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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

TO THE GRADUATE -

What happens now that you are about to graduate? During the next year one of four things will probably happen. 1. You will find a new way of life in square dancing, dancing 10 to 12 times a month. 2. You will become active in your club and dance 4 to 5 times a month. 3. You will continue in square dancing, going to an average of 2 dances a month. 4. You will attend several dances and finally quit dancing.

To those who drop out, we are sorry to see you go. If you enjoy dancing, before you go please visit some of the other clubs in your area. You may find you need not drop-out. To those who dance twice a month, we are always happy to see you and hope that later you may become more active in your club. To those who dance 4 or 5 times a month, you are the future. You cause the club to function, you are the officers and do the work; in doing so you begin to make many new friends. Mainly that is what this is all about, the enjoyment of dancing and the making of new friends. Later the enjoyment of friends will exceed that of dancing. To those who dance 10 to 12 times a month, thank your square and REST.

There are two things to bear in mind during the first few months while you're becoming acquainted with this new form of family fun and recreation. First, as in most endeavors, you only get out of it what you put in. Second, remember you are dealing with personalities and from time to time there may be words or actions which may cause you some embarrassment or anger. Don't hold this against square dancers in general, these occasions should be rare and they do happen in all walks of life. If during a dance another couple asks you to split with them, it is not a reflection on your dancing, but for the purpose of helping you become more sure of yourself. If you goof, an apology is not expected, the only ones who don't goof are those you see frowning.

We welcome you to our activity and hope you get much pleasure out of it.

Chet Vetter

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NEFSDA

NEFSDA delegates were conducted on a guided tour of the elegant and spacious facilities of the beautiful Ramada Inn, Gainesville, location of the "Spring Fling" slated for April 21 and 22, 1967, which tour was a part of the meeting held January 8th. at the Ramada Inn. The "Fling" will feature Bill Spiedel and Ken McCartney of Lincoln, Nebraska, in the comfortable, air-conditioned Convention Hall at the Inn, with an added attraction of poolside squaring adjacent to the 3rd.-floor-level swimming pool.

Delegates voted to make "Toys for Tots" an annual affair as an Association-sponsored event. The first year's dance was highly successful, with over 200 toys being collected.

Fifth Saturday Dances this year will be held on July 29 and September 30.

The President announced that George and Annie Millan have accepted the general chairmanship of the Fall Round-up Committee, 1967.

Forthcoming events announced at the meeting were:

Starlite Shufflers - Ron Schneider Dance - February 13.
Swinging Squares (Jacksonville) - Al Aderente Dance - January 27.

Next meeting of the Association will be on March 6 at the Mayflower Hotel, Jacksonville.

Doris G. Shuler,
Rec. Secretary

LAKE CITY SQUARES

2nd. & 4th. Mondays and 4th. Saturday -
Veteran's Memorial Hall, Lake City, Fla.
Caller - Bill Camp.

Harper Smith of Celina, Texas called to probably the largest square dance ever held in Lake City. The National Guard Armory was taxed to capacity and as usual Smith pulled a new figure on the dancers that left many of them standing flat-footed and their heads in a whirl.

Dancers came from Jacksonville, Gainesville, St. Augustine, Palatka, and Valdosta, Georgia. We were happy to see so many of the dancers and friends. We were pleased to have a couple from Montana dance with us as well as a couple from Tampa.

Everyone who had not written their name and club name on the Lake City Club tablecloth were busy between tips doing so. This cloth is a memento of all the "name-Caller" dances held by the club since 1962, and it is getting crowded.

During a break the new President of the Lake City Squares - Billy and Penny Weldon - were introduced.

Dancing to Harper Smith January 7th., didn't let off enough steam, so off to Palatka went 11 couples from the Lake City Squares. The group thoroughly enjoyed the calls of both Harper Smith and Frankie Lane.

Lake City Squares are expectantly awaiting the fourth Saturday in February (the 25th.) when they dance at Camp O'Leno. This is becoming an annual event and we are hoping that many of our square dancing friends will be there too.

Gene and Lillian Gemmer,
Reporters

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KAPER CUTTERS

1st. & 3rd. Saturdays, Union Hall, Jax.
Hygy., Palatka, Fla., Caller - Bill Camp,
President - Bub Steinmetz (325-5675)

Our 2nd. Annual Valentines party will be held February 4th. at the Union Hall. There will be prizes and surprises for all. Everyone welcome.

The Frankie Lane dance was a great success. Many thanks to all who came from far and near. Everyone enjoyed the calling of Mr. Lane and he will be back with us again next year at this time.

We appreciated getting our banner back. It may always be a mystery as to where it traveled, but anyway, thanks for its return.

A group traveled to St. Augustine on January 13th. and as usual, the Ancient City Squares were great hosts.

Come and see us soon.

Leo and Glenna Andersen,
Reporters

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WESTERN CUTTERS

2nd. & 4th. Saturdays - Mary Hammond Youth Center, Caller - Bobby Keefe, President - Andy Allan (764-1293)

Your new reporter will have to "back-track" a couple of weeks and might omit something of interest but will sure try to report all noteworthy club items in the future. They tell me such a large crowd of Western Cutters and Orange Park Promenaders attended the New Year's Eve party it was hard to tell in which square they were supposed to be dancing. Floyd Hazen and Bobby Keefe shared the calling and ad-libbing and both did a "bang up" job.

