

MERRY - MIXERS

The MERRY-MIXERS got off to a good start for the past month's activities with their old-fashioned costume dance on Thursday, November 21. Rosa Lee was the instigator of many of the novel activities while husband Herschell did the calling honors. We had a real good turnout, with many of the members and guests attired in costumes. Doris Howle was the lucky winner of the door prize, Agnes Glover took honors for the best individual costume, and Paul and Mary Lane won best couple costume prize. Boats Ackerman came out best man in the hilarious musical hat game. Dick Steeves and T. W. Cordray presented a very humorous skit dealing with peanut-butter sandwiches.

We were closed for Thanksgiving, but that week-end most of us were present at the Pythian Hall to enjoy a very successful NEPSDA dance with our local callers.

December 1 most of the MERRY-MIXERS gathered at the home of Fred and Erma Blado for a business meeting and to vote on new officers for the coming year. We elected Carl Law as president, Cullen Glover vice president, Bill Skiles treasurer, and Bettie Osborn secretary. We discussed a great deal of business, ate lots of Erma's tasty refreshments, and made plans for our next party December 26.

Herschell had indicated to the club some time ago that he would have to give up his Thursday-night calling around the first of the year, and I guess it's been no secret that we've been bemoaning his loss, but now we have good news. Our new caller will be no less than MYRON SAMSON! We are real happy to have Myron back with us, and I'm sure the many dancers who know him will be glad to see him back in action again.

Instead of suffering from the usual post-Christmas slump after the big day is over, come dance and party with us on December 26. We are having a big After-Christmas Dance at the Terry Parker School Cafetorium (same place where we had such a good time last year). This will be Herschell's last dance as our official caller, and we plan on having a big time, refreshments, and extra fun activities -- no increase in regular admission price.

Best wishes to all our friends for a Happy Holiday.

Russ Osborn, Reporter

ALLEMANDERS

(Gainesville)

The ALLEMANDERS of Gainesville welcomed Bart and Ruth Bartley's new class with a Christmas party at their regular dance on Monday, December 16. Six to eight squares enjoyed an evening of dancing, cookies and coffee. We in the ALLEMANDERS were much impressed with the relatively high level of dancing they have attained with only a few months of instruction.

New officers elected in early December to take over the reins in January were: Tom and Ellen Collins, President; Jimmy and Audie Ledbetter, Vice President; Roger and Rose Hansen, Secretary; and Dalson and Dorothy Esry, Treasurer.

The ALLEMANDERS will have the Gainesville Merrysteppers as their special guests on Monday night, December 23. The regular Tuesday-night dance of the Merrysteppers will be called off because of Christmas Eve.

New Year's Eve we will join with the Merrysteppers in welcoming in the New Year with a dance and covered-dish supper at the Recreation Center.

We would like to express again our thanks for a job well done to outgoing president Mel and Del Caddell. They have done a wonderful job of keeping the club running smoothly, a task that cannot be done without considerable time and effort. Thanks, Mel and Del. And a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Bill and Landa Ebersole

YOU ARE INVITED

The MERRY MIXERS will have a real treat for all Jacksonville dancers during the holiday season. After your presents are opened and your turkey eaten, come join us at our "After-Christmas" party at the Terry Parker High School Cafetorium, 8:00 till 11:00, Thursday, December 26. Herschell Lee will call, and we will have a "snack bar" filled with goodies all evening. Regular dance admission for square dancers. If you have company for Christmas, we extend an invitation to them to come too; there is plenty of room for spectators. The floor is good and sound excellent. It is our wish to make this party a bright spot in your holiday season. Merry Christmas to you all.

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ORANGE PARK JUNIOR PROMENADERS

In the turmoil of rushing back and forth getting things done before the holidays, the hustle and bustle of homework, it should be remembered the JUNIOR PROMENADERS are still dancing, not on Wednesday nights any more, but every Saturday morning (continued on next page)

ORANGE PARK JR. PROMENADERS (Cont'd)

from 10:00 to 12:00 noon. Floyd and Eddie really keep them dancing.

Floyd Hazen tells us he'll be leaving the JUNIOR PROMENADERS after December 21. Eddie will be taking over. We sure will miss you, Floyd, but hope to dance with you sometime. Eddie is a very good caller, and we are looking forward to finishing the classes and starting a new one soon.

"O Come, All Ye Forgetful"

To all of you, our greetings hearty
And blessings on your Christmas party,
The skits you give, the gifts you make,
The other things you undertake.
As for the New Year may we wish you
Your dreams come true gift-wrapped in
tissue.
You have our best for '64
But may we (for auld lang syne)
You have, also it seems, a few
Dances, alas! long overdue.
When may we hope to hear from you?

