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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The first Fifth Saturday dance of 1970 will probably be history by the time you read your GRAPEVINE but you will long remember the fun of dancing at the Cedar Hills National Guard Armory to the calling of Bobby Keefe, Jack Griffiths, and Harold Pillmore with Rounds by Helen Crout. We appreciate the hard work and planning done by our Association's Vice President, Don Smith, and thank the three fine callers and round dance leader for a most enjoyable evening. A very special "hats-off" to the Friendly Frolics who served as host club for the dance. To all members of Friendly Frolics, you did a fine job.

The remaining Fifth Saturday dances in 1970 fall on May 30, August 29 and October 31. Any club that would like to serve as host for a Fifth Saturday dance should contact Don Smith.

Bruce and Julia Yongue have been appointed Chairmen of the State Square Dance Convention to be held in Jacksonville in June 1971. They will be calling on many of you to head up committees and we hope when you are approached that you will be able to lend a hand. We want to make State in 1971 the biggest ever!

Mark your calendars now: Fall Round-Up - November 20-21, 1970 with Vaughn Parrish of Boulder, Colorado doing the calling. You will hear more about Vaughn later - just mark your calendar now.

Jim Whiteman, President

STARLITE SHUFFLERS, lots of interesting happenings for this club.

Thursdays, Joseph Lee Center
Caller - James Maxey
President - Bruce & Julia Yongue (388-3798)

Well!!! Here it is a brand new year and so far as we know everyone survived the old one. We haven't had a head count yet, but we're sure all will be accounted for. Of course, some will be in worse condition than the others, such as the ambitious group that attended three new year parties. They started at the

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Lazy J riding club for some square dancing and fashion show and bar-b-que supper. Everything was just great even to James's calling. The only complaint was that he sounded like he was calling in a barn. The fashion show was just great and the food was delicious. After twelve we crashed a party that was in full blast at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Some of our members were there plus some of the Grand Slammers. Well!! we had to go in and eat again, and then we had to dance some more to jiggle down all the food. Anyway, after this party we went to Bill and Margie Reitermeyers home for a delicious breakfast of bacon, scrambled eggs and hot biscuits. Sounds like a winner, don't you think?

With all these days off, dates have become thoroughly confused in my mind. But on one Saturday sometime around the middle of Dec. a group of thieving Shufflers stole upon the Dixie Chain Gang and got away with their banner. We had a lot of fun and enjoyed Frank's calling very much. Also, we had some delicious refreshments. It was hard to determine if Ken Aday and a certain red head (it might have been Jo-Ann Cox) went for the dance or for the refreshments. Any way they sure did eat a heap.

Our Christmas party was a huge success. The decorations were just beautiful, the food delicious, and the fellowship was wonderful. For an added attraction we had Bob and Peggy Masculine's daughter, Peggy Ann, visit with us. She did an acrobatic dance that left us wincing in pain. Just don't know how anyone could be that limber. She is a very beautiful and talented girl and we enjoyed her very much. Also, Santa made his appearance from the North Pole or was it North Jacksonville. Thanks a million Bud. You are a good Doo.Bee. We would like to thank Margie Reitermeyer for the games and also, a big thank you to everyone that helped make the evening a success.

So much for the holidays and now for the local gossip. We have so much in our midst that we are thinking about starting a soap opera serial with it. You know the type. Continued each month 'til it finally drives you batty. Well, to begin with we have some one in our club notoriously called Big Daddy. It seems Big Daddy made plans to see a certain young damsel on Friday night. This certain young damsel was also a smart cookie. She begged, pleaded and finally had to submit to bribery to get her husband to go to St. Augustine fox hunting so she could be alone when Big Daddy arrived. The reason for all the begging, pleading and bribery is because poor mistreated hubby had to go or lose his cool. "Fox Trap" - this is the clue. Read next month for another thrilling episode.

On Saturday night, Jan. 10, about three squares of our club members motored over to Lake City for the Harper Smith dance. He is a wonderful caller and we had a ball.

It was nice seeing all the Lake City dancers again. After the dance about 35 club members, Orange Park Promenaders, and Mr. Bill Skiles stopped by our house in MacClenny for a party. We had a couple of club members, namely Pauline and Bill Beavers that had to be initiated. I believe if any one were to ask them they would say Yeah!!! we sure were initiated. They are both good sports along with Jim and Betsy Kavin from Orange Park. They were in on the fun also. We enjoyed having everyone. It's always fun to get together with a group of square dancing friends.

Camp O'Leno is just around the corner. Every one be sure to mark your calendars for the last weekend in April. We will have four callers and we are really looking forward to having a good time. We will announce the names of the callers in the next month edition of the GRAPEVINE. See ya around.

Bob and Yvonne Hart, reporters

DIXIE CHAIN GANG - Diets, babies and birthdays

2nd & 4th Saturday, Philips Highway Plaza.
Caller - Frank Clements
President - George Stanton (725-0375)

Hey there, "Chain Gang" - sters! Greetings and salutations from your February reporter "Snoopy Skoop" and let's take this opportunity to wish all our Square Dancing friends a truly Happy, Healthy New Year.

We are most anxious to apologize to would-be visitors who had planned to dance with us on December 27th! Due to circumstances beyond our control the "Chain Gang" cancelled this dance at the last minute and we're very sorry indeed for any inconvenience we may have caused. Please do try us again soon!

It was a pleasure having the "Jubileers and Starlite Shufflers with us on Dec. 13th! Incidentally, Shufflers, please don't give up on us! We shall invade you and retrieve our flag shortly! Just give us a little more time to fully recover from the hectic holiday hubbub and we'll be there.

We at the Chain Gang thoroughly enjoyed our Annual Christmas Dinner party held at the Charcoal Steak House on Dec. 12th. Thanks to the artistic hand of Caroline Howard - the tables and Christmas tree were beautifully decorated. John Tyson made a super Santa, and this festive occasion was especially nice because a full 100% of our club members were in attendance!

Dec. 19th found us celebrating the holidays with our class. (due to graduate in February). Linda Smallwood did a lovely job of planning this particular party, and we thank all of our club members for baking the many delicious goodies we ravenously devoured!

Speaking of food - here's a "Snoopy Skoop" for ya! One of our club members (who shall remain nameless) is on a diet. Should this person be seen reaching for a piece of cake

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the following action is in order: Foil his attempt whilest hand is in mid air - lure him away from the table and scream for Katherine! However, use extreme caution! This man can be dangerous! Especially when he's hungry.