With the beginning of the New Year, we would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Ernie and Sally Doering for the superb job they performed as our Presidents the past year. We were always proud of the outstanding way they represented our club, especially at the conventions and out-of-town visits. We made new club dresses and shirts (very attractive, we think) during their tenure, and were tagged as the "Purple People Eaters." And last but not least, Ernie, thanks for finally getting the Western Cutters listed in the "Bow and Swing." Now we hope that many tourists and newcomers to Jacksonville will visit our club. We know that our new Presidents, Andy and LeJene Allan, will be very competent leaders too, and will give them all our support.

At class January 5th. Bobby work-shopped some calls which we'll probably encounter at Waycross, and taught (very casually) the cute round dance number "Oh, You Kid," already introduced to our club members by Carl and Betty Graeff.

Our regular dance was moved up one week and held January 7th. at Wesconnett Civic Center. The class members were invited to this dance and turned out in fine style. Some of them can already out-dance some old-timers, but we won't mention any names. We were happy to have visitors from Orange Park, who came for our banner but couldn't take it back. They brought a square alright, but one too few girls! Better luck next time, gang! We always enjoy your friendly visits. Also enjoyed dancing with Grace and Harry Radvansky and hope they will come back soon and often. Our new Treasurers, Martha and Horace Fretwell, have both been on the sick list, but we were happy they could hold each other up long enough to make an appearance at the dance.

Western Cutters, continued

Guess they couldn't trust anyone else with all that money. Our bet is that Horace will get well first. After all, Martha is the better nurse.

Our caller graduated his first class January 12th, and presented 14 well-earned club badges. Those receiving hats, diplomas, cups, and congratulations (with the badges) were: Bob and Sue Robinson, Louise Alford, Ed and Cheryl Chapman, John and Jane Terry, Larry and Ann Vanzant, John and Pat Williams, Hazel Weir, and George and Pat Zietlow. Our thanks go to Bill and Jenny Kirkland and Charles and Vivian Jackson who did such a fine job as hosts and hostesses for the class and graduation.

13 couples attended the Okefenokee Round-up and had a wonderful time dancing to the very fine calling of Bob Rust, Frank Bedell, Chuck Durant and Irv Elias. We were happy to note that the two or three tips called by our own Bobby Keefe were received with much enthusiasm. Had beautiful weather until Saturday afternoon - then the rains came, but not enough to dampen anyone's spirits. New graduates joining in the fun were: Ed and Cheryl Chapman, Louise Alford, George and Pat Zietlow, and John and Pat Williams. We also have some new cuckoos flitting about - thanks to the ingenuity of Bobby Keefe and the kindness of Bob Rust. These night owls (or early risers) were: Bill and Jenny Kirkland, David and Claudia Fitzsimmons, Russell and Ada Kelly, Louise Alford, Bob Bennett, and the three new couples from the class.

Bobby is planning to start a new class Friday, January 27th., so let's pass the word around and try to make this the largest class ever. He sure turned out a fine group of dancers this time and we are happy to welcome them into our club.

See you next month.

Vivian Mayfield, Reporter

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JUBILEERS

2nd. & 4th. Saturdays, Arlington Congregational Church, Caller - Harold Pillmore, President - Harvey and Gloria Chambers

As was announced last month, our annual Valentines Dance will be held on Feb. 11th. at the Arlington Congregational Church. We were most fortunate in securing Scotty Thomas, from Gainesville, Florida to call for us. From what we understand, Scotty is no stranger to Jacksonville, and will afford us a real exciting opportunity to dance to his calling. We are looking forward to seeing many of you, as we did last year, when we sustained 18 squares on the floor most of the evening. Tickets for this dance will be on sale shortly, and all efforts will be made to make these available to all those who wish to come.

Highlights for January included a delegation to Lake City for the Harper Smith dance. The Nulls, Roberts, Pillmores, Chambers and Bishops returned and raved about the fun they had. It seems the folks in Lake City have continued, with merit, the tradition of providing great entertainment for the area dancers.

On January 14th., the Chambers and Bishops represented the Jubileers at the Okefenokee Round-up in Waycross. With the great slate of callers, they had to have a good time. Unfortunately, you can't have your cake and eat it too. The Jubileers had a "smashing" night themselves. The smashing came about by a physiological phenomenon that resulted in a moisture transfer up through our floor, and when Keith Haid became airborne, I think we can truly say we had a smashing time. If this wasn't proof enough, the Grand Slammers showed up in force with flag capture in mind; add to this Harold Pillmore in rare form, and two visiting callers, including Bill Camp from Lake City, and we had our own "round-up" of considerable proportions. "Slammers", it was fun dancing with you, and we look forward toward recapture soon.

Now, If you didn't mark February 11th. for our Valentines dance last month, you had better do it now. If you don't, you will just have to wait 'till March to see all the fun you missed, which seems rather ridiculous.

Joyce and Bob Barker,
Reporters

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LEARN TO ROUND DANCE

A new beginner class in Round Dance Basic will start on Monday, February 20, 1967, at 8:00 P. M., taught by Helen Crout. The place is Englewood Extension Homemakers Club (the same as Englewood Club House) on Dekalb Ave. For further information call Helen Crout, 724-9757.

SWINGING SQUARES

Gainesville, Wednesday nights, 8:00 P.M.,
Elk Springs, N.W. 23rd. Blvd., Gainesville.

The Swinging Squares dance in a different
hall

So come and see us, one and all -
It's on 23rd. Blvd. and called Elk Springs,
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things.

Wednesday is our new "square up" night,
Dick Gonzales our caller, which is
a-ll-ll right!

