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HIGHLIGHTS

- Tuesday, Feb. 8. Singing Sam Mitchell - Brad Tredinnick Youth Center.
Saturday, Feb. 12. Fred Dyche - Arlington Congregational Church.
Saturday, Feb. 19. Hobo Convention (Friendly Frolics) Philips Hiway Plaza.

The Presidents Column

We are extremely sorry that the Sissons are unable to continue as managers of the Grapevine. They have done a commendable job and everyone will miss the frills they have added to the Grapevine. Rose and I will publish the Grapevine until we find someone else who would like to do it. Our policy will be to print all the news which comes to our attention, and to get the Grapevine in the mail in time to reach subscribers by the 1st of every month. We hope we maintain the high quality which the past Grapevine managers have maintained.

A Northeast Florida Square Dancers' Association meeting was held in the Mayflower Hotel Monday, January 10th. Those present were in favor of continuing to have Association meetings on Monday evenings instead of Sunday afternoons, so the next meeting will be held Monday, March 7th, place to be announced.

It was reported at the meeting that the Fall Roundup had a net loss of \$30.62. It was an excellent dance, to have only cost the Association such a small amount of money.

The Program Chairman announced that the regular 5th Saturday Dance to be held April 30th will be held in the Lake City Armory, with Rod Blaylock of Albany Georgia doing the calling. We think that Rod is worth the trip to Lake City. We are pleased to have the Lake City Squares in the Northeast Association.

"Bow And Swing" has asked Northeast Florida to send them more pictures of events in this area. They would like at least one picture each month to publish in the State Federation magazine.

The Swing EZY Square Dance Club benefit dance held in the Robert Meyer Hotel in December resulted in a check for \$507.35 being sent to the Keokuk, Iowa club disaster fund. Bob Ross, Danny Danson, Floyd Hazen and the other callers did an outstanding job. Thanks fellows, for a tremendous effort and a very successful dance. Additional funds sent directly to Keokuk by area clubs including Lake City and Gainesville brought the total to about \$900, from northeast Florida.

Rose & Carl Law, President

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If you can't get a ticket for Singing Sam, come dance to Singing Jack (Griffiths) at Fun and Frolic, Woodstock Park Community Center, Tuesday February 8th and every Tuesday. \$1.00 per couple.

Frank Parker, Pres. F&F

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NEW CLASSES STARTING

- Feb. 3 - Wesconnett Civic Center (Cutters).
Feb. 7 - Brad Tredenick Youth Center (Starlite Shufflers).
Feb. 14 - Englewood Home Demonstration Club (Round Dance Basics - Helen Crout)

NEFSDA 5th SATURDAY DANCE - JANUARY 29, PAXON JR. HIGH CAFETORIUM. WALT KNIGHT, HAROLD PILLMORE, CALLING. SEE YOU ALL THERE. 8:00 - 11:00, \$2.00 PER COUPLE. TEEN CORNER.

ORAGNE PARK PROMENADERS

FRIDAY - Orange Park Lions Club. Floyd and Marge Hazen, Callers. Danny Danson, Chairman. (264-9433).

The holiday season saw a lot happening for the Orange Parkers. The Christmas party saw the Hazens saying good-bye before a trip to Massachusetts, and Floyd couldn't even get away from Square Dancing up there. A man came up to Floyd at an airline ticket counter and asked him where he was going to call in Boston that night. It was a man who danced to Floyd here in Jacksonville one time.

Some 50 Orange Parkers had a wonderful time at the Grand Slammer's New Year's Eve dance. Besides the calling of Bob Reynolds and Floyd Hazen, we enjoyed the breakfast following the dance. It was a gourmet meal; even had two different styles of Georgia Ice Cream to fill the space between the sausages, eggs, biscuits and jelly.

The teenagers gave a going away party for Wayne Colson, who was slated for the Army. Mixed emotions developed when he showed up at the next dance. He was kept out for 3 months and now the kids have another excuse for a party in a couple of months.

We have had some exhibitions at our dances recently. The teenagers did a two square-double teacup chain at one dance and a visitor from Palatka, Joe Bark, showed us a clogging dance. He was once in the Carolina Cloggers of the "Grand Ole Opry" fame.

It was good to see our semi-regular visitors, the Hills from Paxon Prancers, back in circulation following her long stay in the hospital.

Some of our members were on vacation over the holiday - the Jordans went down on the Florida Keys and almost got blown in the water. The Greenes went up to North Georgia and the Runkles also went to the mountains.

Be sure to mark April 19th on your calendar to dance to Jim Brower.