Elmo and Prudy Brown graciously offered to host a business meeting at their home on Jan. 25th at which time the Chain Gang will be planning an active fun-filled year ahead.

Although "Snoopy" didn't Skoop the dance of Jan. 10th, I understand that a lively gang from Friendly Frolics whooped it up with us. Sorry I missed seeing all our visitors including Billy and Claudia Johnson. The Johnsons had a beautiful baby girl recently, and we do hope they'll come dance with us often, now!

A cheery "hello" and "speedy recovery" to John and Inga Tyson's son, Roger. Poor old Roger broke his leg before Christmas which made for a most unhappy holiday to be sure.

Here's another "Skoop" from "Snoopy" - although George Stanton (Mr. President) is "in the dark" at this writing, he will be celebrating his birthday at our club dance of Jan. 24th. Surprise! Surprise! and Happy Birthday, Georgie.

The entire Gang at Dixie Chain sez "Come visit us - we might pick your pockets and rough ya up a little but you'll end up liking it!" Glad tidings from all of us - Jail bird, Big Stoolie, Smart Max, Kool Whip and yours truly!

Snoopy Skoop
The Stanton's, reporters

NEFSDA MEETING NOTES

The Northeast Florida Square Dance Association held their meeting on Jan. 11 at the Robt. Meyer Hotel. Don Smith, chairman of the 5th Saturday dances, stated that the next dance may be sponsored by the Golden Isles Swingers of Brunswick and will be held either on Jekyll Island or at Nahunta, Ga. The caller has yet to be named!

June 11, 12 and 13th will be the dates of the 1970 State Convention to be held at Orlando! All the State Callers will be calling at this great event.

The Florida Knothead Konvention has been changed to Tampa, Fla. this year to be held at Curtis Hixon Hall. The dates will be Sept. 4, 5, 6 and 7. Bob Page and Ken Anderson will be handling the tips and Irv and Betty Easterday the rounds. More on this later.



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After a most successful 1969 Fall Round-Up we are looking forward to the 1970 Round-Up on November 20 and 21. Vaughn Parrish will be calling but so far the chairman of this great undertaking has not been named. Any volunteers??

JUBILEERS - A big month coming up in February with special dances and graduation.

2nd & 4th Saturdays, Arlington Congre. Church
Callers - Harold Pillmore & Dick Goedert
President - Harvey & Glorinda Chambers
(724-9014)

Seems like only yesterday that we were celebrating Christmas and New Years Eve but here we are in the New Year already and looking forward to all the great square dances ahead in the coming year.

On Dec. 27th a group of Friendly Frolics came looking for a dance and made off with our banner. Their possession of it was rather short lived however, as we got a square of Jubileers together and went to get it right back on Jan. 3rd. We thought we had really done something great until the Allemandarins topped us. A group of Jubileers stole the Allemandarins' banner on Jan. 9th and wouldn't you know they came and got their banner back the very next night. It was great fun for all of us to dance with you folks though and we look forward to enjoying your company again.

All of the Jubileers seem to have recovered from the holidays and we hope to return to normal at our dances now. We have been saddened by the sudden illness of one of our members and we are sure that everyone joins us in wishing a speedy recovery to H. C. Stinnett. H. C. suffered a heart attack at the Gator Bowl game and even got on T. V. Would you believe it - already he is talking about getting back to the square dances. Easy there boy!

Well, the really big show is coming up for the Jubileers. Our 6th annual Valentines dance is just around the corner on Feb. 14th and we are looking forward to a great evening of entertainment with Bill Wilson supplying the calling. In an effort to continue the tradition of presenting an outstanding dance for the local square dancers each year, we feel that we have come up with one of the best in Bill. We will also have Helen Crout queuing the rounds.

On February 6th our class will entertain the Dixie Chain Gang's class at our hall with a fun level dance. This should help them all to enjoy dancing even more. February 28th is the great night for our class - graduation at last. They show great promise of being the most enthusiastic class to have graduated in a long time. You are all invited to come out and help us welcome them into the wonderful fraternity of square dancers.

Harvey Chamber, reporting.

WESTERN CUTTERS all set for another year with new officers and new caller.

2nd & 4th Saturdays, Mary Hammond Youth Ctr.
Caller for 2nd, Chuck Durant
for the 4th, Johnny Robbins (starting March)

President - David & Lee Helmly

After a rough beginning we're rollin' well along with David and Lee Helmly at the helm. Harvey and Kay Gordon are holding the purse strings as treasurers. Gwen and Shannon Poppell working with the minutes past and present. Jim and Nell Collins holding down the NEFSDA chair. Jesse and Phyllis Horton master-minding the activities of this years program. "Go to it gang and let's all pull together for another great year."

Our class of new dancers enjoyed many holiday get-to-gethers. The parties were gay with decorations, and the food was in plentiful supply. The old civic center just rocked on it's foundations with fun and laughter. The men folk really enjoyed the green and white leafy decorations particularly Jessie Horton and David Helmly.

Cutters visit all over the place! There were Cutters at the great Tex Brownlee dance, at the Harper Smith fling, in Folkston with the Swinging Swampers, at the Friendly Frolics New Years celebration, with the Orange Parkers, Allemandarins and Grand Slammers. We have banners from some clubs and "We're out to get yours for our big dance in the North country!" "Did I hear you say WHAT dance?" Why it's the WAYCROSS OKEFENOKEE SQUARE UP the 6th and 7th of February. Be sure and get your tickets.

Our last dance for the old year, called by Bob Bennett was a great finish to a grand year. Visitors from Georgia, St. Augustine and many of our local clubs came to swell the crowd. The first dance of the new year for the Cutters was called by their new caller Chuck Durant and what a swinger. We all learned some new things and had a fine time doing it. Also, it was a pleasure to have Naomi Durant (callers taw) dancing with us. Our hope is that she comes often.

We're proud to announce that our "free dance chip" went to the Fleshmans this time. Glad you will be coming back Bill and Ruth! Maybe you will have the same luck as our other dancer friends who had the "dance chip" more than once. We are always glad to have visitors and anyone has a chance to win the dance ticket.

Thanks to the Deckerhoffs for a year of fine reporting. Larry and I are pleased to be back doing the news of the Cutters in this our first column of the year. Thanks too, go to the Paxon Prancers for the loan of the special equipment for our square dance demonstration at the Jewish Home for the Aged. Thanks also to the Kirklands and Millers for

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the fine support and sponsorship of the new class which will graduate on the 29th of January. Tom and Mariann Hidding are to be thanked for the fine instruction of the newcomers. A large vote of thanks to David and Claudia for a very successful year as presidents.