Come and see us in our new place
And let's square up "face to face".

This poem is really not poetic,
In Fact, it's gotten downright pathetic-
The whole idea, in case you missed it,
Is that we want you to come and visit!!!

--Anonymous

Now that that is over, on with directions
for finding Elk Springs. N.W. 23rd. Blvd.
is the street that divides Fields and Sears
shopping centers on Hwy. 441. Follow 23rd.
Blvd. west about 1/4 mi. past the shopping
areas and on the left is Elk Springs. Hope
to see you soon! We are planning a Valen-
tine Dance on February 15 with things still
in the planning stage at this point.

Twenty-five couples from Gainesville went
to Lake City January 7th. to dance to the
fine calling of Harper Smith in the Armory.
We all had a grand time and look forward to
another good dance like that.

Connie and Luther Shelton of the Jubileers
in Jacksonville, won the prize at our New
Years Eve party for travelling the longest
distance to dance with us.

Thirteen couples from Gainesville went to
Palatka January 10th. for another fine
evening of square dancing in the Ravine
Gardens to the calling of Frankie Lane.
We saw many of the same familiar faces that
were in Lake City the previous weekend. We
enjoyed dancing with all the folks from
Palatka, Gainesville, St. Augustine, Daytona
Beach, etc. We saw some of these fine folks
buying their tickets to our "Spring Fling"
in April at the Ramada Inn. If you don't
have your tickets yet, get them ordered as
there are only a limited number available
and we want you to come! You may order
tickets from Jimmy and Bunny Whiteman,
1505 N.W. 7th. Place, Gainesville, Florida,
32601.

Norma and Warner Weseman,
Reporters

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ORANGE PARK PROMENADERS

Fridays, 8:00 P.M., Orange Park Lions Club.
Callers - Floyd and Marge Hazen,
Chairman - Don Hunt (724-4869)

We got 1967 off to a real good, bang-up
start dancing the old year out and the new
year in with the Western Cutters to the
fine calling of Floyd Hazen and Bobby Keefe,
and everyone seemed to enjoy all the good
food and dancing. Those Western Cutters
are a real nice bunch, and they have a
real good caller, so thanks for going in
with us for New Years Eve Dance, Cutters.

Our class will graduate on February 10th.
and we are looking forward to having them
with us on Friday nights.

Our new board has taken over the first of
January, the hold-overs are Don and Shorty
Hunt, (Chairman) Virgil and Elsie Green,
(Secretary, Treasurer) and Pete and Jeanne
Kosof. New members joining the hold-overs
are Mike and Pauline Miklos (Host and
Hostess Chairman), Darnell and Bereneice
Harris, and Jack and Dot Shapiro. I know
they will do us a good job. Our sincere
thanks go to the three outgoing couples,
Al and Peggy Hynes, Clarence and Virginia
Tyre for the past 12 months, and Russell
and Margie Russell for the past 18 months.

Eddie Millan (or the caller with the vest)
filled in very proficiently to teach our
class on the 10th. and 17th. of January and
called our Friday night dances on the 13th.
and 20th. of January while Floyd and Marge
were absent due to Floyd working long hours
of overtime. Thank you, Eddie.

A bunch of Grand Slammers stole our banner
on the 7th. of January, and we sure did
enjoy having them, and we will be over to
visit them to get it back before this goes
to press, probably. Marge called "Bill
Bailey" for their president, Bill Bailey.

We want to thank all the visitors we have
had the past month, and please come back
soon.

In the meantime, have fun on Fridays, and
come dance with us.

"The Square Dancers"
Danny and Billie

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FRIENDLY FROLICS

1st. & 3rd. Saturdays, Phillips Highway Plaza, Caller - Herschell Lee, President - Irvin Johnson (733-5726)

Zowie and Happy New Year!! Our club sure started off the New Year with a bang. The New Year's Eve Dance was a real success. We hope our visitors had as much fun celebrating the coming of a New Year as we did having them with us. We are very sorry we could not accommodate everyone who wanted to attend but the hall will just dance so many without being too crowded. Thanks to all our visitors, without you it could never have been a success. Come again real soon.

Many people deserve thanks and credit for the success of the New Year's Eve Dance -- Eddie Edge did a swell job selling tickets or should I say not selling tickets. They were gone so fast Eddie had the sad job of telling some people "all sold out". Dee Dee Brandt can take one more bow for the wonderful way she provided the eats. It was all delicious and she did a lot of work planning it. I've never seen anyone hate to take credit as much as Dee Dee but she really deserves our thanks. Thanks also to all the ladies who donated food and cakes. Joe Brandt and his helpers provided good coffee service.

I just want to say, Friendly Frolics never does anything ordinary. Even a Grand March can be different. It shows the sign of a good caller when a Grand March can start out so unusual and come out as perfect as our's did New Year's Eve. Thanks Herschell for a great dance. Some people just can't lose.

After the delicious meal we were entertained by "Helen & Son". Helen and Glenn Crout did a beautiful dance under the black lights. The skit included Eddie and Vera Edge, Rosa Lee, Joe & Dolores Early and ball-room dancers. Poor Rosa Lee had a terrible time getting a hamburger without a hair in it and after seeing Joe Early prepare hamburgers most of us have sworn off eating hamburgers for a while.

Did you ever see such a cute New Year's Baby in your life? Bet you can't guess who the cute little thing was. Joe Brandt was good old Father Time.