Visits were made by 13 Promenaders to Palatka January 1st to dance to Bill Camp. The way our chairman ate the cake we're not sure which he likes best, dancing or eating. There were about 20 of us enjoying the hospitality of the Lake City club a week later on the 8th having a ball to Harper Smith's calling. The Camps' 15th Anniversary of do-si-do-ing. Frank Lane did a most pleasurable job of calling for us and introduced a new call, "snap-a-roo". Boy was that a hard one.

'Till we see you Friday, we remain,
The Orange Pickers
Martin & Margaret

LAKE CITY SQUARES

2nd & 4th MONDAY, 4th SATURDAY - Veterans Memorial Hall, Lake City. BILL CAMP, Caller. Elvis Owens, President (752-1887).

Bill Camp celebrated his fifteenth year of calling to square dancers by surprising them with a nationally known caller - Frank Lane from Kansas. He was surprised by Jacksonville clubs bringing cakes and by Gainesville clubs bringing a huge cake decorated with icing and pink carnations, worded "Happy Anniversary". Bill Camp also furnished the cold drinks and the Lake City club furnished hot coffee.

The armory was practically filled with dancers and everyone enjoyed Lane's smooth calling. He has a real knack for keeping everybody moving regardless of their past experience in square dancing. He will get a warm welcome anytime he returns to this area.

The Lake City Squares lost their banner a few weeks ago and have yet to retrieve it.

Lillian Gemmer

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PAXON PRANCERS

THURSDAYS - Mary Hammond Youth Center - 12th street near Melson. BOB RUST, caller. Roy Hill, President.

Here we are again, starting a New Year! We began with a "Bang" by helping Friendly Frolics celebrate their Annual New Year's Eve Dance. What a way to ring out the old year and bring in the new! When the dance broke up, we headed out for Joe and Emily Johns' home. Someone said "breakfast was waiting" - and what a breakfast it was! I'm sure it must have taken several days to collect enough eggs for the crew of 40 that showed up! Emily had a time keeping Bob Love out of the kitchen, but - those tomatoes and eggs were really good, Bob!

We started off the New Year with a new slate of officers. Margaret Joyce did a fine job installing them in a very impressive ceremony. They are: Pres: Roy & Allene Hill; V.Pres: Jim & Joyce Shiver; Secretary: Joe & Emily Johns; Treasurer: Jackie & Jean Horne.
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PALON PRANCERS, continued

We had some visiting going on lately. Several couples visited the dance at Lake City where Harper Smith called. All reported having a "real ball!" Speaking of visiting - we love to welcome all our visitors at Paxon, so come any Thursday Night at 8. Visitors \$1.50 per couple, members \$1.25.

BOB RUST is doing a terrific job as always! We miss Lou and wish she could come more often.

I understand wedding bells will be ringing for Nancy Ruteledge very soon. Best of luck to you two!

The Todds had open house last week. Several couples attended and it was a most enjoyable occasion.

What's this about your saving coupons, Don?

Bonnie Smith, reporter

Our beginners class will graduate Feb. 26th. We are planning a night of entertainment and dancing. Come join us. We are real proud of our beginners and are looking forward to having them dance with us every 2nd and 4th Saturday.

We are looking forward to dancing with all of you February 12th. There are still some tickets available. If you don't have yours just dance up to a Jubilee and he'll be glad to get you one.

'Till next month - HAPPY SQUARE DANCING!

Jay & Joyce Kopp, reporters

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"Y" KNOTS

THURSDAYS - YMCA. ANN LAWHORNE, Caller.
Arthur Allen, President (387-1450).

Here we are well into a new year and off to a good start after the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. All members of our club reported a wonderful time during December with the many religious activities, open houses, dances, family get-togethers and all the other activities that go to make the Christmas season a memorable time.

JUBILEERS

2nd & 4th SATURDAYS - Arlington Congregation Church. HAROLD PILLMORE, caller. Harry Null, President (725-5537).

Jubillers enjoyed the holidays and have made lots of plans for "66".

Our January 8th dance was Bob Hackbert Night. Harold, Irv Elias and several local callers kept our dancing feet moving. So many of Bob & Onalea's friends came to dance with us; we had a wonderful time. The best news though is that Bob is home from the hospital. We're looking forward to dancing with Onalea and Bob soon.

We went to the Friendly Frolics Saturday the 15th for an evening of fun & dancing and to collect our flag. We had a wonderful time. The refreshments were delicious.

A group of us went raiding over Mandarin way. We always enjoy dancing with the Allemandarins. They are so friendly. The refreshments were so good. Connie Shelton had backed a carrot cake. Wish I could bake like that.

We had our Christmas dance the Thursday before Christmas and since this was only two days before the big day, everybody was in the mood for a jubilant evening of fun and fellowship. I love the Christmas Season! Our refreshment committee was johnnie-on-the-spot and saw to it that everything looked and tasted real festive. Mary Lane and Lorraine Seefried are "tops" as members of this committee. The decorating committee utilized their talents the afternoon of the party and had the hall looking just the way you'd expect a place to look for a Christmas Party. Our thanks to Frances and Vincent Rio for their help on this committee. In fact, everyone had a hand in making this gala affair a success. Oh what cooks we do have in our club - Yum - Yum.