Our new pres has been on the ailing list and we all send our wishes for a speedy recovery. Lee has sure had her ups and downs!

By the time you read this it will be almost too late to get your Waycross tickets and motel reservations. But try this number - phone 384-4162.

The Larriets - Noses for news will find it to be their happiest yet."

SUNSHINE TWIRLERS - another club going places with a new class. G. W. Reeder spent the holidays in Louisiana. He has been square dancing over four years.

Thursdays, 8 p.m., Gainesville recreation Ctr. Ray Livingston has been appointed NAFSDA delegate from Paxon Prancers. Caller - Scotty Thomas (376-5024)

Everyone had such a busy and we hope happy holiday season.

We had a wonderful couple, Marian Buswell and Dabson Essry unite in marriage December 26. They met in square dancing and hope they have many happy years together.

The new class has come into the club and are dancing so well that you can't tell the new from the old members.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Susan Eddy. She is at home in bed with Mononucleosis. Hurry and get well Susan. We all miss you so much.

Our sympathy to you, Bunny Whiteman, in the loss of your father in January.

Everyone had so much fun at the Ponderosa Steak House for our Christmas party.

Gedfrey and Daphne Bourgeois,
reporters

PAXON PRANCERS elect new officers to start a new year.

Thursdays, 8 p.m., Mary Hammond Youth Center. Drive North on Edgewood Ave. turn right at 12th St. and go two blocks.

Caller - Bob Rust
President - Theron and Bonnie Smith (389-0685)

Paxon Prancers started the New Year out right by Square Dancing the FIRST night. Many members had attended Friendly Frolics Dance the previous night (and morning) but the place was filled to hear guest caller Bobby Keefe, and to see officers installed by Harry Drake: President, Theron and Bonnie Smith; Vice President, Bronze and Virginia Cagle; Secretary, Bill and Eloise Carter; Treasurer, Houston and Catherine Hodges.

Installation was a skit following the proce-

ture at a wedding with outgoing officers standing, then when Harry asked: "Who gives these officers in marriage to Paxon Prancers?" they answered, "We do", and sat down while duties and responsibilities were outlined to the new officers.

Donald and Norma Smith had over 40 people at their home for a breakfast after the New Years Eve Dance with plenty of good food - eggs, bacon, ham, grits, coffee, sweet rolls - and a wonderful time!

A Message from the new Paxon Prancers President: "I am encouraged by the enthusiasm of our club members and the additional visitors we have each week. We are looking forward to having a great year in 1970 and hope that everyone will find it to be their happiest yet."

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Gene Wythe from Naval Air Station said he was having his boots half-soled. No wonder, since he square dances 4 or 5 times a week. He's one of Paxon's regular visitors. Also, Don and Sharty Hunt, Al and Margaret Bowie dance with us often. Noticed Frances Williams wearing a P-P Badge. We do appreciate visitors coming from Jubileers, Vagabonds, St. Augustine, Western Cutters, Orange Park and Friendly Frolics.

Nancy Baker, reporter

Never Explain: Your friends don't need an explanation, and your enemies won't believe you anyway.

GOLDEN ISLES SWINGERS having fun doing things for others.

2nd, 3rd, 4th Saturdays, City Recreation Bldg., Brunswick, Georgia, 8-11

Caller - Dick Barker
President - Cecil Tankersley (912/264-7195)

Our Christmas dance, though late being publicised, drew many visitors - especially from Waycross - and provided 12 large boxes of clothes and \$50.00 cash for the boys of Glynn County Boys Estate. This annual feature brings much personal satisfaction to our local dancers in addition to providing a needed contribution to deserving boys.

We regret that we had no Club Banner for Waycross to capture - but we have banners now!

On the unpleasant side - Tink and Wanda Hardaker have moved to Cantor, N. C. We have enjoyed having Tink and Wanda with us during recent years and will miss them. We are honored that they chose us with whom to share their last Square Dance in this area!

Lucius Nelson has been confined to the Brunswick
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hospital for about two weeks. He is now recovering favorably from surgery and should return to his Woodbine, Ga. residence over the weekend of Jan. 18. Speedy and total recovery is wished for Lucius, and we hope he and Thelma will be back with us in a few weeks.

Dot and Mike Sheppard are again on the dance floor with Mike fully recovered from his surgery. Louise and Bob Herrin danced with us on Jan. 17 after a long absence. We hope they are now able to be fully active. Tracy and Tom Bowlin are with the Navy here and began dancing with us on Jan. 17. Tracy and Tom have been away from Square Dancing for about 5 years but have rapidly caught on again. We are expecting them to become active members of our club. On Jan. 10th Sara and Buddy Burdette returned to dance with us after a long absence and we hope they are now in position to resume regular activity with our club. On this same night we were honored to have some 4 or 5 couples from the Allemandarins visiting with us. Sorry, again no banner to give! Also, Irv Elias and Razz Bowen, with their taws, dropped by but were not prepared and did not have the time for dancing. Razz says that he has completed his term as Mayor of Waycross, Ga. and will now get back into square dancing. Razz demonstrated one figure which he seems to remember real well - "Yellow Rock".

Following the Jan. 10 dance the entire club, and all visitors, was invited by J. B. Dill and his daughter to an "egg fry" at the home of his daughter, Joan. There were 30 doz. eggs and homemade biscuits to be done away with. Unfortunately, this reporter was unable to attend this banquet. However, all square dancers can well imagine what a "Ball" this was.

During January one group of our dancers entertained residences at the local nursing home; another group (many of the same persons) recovered our banner from the Starlite Shufflers; and this same group will, on Thursday Jan. 22, recover our other banner from the Y-Knots.

Our three classes continue, Jimmy Moore at Brunswick College on Tuesday Night; Charlie Major, at the Recreation Center on Thursday night; and Dick Barker (for the children) prior to our dance time on Saturday nights. Several of the adult students are visiting our dances as observers and are learning something of the fellowship, fun (and goofs) of square dancers - no matter how limited or extended the dancing experience. We are delighted to have these visitors and welcome all who will come by on Saturday nights.

Jim Folwy is on assignment at Pennsacola and will be absent from our dances for a few weeks. We miss Jim and are anxious to have him back. Meanwhile, the club will make sure that Shirley has a partner when we square up.

