graduates of square dancing classes sponsored by Friendly Frolics, Western Cutters, and Merry Mixers, and invite these newcomers to the fun and friendly fellowship of square dancing, to become members of the Northeast Florida Square Dancers Association.

Ask your club's representative for more information. The Association's aim is to promote the growth of square dancing in the Northeast Florida area and to sponsor square dance activities in which all clubs and square dancers may participate as a group.

\$1.75 will pay your dues through June 30, including a six-month subscription to "Bow and Swing," the official newspaper of the Florida State Federation of Square Dancers.

Carl Law, Membership Chairman

* * * * *

The Northeast Florida Square Dancers Association meeting was held Sunday, January 21, 1962, at Woodstock Park Community Center. The meeting was called to order by President Virgil Green. Eighteen members were present, representing eight clubs of the Association. Reports were made by the various committee chairmen. Program Chairman Charles Houghton reported that arrangements had been made to hold the Fall Roundup dance in an exhibition hall of the new City Auditorium on November 10. The morning and afternoon workshops will be conducted by local callers, and efforts are being made to secure a National caller for the evening dance following the Florida-Georgia game. Paul Iane, Trail Dance Chairman, reported that arrangements have been made with Harper Smith to call for the Trail Dance on June 12. This dance will be held at the front entrance to the

Philips Highway Plaza from 8:00 until 10:30 P.M. It was voted by the delegates to cancel the regular Association dance for June because of the National Convention to be held the same month. It was also voted that the Association support the dance sponsored by the Island Squares in connection with the Golden Crown Fiesta, an annual affair at Fernandina Beach in June. Bob Page will be the caller for this dance.

It was announced by Don Brooke that the spring Hoedown on March 31 is tentatively scheduled to be held in Gainesville with the local Association callers calling the dance. Bart Bartley has offered to conduct the afternoon workshop.

It was brought to the attention of the delegates that the Florida dancers are lagging in pre-registrations for the National Convention, and the delegates were urged to stress the importance of pre-registrations to their clubs.

Faith and Hugh Butner,
Publicity Chairmen

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY BENEFIT
D A N C E

WHEN - February 23 at 8:00 P.M.
(Friday Night)

WHERE - Riverside Woman's Club

CALLERS - Herschell Lee
Myron Samson

PRICE - \$1.00 per person

All proceeds from this benefit square dance are to be turned over to the MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION. The Woman's Club is donating the hall, and Herschell Lee and Myron Samson are donating their calling services for the evening. Come out and have a wonderful time dancing and at the same time help those less fortunate than you.

THE 11TH NATIONAL
SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION

will be here before you know it. Pre-REGISTER now for only \$1.25 per person per day (even the kids) and save money.

BEGINNER'S CLASSES

<u>Night</u>	<u>Class Starts</u>	<u>Registr. Closes</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Caller and/or Club</u>
Tuesday 8:00	January 16	January 30	Orange Park Lion's Club	PROMENADERS Floyd Hazen
Tuesday (2nd & 4th) 7:30	January 9	February 6	Highlands Park Civic Center - Leonid Rd.	Ray Baxter
Wednesday 8:30	January 17	January 31	Wesconnett Civic Club	WESTERN CUTTERS Floyd Hazen
Thursday 7:30	February 1	February 15	Glynlea-Holiday Hill Community Bldg. Altama Road	Jack Griffiths
Friday 8:00	January 12	January 26	Englewood Home Demon. Club, DeKalb and Englewood Aves.	FRIENDLY FROLICS Myron Samson
Friday 8:00	February 2	February 16	Arlington Congregational Church	JUBILEERS Harold Pillmore

If you know someone who is interested in learning to square dance, don't tell him how to get to one of these classes ---- TAKE HIM THERE!

We go to press this month without news from the following clubs:

HI SQUARES
ISLAND SQUARES
LAKE CITY SQUARES

PROMENADERS
S. O. S.
VALLEY TWIRLERS

How about appointing one of your members to send us a little "blurb" each month letting us know what y'all are doing? WE'D REALLY LIKE TO KNOW.