Seems as if there is always someone or someones in the hospital. We are so happy to announce that Curron Gant will soon be out of Baptist Hospital and convalescing at home. Everett Stenshorn was in St. Vincents for 4 days recently and is doing nicely at home now. Hattye Fulton is still recuperating at home after a trip to the hospital just before Christmas. (continued next page)

"Y" KNOTS (continued)

It will be so good to have everybody back on their square dancing feet again.

Our business meeting held January 17th at the home of Harold and Erolyn Church was a good one. We combined business with pleasure and, as usual had a lot of fun. Harold and Erolyn have such a wonderful room for dancing. I'm afraid they found some regular customers when they offered that room to us for extra dance sessions, business meetings etc. We really appreciate their hospitality.

We'll be glad when Harold and Manette Smith complete their new home. It is taking too much of their time on square dance nights selecting colors, tiles, fixtures and all the other things that have to be discussed with the builders. Besides, we're dying to see the finished product. Understand it is going to be olvely.

Paul and Mary Bridges are a welcome twosome after being out of circulation for such a long time.

Lucille Sullivan added some finishing touches to our banner recently. We all thought it looked pretty the way it was but artists always seem to find room for improvement in their works and we must admit that her additions added to the beauty of an already beautiful banner. Some people are so talented! We welcome our two new members, Dot and Charlie Landis, who joined us recently.

We also welcome visitors to our club on Thursday nights, so get a square together and join us soon.

Bessie Allen
Acting reporter.

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FRIENDLY FROLICS

1st & 3rd SATURDAYS. Philips Hiway Plaza. HERSCHELL LEE, Caller. Gene Johnson, President (398-4097).

Cape Kennedy has Nuttin' on Friendly Frolics ...Wow! What a blast-off we gave ole 1965 at the Morocco Temple, December 31. Some FF's are still in orbit, particularly those who worked so long and hard to make the project a success. Your names are too numerous to mention here but you were easily recognizable by your breathless voices and harried expressions! You have our grateful appreciation and admiration for a job well done. Vera Edge expressly wishes to thank

all those who cooperated with her so wholeheartedly in assembling and serving the scrumptious buffet.

Our first dance of 1966 was a swinging affair too, thanks to all those pirates from the Jubileers, Merry Mixers and Starlite Shufflers who boarded us to recapture their flags. We enjoyed their foray and hope they'll raid us again soon. After all, we still have our flag!

Related congratulations and best wishes to Theron Smith and Bonnie Crowell who, as everybody knows by now, are Mr. and Mrs.

Congratulations are also due Roger and Jean Taylor on the birth of their daughter, Pamela, December 11. She was just what they ordered and we couldn't be happier for them. Understand the Proud Papa is due a leave in March and that he and Mama plan on squaring up with us then. We're looking forward to the reunion. Roger is presently stationed in Norfolk.

Sorry to learn that Marge Piszczek, Rocky Hamilton and Parker Jones are on the sick list. Hope they'll soon be feeling fit as a fiddle and rarin' to go.


We offer deep and heartfelt sympathy to Earl and Dee Brandt in the loss of his father; Anne and Junior Purvis in the loss of her mother; Lydia and Jim Sockwell in the loss of her grandmother.

A warm and hearty welcome is extended to our new members, Ken and Lorraine Seefried.

February 5 is Graduation Night for Herschells class so rally 'round the flag, gang, and let's have a good turnout to show them we're proud and happy they made the team.

ATTENTION KNIGHTS OF THE ROAD: Friendly Frolics will hold their annual Hobo Convention on Saturday, February 19. Attire yourselves in your glad rags - and I do mean rags - as prizes will be awarded to the best (?) dressed. Supper will be served starting at 7:00 PM, so bring along some stew to put in the pot, a tin can to eat out of (a clean one if you're fastidious) and a spoon to eat with (unless you prefer to use your fingers). The club will dispense bread, coffee and dessert. Besides having loads of fun, you can earn a Hobo Badge too, so Y'all come!

Bee Smith, Reporter
Don Smith, Kibitzer



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FUN AND FROLICS

TUESDAYS - Woodstock Park Community Center.
JACK GRIFFITHS, caller. Frank Parker,
President (387-1382).

Well, here we are at the start of a New Year and we trust that you have made at least one good resolution, and that is to come and visit us often. Don't forget that out here at Woodstock Park we have plenty of room for dancing, so we'll be looking for you. We at Fun and Frolics plan on visiting you all, and sneaking off with your "banners", so beware.