And speaking of Square Up -- hope to see you at Waycross on Feb. 6-7.

Gene Williams, reporter

The following article was received and we thought it was very worthwhile and noteworthy to print because it concerns a square dancer and a family of square dancers from the Allemandarin Club.

LOCAL MAN RECEIVES MARINE COMMENDATION.

Lance Corporal Kenneth Tapley, son of Mr. & Mrs. M. F. Tapley, St. Marys, has been presented the Meritorious Mast by the U. S. Marine Corps.

The citation reads in part as follows:

"Lance Corporal Tapley has been with the Battalion since March 1969. During this time he has repeatedly proved himself valuable to the command by his dedication to duty. His great value however was not realized until the Battalion moved to Hill 10. Here he displayed his sheer dedication and determination to perform above and beyond the call of duty. His emphasis for perfection and desire for quality found him on the job from sunrise to sunset. Often he skipped meals in order to complete a line or strip an outdated cable. On numerous occasions he had to be instructed to rest and eat, for he simply evaded this in his dedication to duty. At night he performed the additional duty as trouble shooter. This was a volunteer assignment and again performed by him in a manner never expected from a Marine of his rank. Lance Corporal Tapley's undying devotion to duty was a contributing factor in the accomplishments of the Communication Platoon's mission and were in keeping with the highest tradition of the Corps.

44 CLUB - Come see us!
2nd & 4th Saturday, Recreation Center, N. E.
2nd Avenue, Gainesville.
Guest Callers
President - Milledge and Grace Murphey (376-5949)

The holidays are over, Tex Brownlee, Frank Lane and Harper Smith have come and gone. Now we look forward to Ron Schneider on Feb. 14 and Skeeter Chauvin on Feb. 28th. Bobby Keefe will be back with us March 28 and Rod Blaylock down for an afternoon and evening of fun and frolic on April 25.

With all the joys there are still heartaches. Our sympathy and sorrow to Bunny Whiteman. Her father passed away shortly after the first of the year. After spending a much too brief 4 months in Gainesville, Paul and Florence Urone returned to ice and snow of Boulder, Colorado.

Chet Vetter, reporter

GRAND SLAMMERS shares responsibilities to keep fresh ideas!

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

Caller - Johnny Robbins

Officers for February - Dick and Wanda Goedert (781-3269)

Fellow dancers, this reporter has been VERY LAX in her duties, and would like to thank each of you who have visited Grand Slammers and tell you how much we enjoyed having you come dance with us. Visitors are always welcome and we promise you a good time and a great dance.

On Jan. 3, the Western Cutters walked away with our banner and Starlite Shufflers joined in the fun. We sure had a nice dance with this enthusiastic group. The same can be said for the group of Jubileers who danced with us Jan. 17th. With groups like this and calling from our Johnny Robbins, a great dance is guaranteed.

Our monthly meeting for January was held at the Zelusky home. We decided to have one couple responsible for one month out of the year instead of electing a president and vice president. This way each member shares the officers activities and we will have new ideas each month. Wayne and Barbara Blackford will be treasurer for the new year and Neil and Nancey Nevin will be Secretary.

Plans are now being made for our 4th Annual April Foolishness Dance. A flyer will be in the next GRAPEVINE issue.

Grand Slammers are attending a one night stand with Johnny at the Riverside Women's Club on Jan. 24th. We will have an after-party at the home of Paul and Carrol Kirtz who are officers for the month of January.

The Goedert's have the month of Feb. and have several irons in the fire appropriate for the theme of the month, Valentines Day. Attending Jubileers Annual Valentine Dance, enjoying visiting with fellow square dancers, a party with fun and games to mention a few.

If this COOL weather is getting to you - go square dancing. That will warm you up.

Wanda Goedert, reporter

ROUND DANCING AT THE 19th NATIONAL

Upon arrival in Louisville, Wednesday night, June 24, you will be greeted by Joe and Virginia Dudley, directors of a special trail end round dance at the Brown Hotel in the beautiful Crystal Ballroom at 8 p. m.

After your morning coffee, you will be ready to GO on the second floor of the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center. Spotlight on Rounds at 10:00 a.m.: round dance panels from 11:00 to 1:00 will be under the

direction of John and Dink Ballwey. "Quick&es" will be taught each evening at 7, followed by round dance parties until you are ready to put your little round head on a soft pillow.

Ed and Loraine Flamm are directors of programmed rounds, while Phil and Norma Roberts are in charge of R/D afterparties. For special information on rounds, contact Larry and Nancy Brumleve, P. O. Box 1970, Louisville 40202.

ALLEMANDARIN'S establish a friendly attitude with their invited guests.

Friday nights, Philips Highway Plaza Callers, Dick Barker and Bill Bishop President - Joe and Virginia Summers.

The Allemandarins will not be dancing on Feb. 6th. We are cancelling our dance and migrating to Waycross, Ga. for the Okefenokee Square Up.

Bill Bishop called his first dance for us on the second Friday in January. We think he is tops. Everyone had a good time, and the Jubileers took our banner. Bill was in good form, and looked real sharp in that fancy gold vest.

Our class is coming along just fine, and the club support for the class has been excellent. We're looking forward to the time when the class will be dancing with us.

Incidentally, our banner is home already. Kal Howlett, our banner chairman, took a group of Allemandarins to the Jubileers the very next night after it was stolen and retrieved it. How is that for a quick recovery!

The Calico Swingers and the Friendly Frolics visited us, as our invited guests on the 16th of Jan. Dick Barker called a good dance and we enjoyed their visit. Don Miller called the tip after refreshments, and he sounds as though he is good caller material.

That's all the news for now, listen in next month.

Joseph Summers, reporter.

FRIENDLY FROLICS - Many interesting things for a happy New Year.

1st & 3rd Saturdays, Philips Highway Plaza Caller - Bobby Keefe
President - Herman Ibach

First of all, we'd like to report a news item that was inadvertently overlooked in reporting last month. Gwen Lindsay, one of the new graduates, and Bob Brock were married! Gwen, you were just "born" into Friendly Frolics, you know. Congratulations to this newly wedded couple! We hope you will enjoy at least 100 happy years together.

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We're very happy to report a birth in our club, too. Ted and June Keiser are the proud parents of a little girl born on New Years Day! According to the Keisers, Bobby and Phyllis' little boy now has a square dancing partner. When is it you're starting a new class, Bobby?