Eddie and Willie Grey Bowman got us calmed down with a nice after party and after a short pleasant visit with them we moved on to the home of Frank and Barbara Meyers. We thought nothing could top that dance that night but Frank and Barbara really surprised us. Their after-party was out of this world. Their "Key Club" for "Men Only" had most of the wives sticking close by their husbands most of the night. I won't tell you the details but all the ladies attending can tell you how it feels to be on "Candid Camera". Ask Rosa Lee. Some nuts were jumping on the trampoline at

4:00 A.M. Barbara Samson and Pat Johnson should form a team. I hear Ed Sullivan can use entertainment like that. I hope they could move around better the next day than I could. I'm still looking for revenge, Frank.

One word of warning girls. Beware of a nut taking pictures -- namely Don Smith. His magic word for smile is not cheese.

Now you think nothing can follow-up all this activity but listen to this. Our club set a new record Friday, January 13th. We had 54 people at our business meeting. Dexter Hughes and Carlton Pierce with their helpers, Lucy and Pat are the reason for this new record. They invited us to their beach house for a Luau. They really went all out for us. Their decorations were fabulous with a real roasted pig and all the trimmings. We missed our President and his wife, Irving and Ellen but they had moved that day and were exhausted.

We were happy to have the following class members at their first business meeting: Charlie and Georgia Johnson, Doug and Wilma Bracey, Gene and Sam Barnett, Evelyn and George Smith, Bill Skipper, Herman and Janese Ibach and Virginia and Sherod Hill. We look forward to their graduation and welcome them to our club.


Get your oldest duds aired out cause the Hobo Convention is almost here. The date is February 18th. Please mark your calendar. This is always a real hilarious affair so bring your stew and a can to eat out of and your eating utensils. There will be prizes for the best costumes, so make it good. We look forward to seeing you then. Remember, we eat from 7:00 to 8:00 and dance from 8:00 to 11:00 P.M.

I hope this has covered the news for this month. I'm sorry if I missed anyone and anything. We're sorry Betty was not able to write the column this month but she will be reporting the goodies for next month.

Oh yes, let me say how good it is to have Barney and Grace back with us. We missed them while he was recovering from his accident, but now he only complains when the girls squeeze him too hard.

Arie Willis,
Temporary Reporter

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GRAND SLAMMERS

Fridays, Mandarin Athletic Club, Brady Rd. Caller - 1st., 3rd., & 5th. Fridays - Johnnie Robbins. Caller - 2nd. & 4th. Fridays - John Saunders, President - Charlie and Dot Landiss (268-5688)

1st. & 3rd. Saturdays, 12th. and St. Clair Streets, Minton Hall, Caller - Johnnie Robbins, President - Bill Bailey (781-4609)

Help! The mystery of who inherited "the Stork Club" badge backfired. Lest anymore innocent people be wrongly accused - allow us to now reveal Edna Groom was publicly awarded the badge by John Saunders earlier this month.

First off the bat, we'd like to give a great big thanks to Hugh and Edna Bruce for doing such a wonderful job as our reporters. Thanks a bunch folks.

We've had a busy month. On January 5th. several couples stole Y-Knots banner and had a fine time squaring up with them. January 7th. found some of our club in Lake City enjoying Harper Smith. Bad weather did not stop several of our crowd from showing up in Palatke for Frankie Lane's Dance. He's really a smooth caller and has you dancing calls you would swear would buffalo you.

Quite a few of us went to the Allemandarins Christmas Party. A finer bunch of people you'll never meet. Sorry one of the Slammers had a small lost and found problem, but to everyone's curiosity the problem was solved. After the dance we had a Christmas get-together at Johnnie and Nella Robbins and gained a pound or two on all the goodies.

We had our unlucky Friday 13th. dance and would you believe Dot and Ivan McGill were sneaky enough to award (?) a black cat as door prize! Dot and Charlie Landiss were the "lucky winners".

We have lost two of our regulars, Jerry and Doris Pope. Jerry was transferred to Atlanta on January 1st. But the eve before they left, we all popped in on them with a "bring your own going away party." The next morning we were all quite sore - did you ever play "Twister?"

Beginning January 25th. and continuing through March 1st. Bill Camp will hold workshop for our new class and anyone interested in learning "Load the Boat", "Pare, Peel, Bend" and etc. - the newer calls. \$1.50 per couple.

The Slammers were well represented at the Friendly Frolics New Year's Eve Party. We enjoyed dancing the old year out and the new in with Herschell and friends. But that same Slammer had another lost and found problem, and we are glad to report that everything was found before the end of the evening. After the dance, we all gathered at T. J. and Betty Ward's where we enjoyed the rest of the evening reminiscing all our dances of '66. To all of you folks that visited with us last year - we hope you enjoyed every minute and will be dancing with us often in '67.

A couple of squares retrieved our banner from Dixie Chain Gang January 14th. It's always a pleasure visiting these friendly folks.

Those are sporty looking "Jail Bird" badges some of our group are wearing.

We have a banner stealing trip cooking for January 21st. - who'll be the lucky club? See, mysteries intrigue me.

Look out! That "Bouncing Bunch of Banner Snitching Slammers" are at it again. On January 6th., we stole the Orange Park Promenaders banner, on January 13th., we visited the Merry Mixers and just happened to have their banner with us when we left and on January 14th., we danced away with the Jubileers banner. We certainly enjoyed dancing with all you folks and hope to be seeing you all real soon.