Christmas seems far away now, but we would like to give a special thanks to everyone who participated in making our Christmas dance such a success. The food was just out of this world; don't we have the best cooks in Duval, and as for the fun and games, who but our Kaller and his taw could have thought up such a dirty trick to play on Marg and Frank Parker. Oh well, it's not everyone who gets to demonstrate how to do 'San Juan' with such "elegant" flippers on their feet. Those pivots were just wonderful kids.

We square dancers sure like to stay young and gay, and two of our crowd proved it by getting right into the festive spirit. One was seen to be sporting a very cute pair of Christmas panties, and another, one green and one red sock - which did Santa fill. We were very proud of our new class, who joined in our Christmas dance. Afraid that we gave them quite a work out, but they sure kept up with us old dancers. They will be graduating soon, and we will be proud to welcome them into the club.

We are sure that all those who went to the Frank Lane dance at Lake City had a good time, but for us stay-at-homers we'd like to say thanks to Jack for the dance he called. You folks sure mided a lot of fun. We'd all like to do that wild version of Alabama Jubilee again real soon. Say, what about our "Nightingale" choir - after hearing those boys sing, I'm sure that most of us gals would rather stay "Oh lonesome me".

In February, Fun and Frolics, which is the oldest dance club in Jacksonville, will be celebrating it's tenth anniversary, and plans are under way to honor this occasion, so you all be watching and listening for same. To all of our many visitors, we say thanks for coming. We sure enjoyed dancing with you, and we hope that you folks from Orlando can come back and square up with us again one day soon. Was also glad to have Lois Coleman's aunt, and hope that she enjoyed watching us goof up.

Rhona Williams, reporter

JAX 'N JILLS

THURSDAYS - Arlington Presbyterian Church.
FRANK CLEMENTS, Caller. Ricky Ewing, Pres.

The Jax 'N Jills started the month with a business meeting in which we elected new officers. They are as follows: President - Ricky Ewing. Vice President - Glen Crout. Secretary - Sue Lawrence. Treasurer - Lorraine Schaughency. Reporter - Mary Lee Haselton.

On Friday 14th we started a new class. This class will be on Friday nights at the Boy's Home on University Blvd. We were sorry the boys couldn't be with us on the first class night but they had been sick with a virus and we were not able to come. We had 26 new class members present. We also had two new Jax 'N Jills members. They are Mike and Wayne Crowell.

Mary Lee Haselton, reporter.

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KAPER CUTTERS

FIRST AND THIRD SATURDAY NIGHTS - Union Hall.
Jax Hwy, Palatka. BILL CAMP - caller.
Gerrald Northcut, President.

New officers are: Gerrald Northcut, Pres., Bud Stinmetz, Vice President. Bill and Mercelyn Young, Secretary. John and Joyce Smith, Treasurer. Edna Cooper, Reporter. John Dunklin, Steve Broadway and Calvin Price Directors. They are doing a wonderful job. We are proud of our class and hope to graduate them soon. They will be a lively addition to our club. They will be our guests at the Valentine Dance, Feb. 5th.

Harold and Rita Hummel are all adither these days. They recently adopted a baby. Young John was showered with gifts by his admirors. Congratulations Ed and Lons Stevens - they celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary to the strains of the Anniversary Waltz at our December 18th dance.

I'm glad to report Jack and Doris Shulter survived their car accident. They had the misfortune of hitting one of those Fla. cows on the way to our dance. They have achieved the rank of cow catchers and I trust they will be awarded a Cow Catcher Pin. The Kaper Kutters who attended Bill and Nora Camp's dance at Lake City had a wonderful time. Bill and Nora are among our favorite people and we hope they will have many more years of dancing. Bill is our beloved caller and teacher. We were glad to have visitors at our last dance. They hailed from Gainesville, Orange Park, St. Augustine, Little Rock Ark., and Michigan.

Edna Cooper, reporter

MERRY MIXERS

SWINGING SQUARES

FRIDAYS - Parish Hall, St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Myron Samson, Caller. Bruce Marley, President.

THURSDAYS - Howard Bishop Jr. High School Gainesville, Florida. Dick Gonzales, Caller - Robert & Marshall Wigglesworth, President (376-2358)

About 20 Merry Mixers went to Friendly Frolics on the 15th and retrieved our flag. It had been gone so long that we hardly remembered what it looked like. We had a wonderful time - as always.

The Swinging Squares have been extremely pleased with all the visitors we have had recently. Keep coming, folks, we enjoy dancing with you.

So glad to see Collen Glover out and around. He looks wonderful and it will be good when he is able to dance again.

