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A RECIPE FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

INGREDIENTS

High Spirits	Genuine kindness
Large amount of love	Generous portion of cheer
Complete contentment	Tender sentiments
Pleasant company	Milk of human kindness

DIRECTIONS

Mix all ingredients well and heat in the warmth of true friendship.

Partake of freely during the year.

Any leftovers should be carried to those in need.

Result: A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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STARLITE SHUFFLERS getting in step for the New Year

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

The month of November has been a rather slow month for the Starlite Shufflers. Too cold to go camping and everyone getting ready for a big holiday season. Saturday night, Nov. 22 a group of Shufflers and Grand Slammers along with our "trusted" caller went to a party at the Lakewood, San Jose Jr. Womens Club. They invited James to call a square dance for all the club members. Within just a few short minutes they were doing all sorts of dancy steps. They were very enthusiastic and we had as much fun as the club

members.

The following Tuesday night 30 members of the Starlite Shufflers and Grand Slammers motored out to Macclenny to the Northeast Florida State Hospital. They did some exhibition dances for about 200 patients. The patients were spellbound and thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the dancing. Of course, some of the square dancers were afraid they had been caught up with and might have to spend a while out there. But they were lucky and all got to go back to our house for an after party which turned out to be a lot of fun.

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We have a couple of our nice ladies that are under the weather. Helen Ruser with an eye operation and Georgia Addington for observation and test. We sure miss them and will be happy to have them back in our midst. Also Bob Sinn hasn't been feeling too good since the night he took a trip to Ireland to kiss the blarney stone. I think he has been rather nauseated ever since.

Some of our square dancers are sporting around a brand new badge. The name of it is "Goosepimples". A few hearty souls like Myrt Hennessy, Bob Hart and Mary Pamer about didn't survive the ordeal but after they received their badges they said it really wasn't too bad.

We have big plans for a spaghetti supper at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church on Cottage street Dec. 9. We hope to get a new class started so they will be ready for our O'Leno Hoedown. Also, on Dec. 18 we are planning a Christmas party complete with lots of food and good ole Santa. Then on Dec. 31 James with a group of his "trusted" dancers will go to a riding club in the Western section of Jacksonville for a night of square dancing and fun. Along with stealing a banner or two it looks as though we will be rather busy. So we will sign off till next year by wishing everyone the best of everything in 1970.

Bob and Yvonne Hart, reporters

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WESTERN CUTTERS elections bring new officers

2nd & 4th Saturdays, Mary Hammond Youth Ctr.  
Callers - Chuck Durant and Johnny Robbins  
President - David & Lee Helmlly (781-3251)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all! A little late for s're, and these reporters wish to apologize for not having a column in last month's Grapevine --- due to a course of events including sickness, a death, funeral and the baby sitting involved in these events, leaves little time needed for good journalism.

We'll try to catch up on some of the happenings and goings on of the Western Cutters.

November 22 Danny Robinson not only did his usual grand calling for our dance, but added a swell surprise by introducing his Compadre, BOB DUBRE---a fine caller from Tennessee who not only did a few tips and singing calls, but did a duet with Danny; all of which got the whole gang going to the point that they did not want to stop at eleven o'clock, so the callers accommodated and did another duet---bless them. Our visitors came from Orange Park, Paxon, Vagabonds, a couple from Colorado and, of course, the ever-welcomed "EOB HUNTS".

November 23 our Western Cutter Thanksgiving Dinner was truly a Fellowship of Thanksgivingness. Foods aplenty were delicious and well

filled the great turnout of families attending. Our election of officers was held after the dinner and our fine slate of officers elected were: President, David and Lee Helmlly; Vice President, Jim and Lo Donnelley; Secretary, Shannon and Gwen Poppell; Treasurer, Harvey and Kaye Gordon; Board of Directors, Jim and Nell Collins; Program Chairman, Jessie and Phylliss Horton.

Congratulations, new officers, and many thanks to those who served this past year and for the fine job they have done. Our new presidents were not able to attend our Thanksgiving dinner as Lee was in the hospital, but we are happy to report she is back with us, and doing fine and presided at the first business meeting after the election in a pro. Good going Lee and David.

Hear Shirley and Al Blackman are retiring from Navy life, and are planning to move from Jacksonville. Al, the first of the year will start his new job in St. Augustine. Best wishes in this new venture, and come back often as there will ALWAYS be that place just for you folks.