Tickets for Rod Blalock Dance to be held at the Phillips Highway Plaza March 31st. are available at \$2.00 per couple from Allemandarins, Grand Slammers, John Saunders, Johnnie Robbins and Bill Camp and Helen Crout. Get your tickets and come have fun.

We are glad to report that Bobbie Fulwood is recovering from her injury nicely and hope to be dancing with her again shortly.

We've missed some of our club members lately and encourage them to come on back and enjoy our good callers. Hope Nola Hutt will soon be recovered sufficiently to fill her place in a square.

D. J. Lynch and Taw danced with us on January 7th. It's always nice to have them visit us. Come back again folks.

For you traveling folks, J. Robbins is scheduled to call for Kat Kickers in Valdosta on February 25th.

Sorry to report that Betty Ward and Edna Bruce are both out of commission. We're thinking of you both and hoping you'll be dancing soon.

Keep watching for us, we may just be "your corner" somewhere soon.

Our new class will be graduating on February 4th., so be on the lookout for a bunch of fine new dancers.

Joe and Clarice Greek,
Reporters

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Grand Slammers, continued

Don't forget to circle March 31st. on the calendar, that's the night the Grand Slammers and the Allemandarins co-sponsor a dance at the Phillips Highway Plaza. Rod Blalock will be doing the calling and tickets will be available from both clubs real soon. So plan to be with us for a night of dancing you'll never forget.

So until next time -

Promenade all around the hall,
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Wayne and Barbara Blackford,
Reporters

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The holidays caught us "snowed under" last month and we missed getting our report in to the Grapevine, but we've still been dancing right along - every Tuesday. We had a very nice Christmas party at which time all members brought food and gifts for a needy family, and Betty Jean Head who was in charge of the project, says she received a letter from the family and that they were most appreciative. It made us all feel good to know we had really made a Christmas for these unfortunate people.

Scotty and Angie Hayes missed their annual trip to Waycross this year for the "Swampstompers Week-end", because our favorite badge maker (Scotty) was sick. The other Fun & Frolicers who attended the dance surely did miss them, but they spared themselves some nasty weather by

staying home. Sure missed some good dancing though, and some good coffee and doughnuts at the beautiful home of Wendy and Clara Jordan after the Saturday night dance. Scotty is doing fine now, so save your "get well" cards for someone else. But - if you need any badges - of any kind - then give him a call.

On January 17th., Jack graduated our beginners class and we are very proud to have them in the club and dancing with us every Tuesday. We may even get them started on a banner stealing raid, so watch for them around your way soon. Congratulations to: Harold & Ellen Calvert, Ray & Catherine Montean, Richard & Bonnie Redlinger, Don & Edith Rohweller, Leroy & Bernice Nail, Homer & Shirley Felts, and Tom Davis & Betty Farris. They have worked hard and we think they are doing very well and we are trying to convince them that they won't always have to dance with raw (?) eggs in their hands and balloons on their feet. They should just be glad we didn't blindfold them too!

We are happy to have the Roths as new members in our club. They have often signed in as visitors, but now will be signing on the other side of the register. We have some other regular "visitors" who should do the same. By the way, Bob and Frances, we missed you last week.

I believe we will be due another covered dish supper in February, so everyone please try to attend. They are always delicious and Jack seems to give us an extra special dance on those nights, too, so it makes for a very nice evening. The telephone committee will be letting everyone know the details about when it will be, etc. Which reminds me, Aliette said she is going to make up a new club roster now that we have so many new names to add to it, and there are some couples that will be surprised to find their names missing if they don't soon come back to dancing with us.

Well, guess I've chatted enough this time. Come on out and dance with us. Don't forget that Bill and Ruth Fleshman have a round dance workshop every Tuesday starting at 7:30 and square dancing starts at 8:00. Jack nearly always has some work-shopping of new figures along with the regular calls, so if you are having trouble with some of the new things, come on over. We might be able to clear up some of the confusion. (Or add to it???)

See you next month.

Marge Parker, Reporter

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The Paxon Prancers ended the year with lots of special dances and earning badges. Emily and Margaret are busy with badge orders.

Our Christmas Party and dance at the Drake's was very enjoyable with good food, games and dancing.

We will never forget the New Years Dance at the Plaza. Maybe this will become a yearly affair we can plan and look forward to each year. Everyone was in gay spirits and enjoyed the party at the Holbrooks after the dance. Four couples made "Plunger" with Frank Clements calling. Everyone was well qualified for their badge after doing a right and left grand in and out of the bath tub.

On December 29th., we had an unexpected visit from a square from Lake City, who captured our banner, but that was a good excuse for eighteen of us to return the dance and enjoy the calling of Harper Smith. We didn't pass the opportunity for a delicious breakfast at the Horne's either. They may still have some grits, if anyone is interested. By the way, did Hubert ever finish those dishes? He likes to wash dishes so well, he was even washing paper ones.

We started the New Year good too, with the installation of a very capable group of new officers on January 12th. "Marshall" Love placed under arrest and brought before "Judge" Joyce the following culprits, who were all found guilty as charged by a jury of six, and sentenced to serve one year.
President - Harry and Katie Drake
Vice President - Theron and Bonnie Smith
Secretary - Curtis and Margaret Thompson
Treasurer - Bronze Cagle

The Drake's were host to Bob Rust after the dance and we couldn't resist the temptation to get Bob up at midnight and make our idiot badge. Anyway, Bob survived and proceeded on to Waycross for the "Swamp Stomp" the next day.