We had an excellent turn-out for the fifth Thursday dance with Jack Jackson on Dec. 30. Refreshments were served after the dance and several skits were put on by the members. Our next fifth Thursday dance is March 31. Joe Johnson will call. Keep this date in mind as we hope to see many of you at 8:00 p.m. at the Howard Bishop Jr. High School that night. It is only \$2.00 a couple.

Tom Rivenbark is in the hospital at this writing recovering from surgery.. Our very best wishes to him for a speedy recovery.

FOUND - A lady's white Orlon Cardigan sweater. It was left at a club dance some months ago.

Betty & John Adams, reporters

Our President and his wife gave a New Year's Eve party at their cottage on Lake Rosa near Melrose. At least 75 people were there. Among them we were fortunate to have Jack Jackson and his wife.

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ROUNDLEERS

WEDNESDAY - Woodstock Community Center, 2839 West Beaver Street. 7:30 p.m. early workshop. 8:00 p. m. regular dance. President: Ed Criminger (724-7014)

Many of our members went to Lake City on January 11 to extend their congratulations to Bill Camp at his dance honoring his 15 years of calling. We were very much impressed with Frankie Lane's calling.

Happy New Year everyone! Thanks to Betty Graeff I was able to visit my folks in Virginia and enjoy a "Wee bit" of snow without worrying about the Roundoleer's Dec. Grapevine article.

Tom and Sue McRorie are teaching round dancing for half an hour before each square dance. This month they are teaching the Round-of-the Month, Philadelphia Strut

Now that the rush of Christmas and the tax shock is over, we are settling down to some real fine dances. Helen Crout and Sam Webb taught Philadelphia Strut the first of January. Now we are busy with Swinging Along under the instruction of Jack Griffiths and Marquette Carter. This dance requires a little extra practice, but it is worth it.

The beginners' class is nearing completion of their basic lesson. Before coming into the club, they are going to attend a workshop given by the caller for a few weeks.

Plans are almost complete for our Anniversary Dance, March 16. Jim Mayo will be the caller. Just think - we are almost two years old.



Our early workshops are still a big success. What do we do in the early workshop? At 7:30 every Wednesday we review dances that were taught before we organized and iron out the rough spots of recent dances.

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We are open for new members now. If you have completed a basic class, we would love to have you visit our club with membership in mind. Just call our President or come by any Wednesday night and see us.

I was sorry to hear the Sissons had resigned. You added much to the Grapevine. Thank you for your services. I do hope your father improves.

Anne Turner, Reporter

SWINGING SQUARES (Gainesville) Continued

Everyone is most welcome to come dance with us.
Dave & Barbara Norton

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Y. W. C. A. S Q U A R E S

MONDAYS - YWCA, 325 East Duval Street.
Tom and Mariann Hidding, Callers

Yes, we are dancing on Monday nights. Now that the holidays are over, attendance is picking up for the FUN SHOP. If you drive up and don't see us dancing in the auditorium, come in and ask at the desk. We will probably be downstaris in the air-conditioned Friendship Room.

The FUN SHOP has not attracted any drop-out dancers as we originally planned. However, the folks who are dancing are all current club members and some new graduates. We are calling figures that they requested for their clarification and fun - Dixie Daisy, Swing Star Thru, Spin the Top, Everybody Chain and the All-eight figures. Come join us.

Our Friday night Beginners Class also meets in the Friendship Room downstairs. You are welcome to dance with us as the beginners are getting along far enough to have fun with. If a square of dancers are present, we call a tip or two for them while the beginners are resting.

Tom & Mariann Hidding

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S T A R L I T E S H U F F L E R S

THURSDAYS (except the 5th Thursday) Brad Tredinnick Youth Center - Walt Knight, Caller. Bob Ross, President (771-6512)

We understand that Bill and Nora Camp have been just as active for their full 15 years in square dancing as they are presently. Thanks again, Bill and Nora, for including us in your celebration dance - it was wonderful.

Everyone is talking of the number of extra good dances lately. the New Year's dances and the Swinging Squares' Al Aderrante Dance seem to top off Paxon Prancers' weekly thrillers. Even with such great competition, we continue to be honored with a large number of guests. It is certainly a pleasure to have each and every one of you. Please come again.

Bob Hackbert, square dancing needs you. Hurry up and get well so you can square up. That's our motto for you - HURRY UP, SQUARE UP.

STARLITE SHUFFLERS (Continued)

"Explode the Line" was one of the calls used by Al Aderrante. However, Helen Ruser and Margie Ross both "exploded their skirt seams at the waist line. Sounds bad, girls. Was it the maneuver or the refreshments?