Speaking of cheerful news, wasn't our New Years Eve Dance fun! The rain didn't dampen our spirits a bit, did it? And Bobby and Johnny were at their best. T'was a gay old time climaxed by visits from our former caller and his lovely wife, Herschel and Rosalie Lee; some of our former club members, Tom and Doris Howle; and some of our members whom we haven't seen too much of because of illness, Hugh and Faith Butner. Sure was good to see them. Of course, it was good to have visitors from practically every club in Jacksonville, too. Many special thanks to the people who worked so hard to make this dance what it was. Don Smith and Herman did a beautiful job of decorating. The hall really had a party atmosphere. Louis Motley, Jane Sprin, and Pat Willoughby did a tremendous job of heading up and overseeing the food serving. So many people helped to make this a wonderful dance it had to be successful. Our thanks to you all.

Our special thanks, too, to Verna Mae and Bob Barry for so graciously hosting the after-party at their lovely home. Everyone had so much fun. We believe the Barry's were thinking of just such entertainment when they built that beautiful home with a whole downstairs for recreation.

To show how much square dancers love to dance, only three nights later, at our Jan. 3 dance, we had a beautiful turnout. We were happy to have all you visitors, which included some Jubileers and Western Cutters who came to get back their banners and some Paxon Prancers who came to claim ours. We have since retrieved ours and lost it again to Western Cutters, all within two weeks. We hope our visitors enjoy coming to our dances as much as we enjoy having them.

We are saddened that Jim and Brenda Mock, our Vice Presidents, have relocated in New Jersey. We'll miss them dreadfully, but wish them the best of everything. We hope the surprise going away party for them after our Jan. 17 dance, and other happy occasions, will bring them back to visit and dance with us often.

Among those who have been ill this month are Bee Smith and Dolores Early. Glad they're feeling better. We have two members in hospitals, as of this writing. Phyllis Keefe is in Riverside Hospital recuperating from surgery. Also, Barbara Holt returned to Clay County Hospital to undergo surgery on Jan. 16. We sincerely hope you both have the smoothest and most comfortable recovery in history. Do exactly what the doctor tells you to do--within reason, of course.

Any of you knowing couples interested in learning to square dance, please give their names and addresses to Herman or Don Smith. A definite date has not been set for beginning a new class pending determination of the number of interested people. A card will be sent to these interested people when a date has been set. So, let's all try to think of someone--neighbors, working associates, friends, relatives, etc.

Ruth Brandt, reporter

RAMBLING THROUGH

The Frank Lane dance at Joseph Lee Center on Jan. 6th was one to remember. The floor was comfortably full of dancers and Frank was putting us through a good mixture of calls which everyone was having no trouble with but only a lot of pure fun.

Did you ever dance six couples in a square? Well, Frank Lane used four couples as heads and two as sides and put us through as easily as if we were dancing four to a square. It was something different and very enjoyable to the whole floor. Everything worked out perfect if you remembered whether you were a head or side.

We have several classes going on around town now and you experienced square dancers would enjoy getting acquainted with those that are just learning to receive pleasure from this pastime. They would appreciate for you to show them how friendly square dancers really are, and tell them of the good times that you have had and help them share in your own experiences. It is always good to hear a class member say "that I did not know about the fun I have been missing by not square dancing", or "I'm not going to miss one class night", or "it certainly helps me to relax even if I have to pay close attention to the instructor". You know then that it's getting to them and with continual encouragement and your great friendliness you have more dancers entering the realm of happiness. Show them a few round dances too, as we have heard class members express their pleasure and desire to learn some of those rounds even if they are concentrating on square dancing.

Be sure and send or present the GRAPEVINE editors your list of graduates for publication and complete with addresses and zip codes so that each one will receive three months free subscription to keep them in touch with the different clubs. This will further want them to keep on square dancing as they will not lose contact of the fun that is going on each month.

With this issue marks the beginnin of our third year as your editors of the GRAPEVINE. We have had our ups and downs, gained plenty of experience, many new faces have come along and some familiar ones have disappeared, clubs have grown and some have shrunk in size, but

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all in all the fun has increased, the friendliness is always there and dancing has progressed in this bold new city. This form of recreation is becoming more and more recognized as on a high plain of family activity it is something adults can do for clean, respectable, relaxing activity, children can forget about pot, acid and weed when they occupy their mind with "left allemande, grand right and left".

This year we would like more articles for your magazine. Help us to improve the format and give us suggestions that we can use to present the news. We want everyone to know definitely what all is going on, and if your club has changes, a dance coming up, a class starting, new graduates, parties, then - please drop us a line and let us know. This way we can better serve you and your club.

The Editors

GATOR PROMENADERS - New Name, Old Club

Every Friday night, West Duval JC Bldg., 1922 Lakeshore Blvd.

Caller - Bill Camp

President - Tom and Ann Darby (264-6242)

We don't have a business meeting but once or twice a year. When we do have one it's a lulu. The last meeting held in August of 1969, we voted to move to the big city (Jacksonville) from the suburbs (Orange Park), some say that they just about ran us out of Orange Park. Well, the other night we once again had a business meeting. This time we changed our name to the Gator Promenaders (how about that?). We also discussed (actually we argued loud and long) new badges. I, for one, found out many things about our present badges. For instance, some women thought the sharp corners scratched, others sort of liked the sharp corners; the color of the badges clashed with the color of dresses, complexion and hair (just wished that I had hair to fuss about). Well, I guess we must have a modest group, because no more will the square corners of our badges scratch the women, how about that? An interesting sidelight to all of this was remarks made by the club members when interviewed as to what they thought of the outcome of our annual business meeting. Some don't want new badges, so they will keep their old badges; some want the new badges but don't want to (or can't stand to throw away any thing) give up their identity as Orange Park Promenaders, this group will wear their new badges on the left side, or pinned to their backs, and keep the present badges pinned over their hearts; some are just going to wear all of their badges at one time. Now if this isn't a free thinking club in view of the above, please let me know what other club has more free thinkers.

