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HI SQUARES

High Springs, Florida

The New Year's dance is eagerly awaited by the Hi Squares. Preceding the dance they will meet at Barber's Restaurant for steak dinners. It's also graduation time for twenty couples who have completed the lessons taught by our caller, Dick Gonzales. The square-dance fever has hit our area this season. Our local grapevine reports that our graduating class consists of "Honor Students." Their self-imposed homework was dancing to records several times a week prior to lesson night; sewing dresses by the dozens, and -- believe it or not -- booked five more squares for the new class that will begin in January. The club at present has 37 active couples.

95% of the Hi Squares attended the Ed Gilmore dance which was held in Lake City on November 30.

Two squares of dancers from Fernandina Beach made Knothead at the Les Gotcher dance that was held on December 9 in the Lions Club Hall in High Springs. We had fifteen squares with dancers from Lake City, Gainesville and Jacksonville.

This past quarter the club has been having a "fun tip" on club nights. Club members take turns calling a singing call they practiced in the past week. The result -- unusual dance formations that may become popular in some future outer-space club, plus sincere appreciation of the regular caller's efforts.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON TO EACH AND EVERY DANCER IN THE NORTHEAST FLORIDA AREA AND BEST WISHES FOR A YEAR OF FUN IN SQUARE DANCING. KEEP DANCING Y'ALL.

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WESTERN CUTTERS

December 9 the Cutters elected new officers for the coming year. After the ballots were counted, the following emerged the winners: Leon and Bea Smith, President; Bucky and Rose Lee Perez, Vice-President; Hugh and Jo Patterson, Secretary; Earle and Ruth Pierce, Treasurer; Bob and Neva Donaldson and D. J. and Ann Lynch, Members of the Board of Directors; and Norton and Ruby Perkins as Delegates to the Association. We feel we have a top-notch slate of officers, and we are all looking forward to a good year under their leadership.

December 16 the hall was really jumping at Wesconnett when the Cutters had their annual Christmas party. Over seven squares were in attendance, and all of them had a ball. From the attractive decorations to the excellent lunch and the top-notch program called by Floyd, everything was perfect. Bea Smith was "Chairwoman" of the affair and was ably assisted by Ruth "Squeaky" Pierce. Thanks loads, kids; it was great! What was probably the most enthusiastically received skit ever to be staged for the Cutters was Marie Gaynon doing a pantomime to a record. She had the crowd in stitches from start to finish. Gifts, some good, some funny, were exchanged and gave many dancers a laugh. We wish to thank all the guests who contributed so much to the success of the party by their attendance and to Elwood Sexton for contributing his talents as a caller.

From the talk around the hall most of the Cutters have plans for New Year's Eve dancing, some at Gainesville and some at Friendly Frolics, but all of them apparently plan to go to one or the other of the dances.

Wednesday, December 13, our class of beginners graduated, and we are happy to say that most of them have joined the Cutters. These new dancers are our most valuable asset, as they are to any club. Not only do they replace the normal losses that any club suffers due to transfers, moving, etc., but they are also by far the best source of still-more new dancers. We welcome them and hope they enjoy many years of fun in square dancing.

VAG

DON'T FORGET THE FRIENDLY FROLICS
NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

December 30.....Annie Lytle School

FRIENDLY FROLICS

MERRY STEPPERS

December has indeed been a busy, fun-filled month for Friendly Frolics Club members and their friends -- with the BIGGEST, BEST dance yet to come, December 30. On that evening at 8:00 at the Annie Lytle School we will have the New Year's dance, so long anticipated. We extend a special invitation once again to all square dancers -- no reservation is necessary. Besides an evening of dancing to the calling of Herschell Lee and Myron Samson, there'll be a feast of turkey, ham and all the trimmings, plus appetizers and other goodies. We really plan to have a ball and to end this old year just right: happy (though maybe a little "pooped") surrounded by scores of our fun-loving friends and with stomachs full! Let's all be there!

On December 2 our regular Saturday night dance was well attended, as usual. We were all delighted to have Herb and Ann Lawhorne call a tip for us. Ann is terrific with her "Penny Candy," and of course we have always enjoyed anything Herb called.

We must mention a very special evening we spent at the Coliseum. On Friday, December 15, at the Navy-sponsored "Dogpatch Jamboree" we danced in an exhibition of three squares, under a dark, bluish light while our costumes were outlined in fluorescent ribbon. Herschell Lee called, and Glenn Reeves and his band furnished our music. At one point Herschell called for other square dancers in the audience to join in, and a large number responded. The large audience apparently enjoyed it all immensely. We got a big kick out of Minnie Pearl, Webb Pierce, Ferlin Husky, Carl Perkins, Norma Jean and others, including Jacksonville's own Tommy Tucker. The hayride entrance we made was fun too-- it had been a long time since we had indulged in one!

On December 16 we had a good dance at Dupont High School gymnasium, despite the temporary change in location. Christmas refreshments were served, and the dancers were very appreciative, which, of course, makes any refreshment committee feel like any effort or expense on their part was well worth-while.

On Tuesday, December 19, Myron's class (about three squares) were joined by club members at their Christmas party at the Englewood clubhouse. Attendance was good, gifts were exchanged, delicious refreshments served, and a grand time was had by all!