Walt Knight graduated his class on Jan. 6th and is conducting a workshop until Feb. 7th when he starts another new class. From the last class our club as grown through the addition of nine couples, plus Frank Greer and Caron Green. Listing them alphabetically: Dover & Evelyn Albertson, Charles & Miriam Cochran, Art & Elaine Draper, Frank Greer, Pat & Wallace Gurganious, Jack & Dottie Millis, Bob & Mary Pamer, Dan & Margie Patrick, Charlie & Kelsie Souther, and Bill & Pat Weyer.

Where does Yvonne Hart get all those rabbits? Yes, she was looking for a home for another one and talked Walt into calling a "Rabbit Tip" again. Charles Cochran was the lucky (?) winner. Maybe he was lucky after all though, because I understand the rabbit got away.

Rocky Hamilton has returned home from the hospital. Hope to see you in a square soon, Rocky.

If one more man had made an appearance, we would have had two squares at the Friendly Frolics to retrieve our banner. Herschel and the visiting callers gave us a real treat. The Jubilseers and Merry Mixers were there to return their banners to their rightful place and a ball was had by all.

Georgia and Forest Addington have moved into their newly acquired home at 2362 Ridgewood Road. Violet and Gene Wallace have been missed at square-up time. They are busily making preparations for the construction of their new residence on the St. Johns.

At our regular quarterly meeting, the club voted to attend the Saturday night dance at Frontier Farms in Wildwood, Florida on Feb. 19th. Johnnie Roth of Red Oak, Iowa will be their caller. The bus will leave Cedar Hills Shopping Center on Blanding Blvd. at 4:00 p.m.

Let's make an effort to have our entire club at the Association's 5th Saturday dance January 29th at the Paxon Junior High Cafe-

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STARLITE SHUFFLERS (Continued)

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WESTERN CUTTERS

2nd & 4th SATURDAYS - Wesconnett Civic Center, 105th Street. Ernie & Sally Doering, President (781-3351)

New Year's Eve about 2 1/2 squares attended The Grand Slammers New Years Eve Dance. The cool air was warmed up quickly by Bob Reynolds and Floyd Hazens' lively calling. Ann and Bill Turner arrived late after being good Samaritans at an automobile accident on the way.

The early morning breakfast was very enjoyable. Bob even ate all his "Cream of Wheat" (Grits to you all). Some of us didn't know enough to go to bed until 5:00 AM. Real Night Owls.

January 11, 1966 some of us went to Lake City as the guests of Bill and Nora Camp who were celebrating their 15th Anniversary in Square Dancing. We were entertained by the fine calling of Frankie Lane. Boy, what a dance. We had a time staying on our feet, dancing was great, but the floor was slick. Ernie enjoyed solving the problem by putting GI soap on the bottom of all the girls shoes. (Shame on you Ernie!) I am sure all the clubs who were present there that night will join with me in saying "Thank you so much, Bill and Nora, for such a fine surprize, and Congratulations on your 15th Anniversary".

At our dance, January 8, 1966, Bob really gave us a good workshop to prepare us for Waycross and the Square Up. We sure are excited about the Weekend of January 21 and 22. I'm sure we will have a ball, we always do. Tell you about our weekend next month.

Our club is real happy to have Ruth Pierce (Squeaky) back dancing with us. She was out for several months due to an operation, but is back on the dance floor, kicking up her heels as usual. Good to have you back, Squeaky.

At our dance, January 15th, Bob gave us another good workshop. This time with the Tea Cup Chain. Boy, I sure hope we don't let you kown Bob.

The Jubileers had a surprise when some of us came and got our banner back Dec. 22. You're always welcome to come and get it again any time.

We are pleased to announce that we will

graduate our class January 27th. They are real good dancers and we are real proud of them.

Then on February 3, we will start a new class at our present hall, Wesconnett Civic Center. We are looking forward to another good class.

Correction from last month! Secretary, Matt and JoAnn Encinosa and Treasurer, Nick and JoAnne Shealy. Sorry about that gang!

Phyllis and Bobby Keefe, Reporters

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HAYSTACK HOPPERS

FRIDAYS - Englewood Home Demonstration Center. JOHNNY ROBBINS, Caller. Ronnie Patten, President (FL9-5204).

To start off the New Year we had an (Undemocratic) election. Ronnie Patten, President. Debora Fleming, Vice President. continued -

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Judy Johnson, Secretary / Treasurer. We wish them the best of luck. (They'll need it!) To our past class officers - Grant Anderson, President, Judy Johnson, Vice President, Connie Fussell, Secretary / Treas, and Debora Flemming, Reporter. We thank them for doing a fine job.

Congratulations to Betty Bach and her Air-Force man, Craig Mussells on their engagement!

On the week-end of Dec. 11th and 12th, the Haystack Hoppers went to Ft. Clinch. We had a ball, with a turkey dinner, hiking, playing football (now who really won?) and dancing till early Sunday morning. On Saturday night the Dancers beat the caller (Johnny Robbins) in a marathon (an hour and 45 minutes straight). We thank the parents who chaperoned us.