Ann McElroy, Reporter

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FRIENDLY FROLICS

This has been, and is, an extremely busy month. We know y'all don't have time to read much, and we have a 30-minute deadline, so won't write much.

We were happy to relinquish a couple of our captured flags at our last dance and hope all the visitors enjoyed it so they'll return soon. Hope to see lots of you at our Christmas dance, and I want to congratulate the winner of Martha's wonderful fruit cake. We hope we're the lucky one.

Congratulations are in order to two very fine people who are "joining hands" for real this month. Bill Daughtrey and Clarice Coburn. We wish them both the best of everything.

Get well wishes go out to lots of our members this month, especially to Betty Sumner and Genelda McDonald, who have been in the hospital. We truly hope they will be out and dancing again real soon.

Herschell's class had a really nice Christmas party Tuesday night, with a lot of "old" and new dancers out in spite of the nippy weather. FRIENDLY FROLICS folks

did their bit to add to the occasion by putting on the funniest demonstration. Rocky Hamilton, Pete Piszczek, George Stanton and Al Biehling were charming hosts to the visiting "Mop Top Susies," but how Pete managed to end up with three of them in his arms is another story.

Here's wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Marie Anderson, Reporter

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We have been publishing the GRAPE-VINE for the square dancers in Northeast Florida for over two years, and we would be happy to turn it over to someone else. You will NOT get rich from publishing the GRAPEVINE because it is the property of the Northeast Florida Square Dancers Association, and the only pay we get for handling it is the satisfaction derived from doing something to advance the square-dance movement and the frequent kind words of our readers and advertisers.

Bill and Ruth Fleshman

WESTERN CUTTERS

The end of the year found the WESTERN CUTTERS very busy with dances and elections for the coming year. Our new president will be Bea and Leon Smith; vice president, Jean and Paul Tate; treasurer, June and Bill Stegall; secretary, Lillian and Ken Worthington. Good luck for the coming year.

We all enjoyed the Bob Rust dance and were glad to have so many of you there. We started a little late but made up for it later.

Our club had its first graduation of the beginners class on the 18th, and we had a fine time dancing and playing tricks on the class. We are planning a new class to start on or about the 15th of January.

I know that everyone has been busy and are looking forward to a fine holiday season. With this, the WESTERN CUTTERS wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Tommie and Raymona Mulford

FLORIDA KNOTHEADS

Have you noticed the new Florida Knot-head pins? These pins have been given to members of the Florida Knothead organization because they have attended five (5) or more Annual Florida Knot-head Konventions, consecutively.

Sixty (60) members have seven-year pins. Thirty-five (35) members have six-

year pins. Twenty-five (25) members have five-year pins, and there are forty (40) members eligible for five-year pins in 1964.

Jim Galloway, Chairman

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ISLAND SQUARES

Whoops -- here it is almost deadline time -- just before Christmas, with all the events that have taken place and are taking place.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year, and an orchid to Bill and Ruth Fleshman for a grand job, patience, deciphering our hieroglyphics, and being grand folks -- along with our wonderful JAX visitors, with gold stars to Russ and Eileen Lorentson, Betty and Bob Watson, and Bill Skiles, and to our ever-patient and good-natured caller, ol' man Ray Baxter, and taw, Rosina. Our thanks to the Laws for a job well done, and it looks like winners with Louis and Clara Olsen at the helm of the good ship NFSDA.

Thanks again for the grand support, and we will try to visit you all as time permits. Come see us too -- Monday nights at the Recreation Center, 8:00.

Lu and Oley Olsen, Reporters

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SEASIDE SQUARES
(Jacksonville Beach)

We've had a nice group lately. I hope I am speaking for everyone in the club when I say we had a nice dinner at Al and Verda Monte's on December 7. We elected new officers:

- President - Eddie Edge
- Vice President - Mitch Wright
- Secretary - Alice Mendrinos
- Treasurer - Mary Lou Pattillo
- Delegate - Richard Steeves

We have three new members: Barney and Grace Davis and Jim McKowen.

Our new beginners class starts January 6, 1964, and our dinner is Saturday, January 4, at Roy and Barbara Blair's at 6:30.

We made Idiots at our last meeting.

Virginia Williams, Reporter

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We have had two regular dances: since the last report to the GRAPEVINE, and both were real good.

On November 23 five squares enjoyed the calling of Bill Muench. Ruth and Bill Fleshman and Anne and Herb Lawhorne of Fun and Frolic, Jacksonville, were our guests. Bunny and Jim Whiteman had the refreshments for the evening.

On December 14 we were all real pleased to welcome back Floyd and Marge Hazen. Virgil and Elsie Green of the Orange Park Promenaders came along with Floyd and Marge. We hope they will come back again. Marge had most of us up doing the Bossa Nova, which was easy and fun to do. "Yours truly" had the refreshments for the evening.