December 6 found some 'CUTTERS and some of our new class members enjoying the learners Hoedown at Palatka. That is surely a worthwhile event we can all be proud of. Speaking of class members, our new class members are holding their own and looking forward to graduation in January. We're having our Christmas party for them Dec. 20.

Jessie and Phylliss Horton and Larry and Harriet Hedgecoth visited with the 441 CLUB at Gainesville Dec. 13th. Up to Folkston Dec. 11 went Dave and Marie Clark, Jim and Nell Collins, David and Claudia Fitzsimmons, Harvey and Kay Gordon, Bob and Sue Robinson and brought back the Swinging Swampers banner to add to the banner of Allemandarins which were displayed at the Saturday night dance on Dec. 13. Allemandarins brought a square the same night and slipped off with their banner and Hapleys from Allemandarins won a free pass to another Western Cutter dance by having their name in the right place at the right time. Welcome back you guys, we're always happy to have you.

We don't have our banner schedule set just yet at this printing, but you can be sure that you will be seeing a purple group of people slipping into your group soon to visit and steal your banners.

December 13 we had our Christmas Party where we exchanged gifts and had a wonderful dance called by "Singing" John Saunders doing an evening of singing calls for us. He threw in a bit of patter one time during the evening to see if we could still do some after enjoying moving so rythmatically to his lovely singing voice. We welcomed visitors from Friendly Frolics, Ancient City Squares, Allemandarins. Welcome back all you visitors.

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Continued - WESTERN CUTTERS

Tickets are available for the Okefenokee Square Up at Waycross. Be sure to get yours early and be prepared for a grand old time with friendly, frolicing folk from all over and dancing to Frank Bedell, Dick Barker and John Saunders with rounds by Madeline and Charlie Lovelace. Hear that after party is something else!

December 17 ten Western Cutter couples entertained the River Garden Home for the aged at their Christmas Party with Tom and Mariann Hidding calling, then teaching several square-dance basics to some members of the party introducing them to the great fun of square dancing.

Solong til next month.

The Doubledeckers, Harriet & Larry,  
reporters.

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ROUNDLEERS - "Sassy" Square dancer's round  
for December  
Wednesdays, 7:30 to 10:00 Woodstock Community  
Center  
Instructor, Helen Crout (724-9757)  
President - Bud Reisen (355-6123)

I know everyone is in the same boat this time of the year, hustling, bustling and baking trying to get ready for the Holidays. There is always some last minute things to

do and this is one of them.

Wednesday, Dec. 10th our dance hall (Woodstock Community Center) was decked out with festive decorations, even a trimmed Christmas tree with candy peppermint sticks for everyone furnished by Carl and Betty Graeff. We all are so pleased that our Christmas Dinner and Dance was a great success. There were so many nice club members and guests, 60 or more.

Bill and Ruth Fleshman were party chairman. The dance program was handled by Helen Crout, Fouts and Joan Reynolds took charge of the food catering. The food was delicious and plentiful and the dancing was fun. The dancing was programmed so everyone could dance and enjoy it, mixers, surprise prize dances, easy rounds, intermediates and ball room. Helen Crout, Bill Fleshman and Fouts Reynolds cued the dances for the evening. Everyone said they had a real nice time and would like to renew all acquaintances next year. How about it gang!

By now I'm sure everyone has danced or seen it danced - our cute, snappy round dance for December, "Sassy". It is so much fun to do, everyone should dance it - you don't know how much fun you are missing.

Speaking about fun, our round dance basics class is starting, Wednesday, January 7th from 7:30 to 9:00 (preceding club dance). Helen Crout will be the instructor. So come one and all and bring friends. You will have

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FRANK LANE

Continued - ROUNDOLEERS

barrels of fun.

Here's wishing all of you happy dancing and a great abundance of happiness for the coming New Year.

Happy New Year from the Reizens, reporters.  
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ROUND-DANCE BASICS CLASS

Wednesdays, Woodstock Community Center, from 7:30 to 9:00, sponsored by ROUNDOLEERS. Helen Crout, instructor.

WESTSIDE ORANGE PARK PROMENADERS - Caller  
Eddie Millan squares up with a mate.

Friday nights, West Duval Jaycees Bldg., 1922 Lakeshore Blvd.

Caller - Bill Camp  
President - Tom and Ann Darby (264-6242)

The next big event is our Christmas party on the 19th of Dec. The class will join in for a big get together. The way the girls are whispering and talking about food, decorations and whatnot, it can't be anything but a big old time party.