We wish to express our appreciation to the Merry Mixers for letting us join them unexpectedly on Dec. 17th.

We started a class for all beginners on Jan. 7th, that is except one, Robert Fussell, who started our last class. We hope to see large numbers of beginners at graduation in the Spring.

ATTENTION HAYSTACK HOPPERS! All of you who have ordered badges please bring your money to the next dance. Give it to Judy Johnson, she would sure appreciate it. All members please come to dance and have fun. Remember we need your support every Friday night!

Martha Pugh, Reporter.

NEW ROUND DANCE CLASS. A new round dance basic class will start on February 14th, Monday. The time is 8:00PM. Place - Englewood Home Demonstration Club Building on the corner of De Kalb Avenue and the new Expressway (I95).

Round dancing is becoming ever more popular at Square Dances. Round Dance Clubs are beginning to appear all over the country. Now is the time to start and have fun ROUND DANCING.

For further information, call Helen Crout, Instructor, 724-9757 or 724-9424.

Helen Crout

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THIS 'N THAT FROM THE EDITORS

As usual, the Jacksonville dancers predominated at the annual Okefenokee Square Up at Waycross, Georgia, January 21st and 22nd. There were an estimated 15 squares from Jax, and they thoroughly enjoyed the calling of Trv Elias, Bob Rust, John Saunders and Harry Lackey. Attendance at the Square Up was about 35 squares.

Items have been received this month from 20 clubs. We would appreciate the reporters editing their articles and cutting out non-essentials. We don't want to leave out anything, but too long articles create a hardship on us. We want to cut out the late at night typing if possible. Thanks.

Advertising makes possible the low subscription rate for Grapevine. Support our advertisers and tell them we appreciate their ads. To our advertisers - this is our learning issue. We will try to get new "cuts" on the ads for next months issue.

HELP WANTED - We would like to find a new manager for the Grapevine. Those interested contact us.

DO YOU HAVE A CLASS GRADUATING? Send us a list, with addresses, postal zone if possible, and we will send them the Grapevine for 3 months FREE.

Rose and Carl Law, Editors.

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THE WHIRL-A-WAYS, Seaford, Delaware, invites anyone traveling in that area in April to their 5th Spring Fling, April 30, 1966, 2PM until midnight. Seaford Municipal Bldg., corner of Pine and King Streets, Seaford, Delaware. Callers Dick Jones and Tex Brownlee.

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A POEM:

Jax 'N Jills ran up the hill
To find a square dance caller.
Jack ran down and said guess who I found
And Jill said, "A square dance Caller".

From Jax 'n Jills

1st & 3rd FRIDAYS. Mary Hammond Youth Center (Members * Invited guests). Jake Smith, President (771-2696).

As advertised, Dick Barker of Waycross called a real lively, rhythmic, toe-tingling dance at his audition as a caller in Jacksonville, on January 7. This excellent sample certainly makes us want a return engagement soon. Our super-cooks outdid themselves on the delicious refreshments. I ask you - how can we ever lose these holiday-gained pounds with food like that around? Three guest couples from down Gainesville-way made our evening complete: Tom and Sue McKerie, Howard and Lucille Nelson, and Chet and Julia Vetter. Come back y'all.

We're about to launch an exciting program, blasting off with John Saunders on February 4, boosted with Danny Robinson on March 4, and going into full orbit with Chuck Durant on April 15. WOW! Don't miss a one. Also hear rumors about a national caller come Spring-time.

Although the Okefenokee Square Up is luring about 2 squares of CHALLENGERS to Waycross the 21st, the rest of the club will hold the fort at the Mary Hammond Youth Center and do their stompin' to some excellent recordings - always a challenge to a CHALLENGER.

The Kukuluk Swing EZY benefit dance on Dec. 8 found most of the CHALLENGERS at the Robert Meyer Hotel, enthusiastically dancing to our fine local callers who so graciously gave their time and talents to this worthy cause. We were glad to do our small bit, too.

Jake and Louise Smith and Bruce and Billie Carroll found some mighty fine calling at Frontier Farms the week-end of the 14th when Harper and Ray Smith, that terrific Texas twosome and after-party specialists, saw to it that everyone there had a ball. We, too, are looking forward to enjoying a Smith-brothers dance by remote control soon.

Bill & Ruth Fleshman.

LATE NEWS FLASH! The CHALLENGERS were lucky enough to snag national caller Jack Livingston for February 18, enroute from Miami to Savannah. This will be a real treat for us and, incidentally, another name for you aspiring "Century Clubbers". Don't miss it.

Jake Smith, Pres.