We are happy to welcome Marjorie and Alex Wing and Betty and Bob Player as new members.

We want to wish all of our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy "Dancing" New Year, and we'll see you next month.

Jeri and John Moore, Reporters

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PAXON PRANCERS

Well, Thanksgiving has come and gone, and with it our Thanksgiving dance. We had a nice turnout for this dance, and everyone sure enjoyed the pumpkin pie and whipped cream served as refreshments. Thanks go to Frieda Sisson for this treat. She's done a terrific job in the refreshment department this year. It was nice to have all the visitors with us Thanksgiving night, and we hope they come back again real soon.

We now have brand-new "In-laws" in our club! Mary and Gerald Kieffer's daughter Geraldine was married on December 14. Jack Garrahy was the lucky fellow. It was a beautiful wedding, and Geraldine was a beautiful bride. We wish them the best of everything.

Also, during the month of November we had a birthday to celebrate. Sara Warren was a year younger (so she says), and we had a get-together at the Joyce's to help her eat the birthday cake, contributed by "Little Sister" Patsy Love. Hope you have many more, Sara (cakes and birthdays!). It's been good to have Sara and Patsy dancing with us a little more during the holidays. This "school" business is fine, but we miss dancing with you.

We visited Friendly Frolics this month to retrieve our banner. We almost had a square, but it seems one Barney Cheshire had car trouble and didn't make it. Better luck next time.

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PAXON FRANCERS (Cont'd)

For those of you who didn't attend the Bob Rust dance December 14, you missed a good dance. Bob almost missed it. It seems he got lost and ended up at the airport. He asked directions at the bridge, and the toll-taker forgot to tell him there was a Route 17 north and south. He did make it to Desconnett Boulevard a little late but called a terrific dance, as usual. After the dance the Kieffers had an after-party which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone there.

This week our class graduates, and we are very, very proud of them. They have certainly earned their badges, and we are happy to have them become part of our club.

For those of you who are interested, Elwood is planning to start a work-shop on Tuesday nights at our regular hall (Mary Hammond Youth Center). The tentative date for the first work-shop is January 14. If you would like to attend these work-shops and want further information, call the Cheshires (EX 3-5458).

PAXON has been busy this month with exhibitions at the All-Saints Home for the Aged and the Duval Medical Center. We enjoy these visits and look forward to more of them in the future.

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M E R R Y S T E P P E R S
(Gainesville)

This past month we have continued to have good dances and good attendance. Due to Bart's trip to Sarasota, we relied on Bob Waites to keep things moving.

We are very happy to welcome the following new members: Emma Lou Courtney, Ned and Irene Scott, Fletcher and Verna Cisk, and Harry and Margaret Gibson.

The club extends its condolences to Carey Dunn on the loss of his mother the first week of December.

All of our members are looking forward to the annual New Year's Eve Party. Bart's new class and the Allemanders will be our guests for the evening. There will be the usual dancing plus a meal at midnight and a talent program. We'll give you the full details next month.

Until then, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jeri and John Moore, Reporters

TOBACCO TRAIL SQUARE DANCE CLUB
(Nahunta, Georgia)

Square dancers in Nahunta are justifiably proud of their 18-year-old Sandra Jacobs, who recently was awarded a national 4-H championship and a \$500 college scholarship for her work in the 4-H Club recreation project of square dancing.

Sandra will be remembered as one of the guest callers in the Teen Room at the last Florida State Square Dance Convention in Jacksonville; she also was Junior leader and caller for a group of square dancers, "The Knee Knockers," who performed at the Florida Folk Festival at Stephen Foster Memorial Park. A number of Jacksonville and Tampa teenagers attended the opening of the Recreational Building in Nahunta in August, at which Sandra was also a guest caller.

At the National 4-H Convention in Chicago this month, Sandra was asked to call on two occasions, one of the occasions being a square dance attended by several hundred 4-H'ers.

TOBACCO TRAIL SQUARE DANCE CLUB meets every first and third Friday from 8:00 until 11:00 P.M. at the American Legion Hall, with Bill Camp as caller. All square dancers are invited. Hope you can make it sometime.

We are planning to have Bob Page call a special dance for us either May 16 or May 19 (date still uncertain), so keep these dates open and join us for an evening of fine dancing and fun.