Speaking of our class, Bill Camp reported that they were present in force at the Learners Hoedown sponsored by the Kaper Cutters of Palatka. Sounds as though our class is going to carry on in the tradition of the Westside Orange Park Promenaders, "have fun" and enjoy square dancing.

After our dance Friday night 12th of Dec., the club had a surprise wedding shower for two of our about to be wed young ones, Ann Bowie and Eddie Millan. The ladies furnished cake and punch with the club furnishing the shower gifts. We all had a big time and plenty of advice on how to use and what to do with the gifts was supplied by some of the married hands. By the way, the surprise shower closed with Danny Danson announcing that a map would be supplied to all club members, clearly showing the "honeymoon" hideway. Talking of Eddie Millan, he called a "tip" for us and we all enjoyed it.

On Saturday Nov. 29th a number of Promenaders, the Dansons, Hortons, Millans, Boyds, Ann Bowie and Gene Wyth journeyed out to Dinsmore Civic Club and danced with the Country Cousins. Gene Wyth reports that all had a big time.

Well, we sure are glad to get Danny Danson back off of the sick list. Russ Russell also reported back to dancing, glad to have him back. Glad to report that Margaret Hilbrant is coming along in great shape. As usual she makes herself at home even in a hospital. When I and the "Better half" were visiting we overheard her telling the nurse's aid that she was on a vacation. To tell you the truth she was entertaining us in her very own parlor - how about that?

Gene Wyth is going to Michigan for Christmas vacation. He tells us that his daughter's birthday is the 25th also, so he is really planning a big time. Hope that he doesn't forget his "longies", don't want him to freeze. Len Kaufman is taking an extended cruise of the Mediterranean at no cost yet. Boy is he ever the lucky one. Just imagine getting paid for spending the winter months at places like Nice, France, Naples, Italy, plus side visits to Greece, Spain and where not. Some people just have all the "breaks". We are looking forward to Edna's return to dancing. Maybe we will see more of her when her son graduates in the near future.

Fred and Sandy Drajna are planning on leaving us in the near future. Seems as though Fred's employer (U.S. Navy) wants him to enjoy Virginia Beach in the winter time. We sure do hope you all come back to us soon. Good luck and the best of wishes from all of the Promenaders.

By the way, Elmer Hilbrant got me by the ear and told me in no uncertain terms he is back driving (a repaired, used to be new Lincoln Continental) and is avoiding garages like the plague.

That's all the news for this time, will be back with you next month.

Jim Kavin, reporter  
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ALLEMANDARINS losing a good caller.

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

By the time this Grapevine leaves the press John Saunders will have called his last regular dance for the Allemandarins. We regret that John is leaving and know that everyone in this area who has danced to John's wonderful calling, shares our feelings. John is moving to Lenoir, N. C. to become a radio announcer. Our best wishes go with you, John and Linda.

The Allemandarins have an excellent caller to take John's night. We are delighted to announce that Bill Bishop will be a regular caller for us starting January 9, 1970. Bill is now teaching our adept and very enthusiastic new class, and extends an open invitation to Allemandarins to visit on class nights.

We are excited and pleased over our class members. Some of them attended our club Christmas party at Barbara Lucas' house. The party was an overwhelming success. Most of the Allemandarins were present and Barbara is such a charming and gracious hostess. We decorated the tree, had a wonderful buffet supper, and played some new party games introduced by Marion and Iris Tapley. Everyone talked and laughed and some talked more than others. "Isn't that true Virginia Cagel?"

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All the children at the party enjoyed a little pre-Christmas gift and had a good time joining in the celebration.

The Allemandarins enjoy meeting people and dancing. Therefore, we are inviting entire square dance clubs to visit us as our guest on Dick Barker's night. We want everyone to meet and dance to this wonderful caller. We also want to make new friends and renews old friendships. These invitations will continue until all clubs in the area have been invited. "You all come and see us when you can".

Joe Summers

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EDITORS NOTE - John and Linda Saunders and children are moving from their home in Daytona back to their home town of Lenoir, N. C. John will be a disc jockey in the sales department of WKJK of Lenoir. He says he is not giving up calling so all clubs remember that and we'll get their address after they get settled. John's father is employed at the Lenoir Furniture Manufacturing Company.

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The officers of the Northeast Florida Square Dancers Association join me in wishing each of you a most joyous new year and the hope for peace on earth for all mankind. May each of you be granted good health, much happiness and the joy of lasting friendships.