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REGISTER NOW - 13th ANNUAL FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CONVENTION - ORLANDO, JUNE 17, 18, 1966. Send \$2.00 per person to George and Helen Everett, Thirteenth Annual Convention, Box 1204, Maitland, Fla. 3275.

Rates for the Robert Meyer Convention Headquarters Hotel - \$10.00 double. \$8 single. George and Helen Everett will accept your hotel reservation request, also.

GRAND SLAMMERS

NO NEWS FROM THE FOLLOWING CLUBS

1st and 3rd SATURDAYS - 12th and St. Clair Streets. JOHNNIE ROBBINS, Caller. Chuck Crowell, President (771-3057).

Ancient City Squares, St. Augustine
441 Club, Gainesville
Merry Steppers, Gainesville
Allemandarins

We certainly enjoyed having all you folks with us on New Year's Eve. Seems like every Club in the Area was well represented and all appeared to have a good time. We hope we can continue the New Year's Eve dance and breakfast as an annual event. It seems to be such a good chance for old friends to get together for a wonderful evening of good fellowship.

Your articles will be missed by our readers.

If the change-over in Grapevine management kept your news from reaching us, we are sorry. If there are any clubs we have missed let us know. Send your coming events to us. Jacksonville dancers are interested and will attend dances for miles around if you have a good caller. Articles from out of-town clubs will be printed in the Grapevine if sent before the deadline - the 20th of each month.

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As you will notice in the heading of this column, we have a new location for our dances. The name of the building is "MINTON HALL" and is located at the corner of 12th and St. Clair Streets, just a few blocks east of the Paxon Prancers hall. The building is new and is both air conditioned and heated. It has a concrete floor with a capacity of from twenty to twenty-five squares, electric drinking fountain, modern rest rooms for each sex, plenty of comfortable chairs and a large hard surfaced parking lot. We will miss our good old "springy" wood floor but we will certainly be glad to have a place which is warm in winter and cool in summer. Also we will only dance the first and third Saturdays instead of four Saturday nights each month. This will enable us to do more visiting of other clubs for awhile and we may be able to expand to every Saturday night again later on. We cordially invite everyone to come dance with us in this new location beginning February 5th - we think you'll enjoy it. The following is a list of the class members who graduated in December:

- Dick and Wanda Goedert
- Cecil and Frances Gill
- Bob and Gerry Grady
- Ernie and Colleen Arnold
- Wayne and Barbara Blackford
- Pamela Bailey
- Jerry Perdue
- James McMillen

Look for these folks and the rest of us to come visiting now that the club will be dancing only twice a month.

We will start a new class on Monday, Feb. 7th. Anyone desiring to join this class is asked to contact our acting President, Chuck Crowell or Sue Crowell, telephone 771-3057. Class nights will be on the 1st 2nd and 4th Monday nights. Johnnie Robbins will teach the class.

That's all for this time folks - see you at the new location.

Hugh and Edna Bruce
Reporters

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make a
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P.S. Watch for more
information in next month's
Grapevine.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

- JANUARY 29 - PAXON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CAFETORIUM. NEFSDA 5th Saturday Dance. Callers Walt Knight and Harold Pillmore. \$2.00 per couple. Teen Corner.
- FEBRUARY 8 - Singing Sam Mitchell. Brad Tredinnick Youth Center. Open dance sponsored by the Paxon Prancers.
- February 12 - Fred Dyche - Arlington Congregational Church. Sponsored by Jubileers.
- February 19 - Friendly Frolics Hob Convention - Philips Hiway Plaza.
- February 26 - Lake City Open Dance - Camp O'Leno.
- Feb 4th - Challengers (members & invited guests) - John Saunders excellent calling.
- March 4 - Challengers - Danny Robinson. Mary Hammond Youth Center
- March 15 - Max Forsyth - Lake City National Guard Armory - sponsored by Lake City Squares.
- March 16 - Roundoers Anniversary Party. Jim Mayo, caller. Woodstock Park Community Ctr.
- March 31 - Joe Johnson. Howard Bishop Jr. High, Gainesville. Sponsored by Gainesville Swinging Squares.
- April 2nd and 3rd - Camp O'Leno Hoedown. Camp O'Leno, sponsored by Starlite Shufflers.
- April 19 - Jim Brower at Orange Park Lions Club. Sponsored by Orange Park Promenaders.
- April 30 - NEFSDA Regular 5th Saturday Dance. Rod Blaylock calling at the Lake City National Guard Armory. Host club - Lake City Squares.
- June 16, 17, 18 - 13th Annual Florida Square Dance Convention. Orlando City Auditorium.
- June 16 - 18 - 15th National Square Dance Convention - Indianapolis, Indiana.

LATE DATES

- February 18 - Challengers (members & invited guests) - Jack Livingston. Mary Hammond Youth Center.