Lots of familiar faces are back dancing again, and we're glad to see them, even if they are limping. We missed them during the holiday activities. We are always glad to see visitors too. Our new P-P badge should begin circulating around soon now. Come visit us and get all the details. Visiting is one of the requirements for receiving it.

Theron is busy as a bee making fancy signs with pretty lights for our club. Our thanks to Billy; we have a new bulletin board, which is full of news every week so be sure and take a minute to read it.

January 14th., we were off to Waycross for the "Swamp-Stomp" and Paxon represented our caller, Bob Rust, with about three squares.

A big "WELCOME" to Catherine and Charles Pourcain to our club.

Our round dance lessons have started, but are still open to anyone who wants to learn. Betty and Carl Graeff are teaching a round a month, so if you are interested come at 7:30 and learn round dances until 8:00 and stay for our regular dance until 10:30.

So if you're looking for good fun, good food, and good dancing, come on over and visit us. It sure looks like a "swinging" year coming up for the Prancers.

Happy Valentines Day.

Virginia Ayers, Reporter

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STARLITE SHUFFLERS

Thursdays (Except 5th. Thursdays), Brad Tradinnick Youth Center, 41st. Street and Perry, Caller - Walt Knight, President - Richard Patrick (724-1386)

Here are some important announcements: We are graduating our student class on February 2nd. and having our Ron Schneider dance on February 13th.

The dates we will have to have Camp O'Leno this year are the weekends of: March 11th. and 12th. and October 14th. and 15th. We will not have our annual Goblin Dance because of so many scheduled activities at that time.

I hope all of you who read this have had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

My deepest sympathy goes out to the following people:

Charles and Miriam Cochran, who have been unable to attend the last few dances because their carport sprung a leak and Charles has had to replaster, repaint and now has to reroof his home.

To Danny Danson who is trying so hard to diet and when we thought we had him convinced at our free dance that the calories had been left out of the cookies, Yvonne Hart choked on a calorie and gave us away.

To David Ebersole who just loves to punch holes in ladies ears since he pierced wife Pat's. But everytime he finds a subject, she chickens out.

To Bob Ross who took 4 days off from work and caught the flu the first day and didn't get to enjoy any of it.

To Clare Montalto who is use to modern convenionces has a chuck wagon and had a hard time figuring out how to use the coffee pot.

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Starlite Shufflers, continued

To her husband Premo (our Treasurer) who won't be able to make the payment on his new car because he has not been coming to the dances and collecting the money.

To Ernie and Sally Doering who were so anxious to see Santa Claus, they put up a tree a month early and on December 21st. had to buy another and start all over again because the first one died and shed all over the house.

To Walt Knight who was so lonesome over the holidays, he sponsored for us a free dance and only two squares showed up. We thank him for it anyway.

To Harry and Margaret Buckman who were unable to join our club because his job keeps him busy most Thursdays.

To Joe Sommers, Jim Morgan, and Gus Ruser because they had to mop the floor at our free dance to keep us from sticking to the floor. Jim said it reminded him of his early years when he was an Army brat.

To Lorene Hill and Virginia Sommers who want so much to have their ears pierced but are still afraid of the needle.

And to me because I had no choice. Ossie held me down while my two nieces pierced mine. When he tried to put one in my nose, my big sister stopped him.

Thursday, January 12th. - We were glad to see Frank and Ruth Coker, Charlie and Margaret Kemp and Pat and Wallace Gurganious after so long an absence.

Yvonne Hart announced that she is going to night school.

Thursday, January 19th. - Johnny Robbins said we never went to visit them so he and a square and a half of Grand Slammers came for our banner so we'd have to return the visit.

Bill Bailey was there, and after dancing with him, I discovered the days of chivalry are not lost. He not only held my hand until we were off the dance floor - he gave me a curtsy as well.

We enjoyed having the Grand Slammers, Orange Park Promenaders, Dixie Chain Gang, and the orphans, Jim and Jimmie Morgan, and some of our old members who haven't been dancing with us lately, and hope you come again soon. We've also enjoyed having our student class with us on Thursdays and think they are doing very well.

Elizabeth Voelker, Reporter

HAYSTACK HOPPERS

2nd. & 4th. Saturdays, Y.W.C.A., 325 E. Duval Street, Caller - Lil' Tom Hidding, President - Tommy Bailey (781-4609)

The Haystack Hoppers spent the week-end of the 7th. & 8th. of January at Fort Clinch in Fernandina. Everyone had a swell time. There was plenty of food and fine entertainment, thanks to Mrs. Hidding, Mrs. Galos, and Miss Margaret.

While we were there, we made several new badges including candle-lighter, grasshopper, star lighter, cuckoo-cuckoo and danced for two solid hours to make our marathon badge, the brave souls that made this one were Debbie Fleming, David Fussel, Kent Fleming, Plyn Drake, Mike Lightner, Nina Snell, John Fogarty, and Pam Bailey.

We also held our elections while we were there. They are as follows:
President - Tommy Bailey
Vice President - David Fussel
Secretary - Mary Wilson
Treasurer - Janet Pugh
Reporter - Pam Bailey

We have a new member in our club - Bruce Fulwood. Welcome to the Haystack Hoppers, Bruce.

Since our trip to Fernandina, we now have a lost and found department. Seems we have a large checker board tablecloth and a number 44 jersey on our hands. Will the owners of these articles please claim them.

Well that's all for this month from a brand new reporter. I hope to be more on the ball next month with more news and plans for our club.