Our Christmas party on the 19th of Dec. was a big success. It was wonderful! Our

nearly graduated class attended (boy, they are good dancers!) with many visitors which made a big crowd of happy square dancers. Thanks to all who assisted in this good party with a special thanks to the Porters and Roys for the beautiful Christmas tree and decorations and the Taws for the lovely refreshment table and the delicious food. The fire in the fireplace was most appropriate even though it got warm and required turning on the air conditioning. Bill and Nora had a unique cute method of exchanging gifts that provided a great deal of fun. I never saw so much swapping of gifts. Our class will graduate the 6th of February. From what I have seen, they are really good dancers. Bill sort of hints at times that maybe we all could take a few pointers in basic steps. At any rate in the near future our club will have the pleasure of welcoming the class to the world of square dancing.

The past couple of weeks have been exciting, what with the Frank Lane and Harper Smith dances, us Gator Promenaders have really been on the go. Saturday the 17th we put on a demonstration at the Gateway Montgomery Ward store and from there we went out and danced with the Country Cousins at Dinsmore. Gene Wyth is now officially in charge of banner retrieving (or banner stealing). So look out you other clubs, Gene promises a lot of activity, in other words we may be coming your way.

Jim Kavin, reporter

ROUNDLEERS - "Lillie's Back", the easy round dance for January, February and March.

Wednesdays: Basic's class, 7:30-9:00
Club dances, 9:00 to 10:30
President - Bud Reisen (355-6123)
Instructor - Helen Crout (724-9757)

Now that the holidays are over, everyone is happy to be back dancing. We are pleased and delighted to see the big group that has started in our round dance basic class, which began Jan. 7th. Helen Crout is the instructor with 26 couples and a couple of singles that have enrolled. It is so encouraging to see so many interested in wanting to learn round dancing. We are sure they will have so much fun doing the basics, then enjoy dancing the rounds at the clubs. They all seem to be "Eager Beavers". We hope this is a good sign that Round dancing is on the up trend. Round dancing can be enjoyed by the average square dancer, and is a vital part of the square dancers activity. The rounds being taught now are easy flowing, simple and well patterned dances which everyone can enjoy.

Our easy round dance for this quarter is LILLIE'S BACK a very easy swinging two steps and wheel turns. Watch it being danced in the clubs, then get up and try it.

There will be a new easy round dance every 3 months now, instead of every month. We are

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also doing a cute new two step dance called "What a Guy". It is an unusual fun dance. Everyone should dance or see this one.

Well! That time of year will soon be here again. Our (Roundleers) big Birthday dance. It will be on March 25th (Wednesday) this year, because the caller we are having is not available until then. The theme will still be on St. Patrick's Day, shamrocks and wearing of the green, also lots of good food.

Our caller will be "Mr. Charlie Baldwin" of Norwell, Mass. He has been the editor of "The New England Square Dance Caller" Magazine for 20 years. He is affectionately called "The Father of Square Dancing" and "Mr. Square Dancer". So mark this date on your calendar.

Wednesday night March 25th is the date so you can come and enjoy dancing to Charlie Baldwin's calling.

Till next month, will be seeing you in the squares and rounds.

E.A.R., reporter

Edith Reisen

JOSEPH LEE CENTER DANCE - A new concept in dance classes

Tuesdays, Joseph Lee Center, 42nd & Perry
Caller - Bill Camp

Another Frank Lane dance has come and gone, but the memory lingers on. Frank called a very good dance and a crowd of people enjoyed it. In fact, he had us about two feet off the floor by the end of the first tip. Our advice to each is to dance to him when you have the opportunity.

We have just started and it is still open. Another first - a try at a different approach. Double classes will be taught on Tuesday night. Number one class covering the first forty basics - number two class covering these 40 plus 40 extended basics. (If you don't understand what I'm talking about bring a new couple. Visit us and we will show you).

This means beginners will be learning the first 40 basics - dancers will be reviewing and getting a workshop on the next 40.

Come and help us. Make this plan work.

Nora and Bill Camp

FROM THE NEW SQUARE DANCE MAGAZINE is the following article on square dance basics which might be some interest to callers -

Specifically, in early 1970 we will print another in the series of Caller Aid books, a book on Experimental Basics by choreographer Will Orlich. It will deal with those experimental Basics generally used at advanced club level square dances around the square dance world in 1970. It is hoped that it

will become a standard for 1970 and 1971, after which a new edition will appear. The book will describe and include sample choreography for about 50 basics that go beyond the 75 basic plateau. Thanks to those leaders who are helping to maintain the 75 basic plateau described fully in Sets in Order. We hope the further temporary standardization of about 50 basics in clubs that can appropriately incorporate them will be a realistic leveling force within our hobby.

Presently, there is no standard reference for callers and dancers alike, containing the "post 75" movements found to be most popular in the more advanced square dance clubs in various areas. We have, instead, a bewildering hodge-podge of several hundred basics that less knowledgeable callers often assume to be standard.

Will Orlich points out that the "near 50" upper level basics will be chosen with care directly from the pulse and program of today's square dancing - with the recommendations of hundreds of callers everywhere.

For inquiries on these basics write THE NEW SQUARE DANCE MAGAZINE, P. O. Box 788, Sandusky, Ohio 44870.

ANCIENT CITY SQUARES - Square-Up a-comin'!

Fridays Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center
St. Augustine, Fla.
Caller - Bobby Keefe
President - Chub and Carolyn Robshaw
(824-2497)

Well, we are really having a great time with our new class. We have to admit it isn't very large in number, but when it is over, we are going to have dancers to be proud of. Trying to find an additional night in the week for everyone to get together is always hard, so we have joined up and re-grouped for our Friday night sessions. We have been having our class from 7:30 til 9, then running our regular dances from 9 until 11, so any of you slow moving, late arrivers, this is the place to come!!!

We have just added two new couples to our ranks, and so happy to have them. They are Bernie and Barbara Taylor and Charlie and Ruth Scheneman. There is nothing better to re-vitalize the old members in a club than new members, and we are always pleased when square dancers move into town and seek their own.

Our good buddy Jack Shuler was a little under the weather last month, but glad to have his smiling face back at the dances.

We want everyone to start making plans to come to the Ancient City for the "ANCIENT CITY SQUARE UP" to be held at the National Guard Armory on the 20th and 21st of February. This

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has always been a real fun weekend for all of us in the past, and even though we missed having it last year, we are looking forward to seeing all of our friends here for a good dance and renewing a lot of old acquaintances. Sure hope that all of you will be able to come Let's have a real "Swinging" weekend!!

It isn't much news, but seems to cover our activities for the past month. Come on down, up or over to visit with us.... Our caller, Bobby Keefe, is better than ever.