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- January 14 - Tuesdays at Mary Hammond Youth Center, Elwood Sexton will conduct a work-shop. Call Cheshires for details (EX 3-5458).
- January 15 (on or about) - Western Cutters will start a beginners class. Call Leon Smith (SP 1-3972)

R E M I N D E R S

- December 26 - THURSDAY. MERRY-MIXERS After-Christmas Party. Herschell Lee calling. Terry Parker H. S. Cafetorium, 8:00. Dance, snack and have fun.
- December 31 - TUESDAY. NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE, sponsored by Friendly Frolics, Annie Lytle School. Admission by ticket only; \$1.50 per person. See attached flyer for details.
- January 8 - WEDNESDAY. FRANK LANE, sponsored by SWAMP STOMPERS, at Waycross Civic Auditorium. Admission \$1.50 per couple.
- January 11 - SATURDAY. HARPER SMITH dance sponsored by LAKE CITY SQUARES, at National Guard Armory, Lake City, 8:00 P. M. Admission \$1 per person.
- January 12 - NEFSD ASSOCIATION MEETING at 3:00 P.M. in Green Street Recreation Center, Jacksonville.
- January 17-18 - FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. Second Annual Okefenokee Square-up, sponsored by SWAMP STOMPERS. Waycross Civic Auditorium, \$4.00 per couple. See enclosed flyer for details.
- February 14 - FRIDAY. BOB FISK, sponsored by the SWAMP STOMPERS, at Waycross Civic Auditorium.
- February 29 - SATURDAY. NEFSDA LEAP-YEAR (5th Saturday) DANCE. IRV ELIAS calling, at Pythian Center, Jacksonville.
- March 19 - THURSDAY. MAX FORSYTH calling at LAKE CITY ARMORY. Sponsored by Tri-City.
- May 16 or 19 - BOB PAGE, calling in Nahunta, Georgia, sponsored by TOBACCO TRAIL SQUARE DANCE CLUB.
- June 19-20 - FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. 11th ANNUAL FLORIDA STATE SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION AT MIAMI BEACH.
- July 23-25 - THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. 13th NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION, Long Beach, California.

G R A N D S L A M M E R S

Everyone is busy with last-minute shopping, and here am I, busy with last-minute "Grapevine" writing. Christmas in Florida is a new adventure for this reporter. Where is all that white stuff everyone is singing about?

We all enjoyed hearing all the local callers at the Association dance after such a long period of time. Always nice to dance to all the callers at one dance.

We finally made it over to dance with Friendly Frolics and retrieved our banner. We want to thank them for an enjoyable evening of dancing.

Although the acoustics were not the best at Forrest High School, a good evening of dancing was enjoyed by us all. Hope we hear Bob Rust in the area again.

We want to extend best wishes to Ralph and Gussie Vaughn on their move to Miami. You will be missed. Sure is a sneaky way to make sure you have sleeping quarters for the State Convention, Gussie. Buy a big house!

The GRAND SLAMMERS have changed dance nights to Tuesday and the place to Normandy Civic Center, temporarily.

"We heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight,

"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a goodnight."

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Russ and Eileen Lorentson

This gem, which expresses our sentiments exactly, is from one of our favorite square-dance publications, "Stir the the Bucket," published monthly by Barden's Barn, Lebanon, New Hampshire:

"Christmas Greetings to you all,
The fat, the thin, the short, the tall;
The old, the young, the in-between --
And let us not forget the teens!"

"Christmas Greetings to our friends,
On whom our happiness depends;
We wish that you were gathered here,
To share with us the season's cheer.

"And when the New Year rolls along,
We hope you'll all be going strong;
A'dancing to the music's beat,
A'keeping time with both left feet!"

This issue is a real "slim Jim." Hope it's only this busy season which has bogged down some of our fine reporters.

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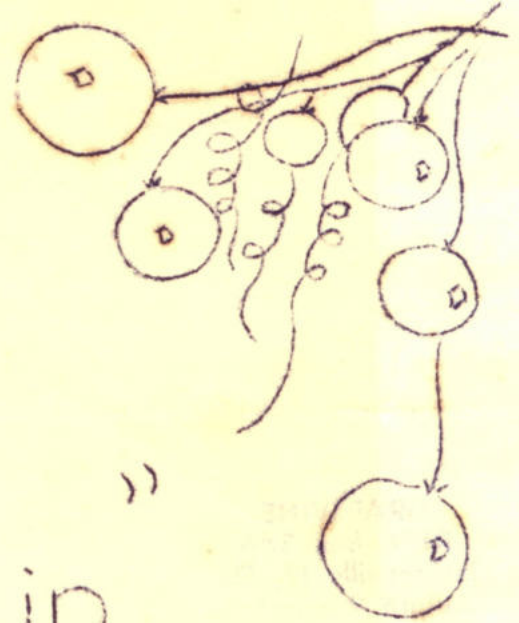
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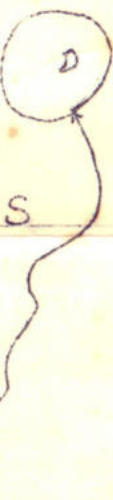
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