And speaking of friendships, the friends you make in the square dance movement are the unshakeable, dependable acquaintances who are always at hand when you need someone most. It is such joy to introduce someone new into a beginner's square dance class because in that way we are sharing an unrealized wealth of friendship (as well as good clean fun) with someone who has been standing outside the wonderful world of square dancing. There will be several new classes starting very soon and every member in the Northeast Florida area should make a special effort to introduce a friend to square dancing. Sometimes you have to go by for them a couple of times and to give encouragement along the way but in the end, a couple we take under wing will be an asset to our club. We must continue having classes in dancing in order to grow and continually work towards increasing our club's membership. We are most fortunate in having excellent callers in our area and we enjoy good caller-dancer relationships.

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HARPER SMITH

Continued - THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

And club presidents and secretaries, please remember that if you will send Ray Wixson the names and addresses with zip codes of your graduating classes, these new people will receive three issues of the GRAPEVINE without charge.

The next meeting of the NEFSDA will be Sunday, January 11, 1970 at the Robert Meyer. Be sure your delegate attends, or you come!

Jim Whiteman, President  
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JUBILEERS planning to have a real good caller and dance on Valentines Day.

2nd & 4th Saturday, Arlington Congre. Church  
Caller - Harold Pillmore

We must apologize to the folks who came to dance with us on December 13th only to find that we were not dancing that night. We tried to let everyone know that we had to cancel the dance and apparently we missed some of the very persons who were coming.

Hope everyone noted that the Jubileers now have two callers as Dick Goedert has been doing a real fine job for us in addition to old faithful Harold Pillmore. Dancing has been great of late at our hall.

We have the most enthusiastic class in progress that yours truly has seen to date. They are a real sociable group and it looks as though we are about to swell the ranks of avid square dancers by about ten more couples. Right now we are making plans to have an exchange dance with our class visiting the Dixie Chain Gang and vice versa.

Our annual Christmas dinner and dance was held on Friday, December 12th and once again we realized what great folks square dancers are. If your club doesn't have a Christmas get together you just don't know what you are missing.

After the New Year's Eve party we will all be working hard toward our 6th annual Valentines Dance. This year our dance will be right on Valentines Day, February 14th. In anticipation of this we have contacted a real top notch caller, Bill Wilson of Aiken, South Carolina. Bill has an extremely active club who follow him virtually in every place he calls. He is a member of the permanent staff at the Rebel Round Up at Fontana Village, N. C. and also at Rainbow Lake in the same area. Any of you who have danced to Bill will need no introduction. Any of the Jubileers will be happy to supply you with a ticket to what promises to be one of the top dances in the area in 1970.

Speaking of the Valentines Dance reminds me of a very pleasant evening which a group of the Jubileers enjoyed with the Dixie Chain Gang on Saturday, Dec. 13th. They always cancel their dance to attend our Valentines

dance and since they dance the same night as we do, we don't get to enjoy their company at other times too much. It wasn't a banner stealing expedition - just a friendly visit. Thanks to Frank Clements, Bill Pridgen, George Stanton and others we enjoyed the dance tremendously. Thanks folks!

That is about all for this issue except to say that all the Jubileers hope that you all had a Very Merry Christmas and wish for each of you a Happy New Year of Square Dancing Fun.

Harvey Chambers, reporter  
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KAPER KUTTERS Hoedown big success.

1st & 3rd Saturday - East Palatka Comm. Ctr.  
Caller - Bill Camp  
President - Bernie & Freida Andreu (325-7683)

The Learner's Hoedown was a big success on Dec. 6th. This 5th annual dance drew 12 squares and six callers. All attending thought this dance was one of the highlights of Square Dancing in the area.

Anne and Ed Fridy, reporters  
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JOSEPH LEE CENTER DANCE

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

With the holidays over, why not come over to the center, Tuesday January 6th and dance to Frank Lane, one of today's most popular square dance callers. (See flyer)

Nora and Bill Camp  
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PAXON PRANCERS catch up on all the news.

Thursdays, 8 p.m., Mary Hammond Youth Center  
Caller - Bob Rust  
President - Donald & Norma Smith (768-6488)

Well, Hello again - A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Sorry I was too late for the December issue - so will catch up now.

We had a good representation from our club in attendance at the Fall Roundup and everyone enjoyed the calling of the great Marshall Flippo.

On Nov. 16th we had a covered dish dinner and a business meeting at the home of Harry and Katie Drake. It was at this meeting the club voted to cancel their Christmas night dance.