Pam Bailey, Reporter

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DIXIE CHAIN GANG

2nd. & 4th. Saturdays, Phillips Highway Plaza Caller - Frank Clements, President - Bill Pridgen (724-5994)

The Dixie Chain Gang started out the New Year with a business meeting and covered dish supper on January 4th. We had a real good turn out for this meeting. Most of our newest

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Dixie Chain Gang, continued

members were there and we were happy to have them with us. Of course, Bill gave them all a job and made them feel right at home.

We were real sorry to hear that Leo Boteler's father passed away on January 5th. The entire club sends their deepest sympathy to Leo and his family at this time.

Our first club dance of the year was on January 14th., and the festivities lasted a little longer than usual. New members, Billy and Claudia Johnson, had a little get-to-gether after the dance and at about 2:30, most of our new members made "idiots" of themselves. They had to go to Franks house and wake them up so he could call a tip for them. I don't think that Frank ever got over losing all that sleep with the first Chain Gang class and now his second class has started it. Frank, you should swear your club to secrecy before you start this third class.

The Allemandarins retrieved their flag at our last dance. We also had a couple visit us from Massachusetts. I hope that all of them will come back to see us real soon.

We have a new class starting January 20th., and it will be each Friday night at 8:00. It will be at the Englewood Home Demonstration Club on Dekalb. We hope to have a real good group to participate in this and that each of you will come and be with us. You may even learn something too.

"Twinkle Toes"

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CLUB 441

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

Gainesville 441 danced to Eddie Millan the 14th. of January. A square of teenagers from Orange Park Promenaders were welcomed guests.

On the 28th. we will have Bill Ford of Maitland, Florida.

In February, Dick Barker will call on the 11th., to be followed by Frank Bedell of Miramar on the 25th.

DON'T FORGET! SPRING FLING - April 21-22 at Ramada Inn!

Out of town visitors always welcome at 441. You'all come.

Bill and Margaret Buckhaman, Reporters

JAX 'N JILLS

Fridays, Arlington Community Club, Callers - Tom and Mariam Hidding, President - Glenn Crout

This year I hope every square dancer has his happiest year square dancing.

December 23rd., we really enjoyed the Haystack Hoppers when they came to take our banner. Hope they will come more often.

December 27th., we went to get our banner from the Haystack Hoppers. We really enjoyed their refreshments.

January 7th. and 8th., a few of the Jax 'N Jills went to Fernandina Beach with the Haystack Hoppers. They really liked it, and so I guess that the rest of the Jax 'N Jills will be planning to take a trip up there some week-end.

Don't forget you can always come and visit us.

Susie Pugh, Reporter

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Y-KNOTS

Thursdays, 8:00 P.M., Y.M.C.A. Caller - D. J. Lynch, President - Frank Sullivan (389-0612)

We had our annual Christmas Dance the Thursday before Christmas and everybody seemed to be in the mood for an evening of fun and dancing. We were especially happy to have Anne and Herbert Lawhorne with us that night. In appreciation for all the wonderful contributions they have made to square dancing and to our particular club, we presented them with a silver tray.

D. J. and Ann Lynch were presented a gift certificate as a Christmas remembrance from our club.

Anne Lawhorne has officially resigned as our caller and D. J. Lynch has agreed to call for us each week.

At least a square of us will be making a trip to Mandarin soon to retrieve our banner. A group of Allemandarins visited us recently and took it back with them. It is always nice to have visitors - including "banner stealers."

We're planning to earn our "Candlelight badge" on Thursday, February 9th. at the Y.M.C.A. Maybe there are some of you from other clubs who would like to get your badge too. If so, why not come be with us that night? We'd be so happy to have you.

Bessie Allen, Reporter

ANCIENT CITY SQUARES

Fridays, 8:00 P.M., Chamber of Commerce, St. Augustine, Florida, Caller - Oscar Erwin, President - Bill & Lynn Priester (Va 9-3945)

December 23rd. maybe some were rocking around the Christmas Tree, but in our town we were do-se-doing around it and allemending and starrng through with the eight reindeers. We were happy to have all of you come visit with us and help us enjoy this happy season. Thanks to three couples from the Beachcomber's of Daytona for their specialty number. Hal Ham and Bill Camp added to the merriment by calling a tip or two.

For a small club the Ancient City Squares sure get around. Since last issue of the Grapevine, Kay and Eric Beckman attended the Fifth Friday Dance in Oak Ridge, Tenn. Caller was Allen Tifton. Jack and Doris Shuler, Lee and Margaret Newlon were visiting down in Eau Gallie. Some Ancient City Squares visited Lake City for the Harper Smith Dance, and for the Frankie Lane Dance in Palatka we were out in number. Eight couples attended.

Friday the 13th. has its ups and downs for some of us. On that date 5 couples from Palatka visited us with thieving on their minds. Imagine their surprise to find our banner had been stolen by the Kapper Kutters a few weeks back. We plan to retrieve our flag by visiting Palatka's Kapper Kutters on the 21st. Also visiting that night, were two couples from Fun & Frolics. Come back real soon as we sure enjoyed dancing with all of you. COME ENJOY THESE GOODIES WITH US.

January 27th., we will have Hal Ham as guest caller for our regular Friday night dance. Hal's the caller from Daytona (with that North Carolina beat) filling in for Oscar. Valentine Party on February 10th. come with your favorite Valentine. We will have a Graduation Dance Party for our class on February 24th. This is the best class yet we are sure proud of them. To top off the month, we will have a party to enroll new members on February 27th.