See you A L L at the New Year's dance.

Ellen Johnson

A new bunch of Idiots wakened caller Bart Bartley to dance on Friday the 13th: Harry and Kathryn Drake, Agnes and Jay Weber, Dot and Arnold Sappington, Lois and Howard Wilkowski, Margaret and Al Strickland, Vera and Jim Brogdon, Florence and Howard Nelson, with Loretta and Lloyd Myrick filling in to complete a square.

The first covered-dish supper of the square dance year was very successful, a good crowd and plenty of good food. Sure is nice of Bart to start the dancing out slow after all that eating!

Guest caller Joe Johnson of Orlando gave us a fine evening of dancing -- just enough tricks to keep us on our toes. We all enjoyed his calling. We also enjoyed the evening our own Bob Waites called for the square dancing. We're used to having Bob Waites lead the round dancing with Ruth Bartley, and it's a pleasant surprise to have him lead the squares as well.

A beautiful Christmas party was given by the Bartleys at their home, after the regular dance December 20. Lovely decorations and food highlighted this festive occasion and brought us all into the spirit of the season -- the MERRY STEPPERS wish everyone the best of everything for the Holidays and the New Year, with plenty of good, ol' square dancing!

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ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Northeast Florida Square Dancers Association enjoyed a big applause while they danced for the Naval Air Station Christmas party at the Jacksonville Coliseum on December 15, 1961.

NAS Jax Special Services Department under the brilliant leadership of LCDR Charles Hooper, Special Services Officer, sponsored the "Dogpatch Jamboree" for the Navy Personnel and Government employees. The square dancers were honored to be included on a program with such national entertainers as Webb Pierce, Furlin Husky and Billie Grammer and their famous bands from Nashville, Tennessee. Other artists appearing were Carl Perkins, Norma Jean and Minnie Pearl.

A N N O U N C I N G

A Beginners' Class by Myron Samson which will start Friday, January 12, 1962 at the Englewood Community Center (corner Dekalb and Englewood).

Three squares of dancers entered the stage on a hay wagon drawn by real "honest-to-goodness" live horses, furnished by the Circle C Ranch. Glen Reeves band furnished the music while Herschell Lee did the calling. After several tips of exhibition dances, the stage was filled with dancers from the audience for several more tips. The highlight of the evening was dancing under the black lights while the florescent ribbons and scarves sparkled to the tune of "In the Good Ol' Summertime." During this tip the squares broke to form the spokes of a wagon wheel turning in center stage. This received the greatest applause of the show from the 8,000 spectators.

Hugh and Faith Butner
NEFSDA Publicity Chairmen

were served.

Plans are well under way for our Christmas party which will be December 21. We are hoping to have a big crowd and a good time.

Margaret Joyce

SEE YOU AT THE
FRIENDLY FROLICS
NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
Saturday, December 30,
8:00 P.M.
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FUN AND FROLIC

Fun and Frolic regretfully announce the resignation of Edith Ford as their caller and feel lucky to have secured as an able replacement Jack Griffiths, who started calling for them December 5. We are looking forward to many wonderful Tuesday nights with him.

The annual Christmas party for Fun and Frolickers and their children was held at Woodstock Park on December 19, starting with a delicious dinner. The taws provided the covered dishes to accompany the turkey provided by the club. Edith Ford presided at games for the children, and Reggie Register acted as Santa, and each child received a gift. The adults enjoyed their favorite pastime -- an evening of square dancing.

We hope you will all join us Tuesday evenings to the wonderful calling of Jack Griffiths. Come square up with us.

Many couples will miss this issue of their GRAPEVINE because they did not renew their expiring subscriptions. We are sorry because we feel that most of these persons want the paper and intended to send in their renewals. Subscriptions may be placed through your club or sent direct to NEFSDA, Rt. 6 -- Box 346, Jacksonville 17, Florida.

We have many newsy articles this month from many clubs. How much better this issue would be, however, if we also had the news from the following:

- ISLAND SQUARES)
 - JUBILEERS)
 - LAKE CITY SQUARES)
 - MERRY MIXERS)
 - S. O. S.)
 - VALLEY TWIRLERS)
 - Y-SQUARES)
- Let's hear from you next month

Bill and Ruth Fleshman

PAXON PRANCERS

We're all together again; our caller is back with us for six weeks. We're really whooping it up, the dancers as well as the caller. Elwood has been in great shape, and it's so nice to have him back. We've learned several new figures as well as doing some of the old favorites that we haven't heard in a long time.

We've had several frequent visitors during the month, Bea and Leon Smith, Crystell and Howard Stringer, and Charlie and Mandy Houghton. We sure do enjoy dancing with all our friends. We were one of the lucky clubs who played host to several couples from Palm Valley who are earning their "Die-Hard" badges. They were Irving, Alice and Nancy Rutledge; George and Pat Mier; Barbara, Mike, Rosina and Ray Baxter. This was their third night, and they were still a very enthusiastic group. We had another very good surprise this month: two of our members who haven't been with us for some time came back: Dolly and Alvin Hall. It's so nice to dance with them. Hope they will be with us regularly.

Two squares of adults and one square of children went with Elwood to entertain the Riverside Home for the Aged. Everyone had a good time, and delicious refreshments