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Grace Hall, reporter

At the last meeting of the NEFSDA it was suggested that the coming caller or callers for the 5th Saturday dance have a resume printed in the GRAPEVINE of his calling career. In as much as the 5th Saturday dance for January is now over we do have a caller's story that we shall print, but sorry that we did not receive any others.

Harold Pillmore has been calling for square dancers for a mighty long time. Eighteen years to be exact and in the same location. Harold and his wife, Pete (as she prefers to be known), started square dancing nineteen years ago at the Arlington Congregational Church and as Harold says now - "Everyone became a caller in those days". It appears that part of square dancing in a good many places at that time had everyone in the club taking a hand at calling. Pete even had her speciality also, a whole record with all Grand Squares.

Harold is a local businessman - the proud owner of an up and coming tool business. His wife, Pete, is a registered nurse at the Memorial Hospital in southside. They have three children, all grown now, who were raised in Jacksonville. Harold came to Jacksonville as a member of the U.S. Navy during World War II, liked what he saw and decided to leave the icy blasts up North and stay right here in the sunny South.

Turning out good square-dancers has been Harold's forte for lo these many years and it gives him a great deal of satisfaction to see his former pupils enjoying square dancing and helping to keep square dancing going so that others may enjoy it as well.

One night stands, Fall Round Ups, special dances like most local callers, Harold has been there to help out at all of them when ever he was needed. When you listen to him reminisce about singing calls like "Smoke on the Water" or something that happened last week at a square dance, you get the distinct impression that he has gotten a great deal of enjoyment out of square dancing as it has been a large part of his life.

Calling for the Jubileers is like brushing your teeth we suppose, when that is what you have been doing for so long. It's the only club Harold has called for as a regular club caller. He and Jack Griffiths shared the calling after the merger of the Jubileers and the Circle Eights a number of years ago.

Having seen square dancing progress from the time when square through was a very complicated movement until to-day when it takes fifteen to twenty weeks to turn out dancers who can get through what most clubs are dancing, Harold, like a great many other callers, wonders where it will go to in the future. Wherever it goes though you can be reasonably sure that Harold will be there and most likely he will be calling, for like old soldiers, the old callers never die they just fade away or is it roll away with a half sashay?

CALICO SWINGERS

2nd & 4th Sunday, Westconnett Civic Center.
Callers - Tom and Mariann Hidding
President - Don Miller, Jr. (771-2800)

Jan. 11 we graduated another fine class of really groovy kids. We had a great party and the graduates had to do some pretty corny stuff to pass. The hall was decorated real nice. We had 17 new graduates.

New officers for the coming year will be elected at our February business meeting. So next month you will hear from a new reporter.

Donna Hicks, reporter.

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GATOR PROMENADERS

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COMING SPECIAL EVENTS

- Feb 2 .. Round Dance Basics class beginning at Woodstock Community Center with Instructors "Foots" and Joan Reynolds.
- Feb. 5 .. 7 to 8:30 p.m. beginning new class in square dancing at Mary Hammond Youth Center with Bob Rust instructing.
- Feb. 6 .. Rod Blaylock sponsored by the Challengers.
- Feb. 6-7 .. 9th Annual Okfehenokee Square-Up at Waycross, Ga., sponsored by the Western Cutters (See flyer).
- Feb. 14 .. Ron Schnieder sponsored by U.S. 441 CLUB at Gainesville, Fla. recreation Ctr.
- Feb. 14 .. 6th Annual Valentine Dance, Bill Wilson calling from Aiken, S. C. sponsored by the Jubileers.
- Feb. 12 .. Big Valentine Dance sponsored by the Western Cutters.
- Feb. 20 .. Jack Livingston sponsored by the Challengers.
- Feb. 20-21 .. Ancient City Square-Up, St. Augustine, Fla. with callers Allen Tipton, Bob Rust and Oscar Ervin. (See Flyer)
- Feb. 21 .. Hobo Dance sponsored by Friendly Frolics. See the bearded president!
- Feb. 28 .. Skeeter Chauvin sponsored by U.S. 441 CLUB at Gainesville, Fla. recreation Ctr.
- Feb. 28 .. Johnny Everett sponsored by the Western Cutters.
- Mar. 6 .. Jim Rice sponsored by the Challengers.
- Mar. 20 .. Roger Chapman sponsored by the Challengers.
- Mar. 25 .. Roundoleers Birthday Party Dance with caller Charlie Baldwin of Norwell, Mass.
- Mar. 28 .. Bobby Keefe sponsored by U.S. 441 CLUB of Gainesville, Fla.
- Apr. 3 .. Vern Johnson sponsored by the Challengers.
- Apr. 17 .. Chuck Durant sponsored by the Challengers.
- Apr. 25 .. Rod Blaylock sponsored by the U.S. 441 CLUB.
- Apr. 25-26 .. Camp O'Leno Hoedown sponsored by the Starlite Shufflers.
- May 1 .. Mel Clark sponsored by the Challengers.
- May 15 .. Johnny Everett sponsored by the Challengers.
- May 30 .. Fifth Saturday Dance sponsored by NEFSDA.
- June 11-12-13 State Convention at Orlando.
- June 25-26-27 National Convantion at Louisville, Kentucky.
- June 5 .. Fred Dyche sponsored by the Challengers.
- June 19 .. Art Springer sponsored by the Challengers.
- Aug. 29 .. Fifth Saturday Dance sponsored by NEFSDA.
- Sept. 4-5-6-7 Knothead Konvention at Curtis Hixon Hall, Tampa, Florida.

Dates, Places and Callers subject to change without notice.

SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE DIRECTORY

<u>DAY</u>	<u>WHO</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>CALLER</u>
<u>ROUND DANCE CLUBS</u>				
TUESDAY	RYTHMAIRES	Weekly	Southside Youth Center	Helen Crout
WEDNESDAY	ROUNDLEERS	Weekly	Woodstock Comm. Center	- -
<u>TEEN SQUARE DANCE CLUB</u>				
SUNDAY	CALICO SWINGERS	2nd & 4th	Westconnott Civic Ctr.	Marion & Tom Hidding
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FRIDAY	CHALLENGERS	1st & 3rd	Mary Hammond Youth Ctr.	Guest Callers
SATURDAY	SWINGING SQUARES	1st	2454 Cedar Shores Cir.	Jack Griffiths
<u>OPEN CLUBS</u>				
MONDAY	FUN & FROLIC	Weekly	Woodstock Comm. Center	Jack Griffiths
TUESDAY	JOSEPH LEE CTR. DANCE	Weekly	Joseph Lee Youth Center	Bill Camp
THURSDAY	PARSON FRANCERS	Weekly	Mary Hammond Youth Ctr.	Bob Rust
THURSDAY	STARLITE SHUFFLERS	Weekly Except 5th	Joseph Lee Youth Center	James Haroy
THURSDAY	SUNSHINE TWIRLERS	Weekly	City Recreation Center Gainesville, Fla.	Scotty Thomas
THURSDAY	SWINGING SWAMPERS	2nd & 4th	Folkston, Georgia	Dick Barker
THURSDAY	Y-KNOTS	Weekly	Southside Youth Center	Frank Clements
FRIDAY	ALLEMANDARIES	Weekly	Philips Highway Plaza	Bill Bishop Dick Barker
FRIDAY	ANCIENT CITY SQUARES	Weekly	Chamber of Commerce St. Augustine, Fla.	Bobby Keefe
FRIDAY	GATOR PROMENADERS	Weekly	Westside Jaycees Bldg.	Bill Camp
SATURDAY	COUNTRY COUSINS	Weekly	Dinsmore Civic Club	Walt Knight D. J. Lynch
SATURDAY	DIXIE CHAIN GANG	2nd & 4th	Philips Highway Plaza	Frank Clements
SATURDAY	FRIENDLY FROLICS	1st & 3rd	Philips Highway Plaza	Bobby Keefe
SATURDAY	GOLDEN ISLES SWINGERS	2nd, 3rd, 4th	City Recreation Bldg. Brunswick, Georgia	Dick Barker
SATURDAY	GRAND SLAYERS	1st & 3rd	Hinton Hall	John Robbins
SATURDAY	JUBILEERS	2nd & 4th	Arlington Congr. Church	Harold Fillmore Dick Goedert
SATURDAY	U.S. 441 CLUB	2nd & 4th	City Recreation Center Gainesville, Fla.	Guest Callers
SATURDAY	WESTERN CUTTERS	2nd & 4th	Mary Hammond Youth Ctr.	Chuck Durant John Robbins

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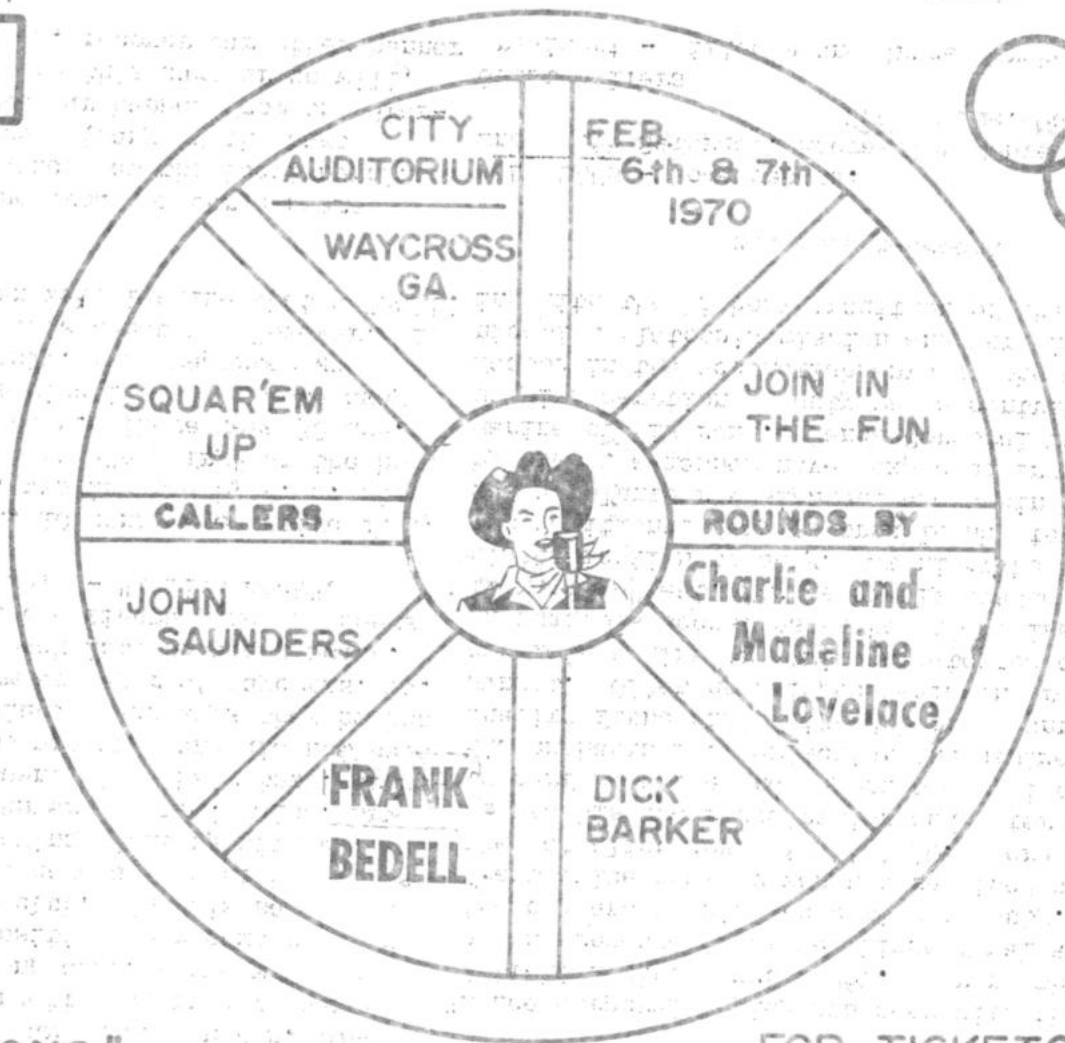
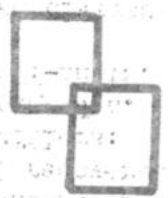
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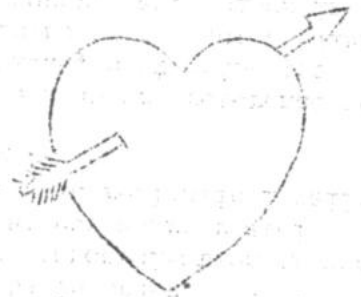
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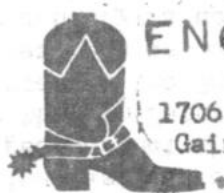
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