On Thanksgiving Day all PP badge holders were admitted free to our dance. We had a great turn out and plenty of snacks. If you do not have a "PP badge" come on over to Paxon and ask how you can get yours.

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On Dec. 13th Paxon had their Christmas Party at the Woodman of the World Hall. There were 52 members attending who enjoyed steaks, ribs and plenty of games with prizes given. Adoor prize of a Holiday Centerpiece was won by Shirley Ballowe. New officers for 1970 were voted in at our Christmas Party and they are as follows: President, Theron and Bonnie Smith; Vice President, Bronze and Virginia Cagle; Secretary, Eloise and Bill Carter; Treasurer, Houston and Catherine Hodges. These officers will be installed at our regular dance on January 1st with Bobby Keefe filling in for Bob Rust.

NOTE FROM OUTGOING PAXON PRESIDENT: This has been a most successful year and we would like to take this opportunity to say a great big "THANK YOU" to all the members of Paxon Prancers for their support and help in making it a most rewarding year. Also, thanks to all the visitors during the year who supported our club and special activities.

Donald and Norma Smith, past pres.

So long for now -

Little Don Smith, reporter  
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BARS AND STRIPES FOREVER

ANY QUESTIONABLE REFERENCE MADE AS TO THE PERSONALITY, CHARACTER OR ACTIVITY OF ANY INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP IN THIS ARTICLE IS STRICTLY IN THE IMAGINATION OF ITS WRITER AND IS FICTITIOUS!

It was in the year of the Great Plague that a Fraternal order of Ex-Convicts arose! This Notorious "Brotherhood of Hoods" was destined to bear the name "Dixie Chain Gang" - Voila, the creative genius of one - Roland Harris.

On the Memorable day of May 16, 1966, Mob headquarters in Jacksonville, Florida became the scene of - a Rumble! Frankie Q. Clements and Moll Doll Agnes were entertaining some of the most Diabolical Brains of the Under-world - for tea!

Among the many Infamous Guests included: Bill and Barbara Pridgen, Tom and Myrna Gibson, Jud and Belinda Hinson and Sonny and Bobbie Williams! At Gun-Point, they gladly excepted nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the newly formed "Dixie Chain Gang". Under slight pressure, this group cheerfully incorporated Rules and Regulations which provided the framework for a set of By-Laws, adopted at a later date.

Instrumental in drawing up this important document of September 8, 1967 was the next "Executive Bored" headed by presidents Billy and Claudia Johnson, and including the Green Clam (Harold and Betty, Anthony and Brenda) along with the aforementioned Pridgens.

So "brutally" were these Sections, Articles,

and Ammendments enforced, that no "gang" member Jared appear in public unless he was uniformly dressed in Organizational Colors - Turquoise Blue and White!

Among the still active, Original Charter Members of the "Dixie Chain Gang" we find at any local Pool Hall, the following sharpies: James and Doris Adcock, Doug and Helen Crout, Tom and Myrna Gibson, Bill and Barbara Pridgen, George and Lois Stanton, Ron and Maxine Y... and, of course, Frank and Appie Clements.

"Square-Deal" Clements, noted Founder, Teacher and Caller, of the "Gang" graduated his first Square dance class in June '66. Twenty Four unsuspecting Grads suffered an "initiation" of such untold Terror that even now, the Gibsons, Fridgens, and Y... have never quite recovered from the ordeal!

Through the years, Frank successfully instructed numerous classes of eager, enthusiastic beginners, and has become recognized as a Top Notch Teacher-Caller.

In the "Good Old Days" every application for membership in the "Dixie Chain Gang" was carefully screened for eligibility! Limited to the very "Elite" of Society, prospective members were required to show positive proof of a formal education - a minimum of ten years in an institution of higher learning such as Leavenworth, Alcatraz or Raiford!

Only one exception was ever made - that in the case of "Georgie the Whip"! After a five year stretch in San Quentin, cool "Whip" unmercifully "lashed" his way to freedom, gaining such a formidable reputation that his membership application was not challenged - not by Nobody! Never losing his cool, "Whip" Stanton beat his way to the Top (through thick and thin) where he firmly stands today, as "Chain Gang" leader.

Times have changed, however! Membership rules are far more relaxed, thus we have become "infiltrated" by pick pockets, purse snatchers, shop lifters, and other thugs of less re-known! Oh, well - Waddayagonnado????