What better way to spend your spare time than square dancing??? You all come join in the fun.

Clarke and Florence Moore
Reporters

STATE CONVENTION PLANS

The committee for the 14th. Annual Florida Square and Round Dance Convention, to be held in Jacksonville, met in the Robert Meyer Hotel, January 21st., to make plans for what promises to be one of the best square dance conventions ever. Motto of the Convention is "Have Fun At The 14th". Headquarters for the Convention will be the Robert Meyer Hotel. The Early Bird welcoming dance will be in the Robert Meyer Hotel Ballroom, Thursday night, June 15th. Convention square and round dancing will begin at 10:00 A.M. Friday, June 16th. and run almost continuously until the wee hours Sunday morning. It is anticipated that nearly 60 callers will be available. The Convention will utilize the Robert Meyer and Mayflower Hotel Ballrooms and the Civic Auditorium Exhibition Hall, plus two rooms up-stairs in the Auditorium for a "Teen" hall and square dancer's round dance workshop. Several dealers in square dance costumes have announced plans to have booths at the Convention, so best place to buy that new dress, etc., for the Convention, probably will be at the Convention. Callers and square dancers from throughout Florida will present skits and entertainment at the "after-party" Saturday night. Work-shops and Hash halls will be programed to provide fun and excitement for all levels of square dancing, and an outstanding round dance program should attract many who excel in round dancing. If you have square dancing friends in or out of Florida, invite them to the Convention. We have had a number of inquires from square dancers who plan to take in the "14th." during their vacation in Florida. We hope you will plan to be there too.

Carl Law, General Chairman

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SEASIDE SQUARES

Wednesday night - Jax. Beach Community Center, Caller - Joe Smith (249-5051)

Of first importance is the announcement of a new class for beginners, scheduled to start February 7th. and each Tuesday thereafter at 8:00 P.M. Classes will be conducted by the finest instructor in the area - Joe Smith. Classes will be held in the Teen Town Building located at 2nd. Street and Pennman Road in Jacksonville Beach.

After shaking the Christmas tinsel and misletoe out of their hair, Al and "Petunia" McAtee led some of the Sea-siders to the Palatka dance on January 11th. and had a great time dancing to the calls of National caller, Frankie Lane. Again, on January 7th. they made the trip way out west to Lake City to join in the fun of dancing to the National caller Harper Smith.

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Seaside Squares, continued

EDITORS NOTE

Occasionally we have a visit from members of other clubs at our Wednesday night sessions. At a discussion we figured out why we do not have more visitors -- We fired the coffee maker. Now, with good coffee, we are all confident that the visitors will again find their way to the Seaside dances.

Attention Grads:
We hope that you have enjoyed your free issue of the Grapevine. If you would like to keep informed of what is happening in square dancing in Northeast Florida, a subscription to the Grapevine is your best investment. Please use the order form on the cover sheet.

We are all looking forward to our regular monthly "cook-out". This time to be hosted by that young couple - Bob and Kay Johnson in their home. Kay promises mighty fine tasting "Sweet & Sour Spare ribs", and Bob says he will take this opportunity to hold beginners class in horseshoe pitching. It is not known if the Johnsons have a dog to chase through the party, but I'm sure the "Phantom party crasher" will find some devilment to raise the spirits of busy diners. Keep watching this column for the post mortems!

Attention Reporters:
Each month we will try to notice any coming events which your club may have listed in your article. However, if you will list these separately, you will be assured of the listing.

If you could type your articles, it would be greatly appreciated. If typing is impossible, please enclose your phone number so I can call if necessary.

The Editors

John and Bertie Wilder, Reporters

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SPECIAL EVENTS

- Feb. 3 - Fred Dyche calling for Challengers. Members Only.
- Feb. 4 - Kaper Kutters Valentine Dance - Palatka, Florida.
- Feb. 11 - Jubileers Annual Valentine Dance - Scotty Thomas calling.
- Feb. 11 - Western Cutters Valentine Dance - covered dish supper.
- Feb. 11 - Dick Barker calling for Club 441, Gainesville, Florida.
- Feb. 13 - Ron Schneider - Brad Tredinnick Youth Center, 5120 Perry Street - Sponsored by Starlite Shufflers - \$2.00 per couple.
- Feb. 15 - Swinging Squares Valentine Dance - Gainesville, Florida.
- Feb. 17 - Marty Winter calling for Challengers. Members Only.
- Feb. 18 - Friendly Frolics Hobo Convention.
- Feb. 20 - Round Dance Classes - Englewood Extension Homemakers Club, Dekalb Avenue - 8:00 P.M. Helen Crout, Instructor.
- Feb. 25 - Camp O'Leno - sponsored by Lake City Squares - 8:00 'til 11:00 P.M. - Bill Camp, M. C.
- Feb. 25 - Frank Bedell calling for Club 441, Gainesville, Florida.
- Mar. 3 - Bob Rust - Holiday Inn #2, Brunswick, Georgia - Sponsored by Golden Isles Swingers \$2.00 per couple.
- Mar. 11-12 - Camp O'Leno Hoedown. Sponsored by Starlite Shufflers.
- Mar. 31 - Rod Blaylock - Phillips Highway Plaza. Sponsored by Allemandarins and Grand Slammers.
- Apr. 18 - Jim Brower - Orange Park Lions Club. Sponsored by Orange Park Promenaders. \$2.00 per couple.
- Apr. 21-22 - Spring Fling - Gainesville, Florida - Ramada Inn.

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