Looking back in 1966 Willie Pridgen, fondly known as "Singin' Stoolie", ruled the "Dixie Chain Gang" with an iron hand! He had a very "even" disposition. Miserable all the time! When Big Stool Pidgeon - er - Pridgen - sang out an order, it was sharp, and flat at the same time! Everybody moved - fast!

Then came the celebrated Billy "Jail-Bird" Johnson! As mob leader, "Bird" Johnson was plenty tough - and cagey! He posed as a cop on many occasions and even fooled the police department once or twice! And they were out to get him! For Thanksgiving, I think, because one Flatfoot vowed to put old Billy "Bird" in a hot oven 'til he cooked clean through!

Let us not forget brilliant "Smart Maxwell" Smith -(Warren). As "Chain Gang" boss for well over a year, his reputation grew as a

writer. Although his material was banned in some circles, the "Gang" credits "Smart Max" with a clever Newsletter - the "Ball and Chain". It's distribution became the media for several secret capers within the organization. Now, "Smart Maxwell" needed just one "crutch" as he labored over his manuscripts! - coffee. Coffee stimulated his brain - kept it alert, and smart! In "Maxwell's House Coffee" was a must! Hm-m-m.

So much for sentimental, nostalgic memoirs! The "Dixie Chain Gangers" of this era, dance (some at the end of a rope) at Philips Highway Plaza, and may be found every second and fourth Saturday nights "whooping it up" to the scintillating beat of Caller Clements!

Occasionally, a tremendous bellow erupts from the mike! It's George - making an announcement - or welcoming our many guests from other local square dance clubs. We might even have visitors from as far away as Cruddy Creek, Idaho! Though barely!

Square dancers are widely known to be Idiots, Knotheads, Crackpots and Cuckoos, and "Chain-Gangers" are no exception. We're all that and more! We love a good time - any old time - even at five o'clock in the morning! Example: A recent "crazy Cuckoo" breakfast party at the home of two great sports, Freddie and Etta Marie Pills! Now a "Cuckoo badge" is traditionally earned at a convention, but our caller and his Taw had "special" plans for the "Chain-Gang". Thusly we thank or blame Frank and Aggie for a "surprisingly" good time and/or no sleep!

However, "revenge is sweet" and "every dog has its day" - translation-I see an "Idiot Party" in the very near future.

Time marches on (lest you have a cheap watch) and with it, the "Dixie Chain Gang", armed to the teeth with ammunition - for super dancing, fun and fellowship! Thanks to the cooperation of our Caller, Club-members, Committee Chairmen and the "Executive Board" of 1969-1970 which includes: Vice Presidents, Elmo and Prudy Brown; Secretaries, Jim and Marilyn Stone; Treasurers, John and Inge Tyson, and very warmly yours, for the Presidency,

George and Lois Stanton  
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GOLDEN ISLES SWINGERS looking eagerly forward to a New Year.

2nd, 3rd & 4th Saturdays, City recreation Bldg., Brunswick, Ga. 8-11 p.m.  
Caller - Dick Barker  
President - Cecil Tankersley (912/264-7195)

Here we are, even if the time has slipped up - hope we are not too late! We really haven't had much dancing activity since our last report having danced only three times since the Fall Roundup. Our "make-up" dance did not develop because of no available dance hall.

Bill Bishop was our Caller on Nov. 22 while

Dick was with the 441 Club. I understand that Bill is relative new as a caller - but he handled our dance like a seasoned veteran! Our group thoroughly enjoyed Bill's calling - and Bill. For sure, with Callers like Bill becoming available our NEFSDA clubs have no reason to go out of the area to book good Callers.

With Bill came a large group of visitors whom we appreciated and enjoyed. There were so many, and so many clubs represented that we won't try to identify them here. Someone from Jacksonville made off with our second, and last, banner. We now have two banners in Jacksonville - somebody had better get started on a recovery mission!

Dec. 20th will be our Christmas dance. Again, as last year, donations of clothes and money will go to the Glynn County Boy's Estate. The dance will begin with a family "cover dish" meal. The mayor and other officials of Boy's Estate will be on hand to accept the donations.

Jon and Mary Whitton are our most recent new members having joined our club at our Dec. 13th dance. We are proud, delighted, and blessed to have such fine persons become one of us.

Sympathy from our entire group is expressed to Grace and Jimmy Moore. Jimmy's father passed away in Savannah on Tuesday, Dec. 16th after an extended illness.

Abe Saddler has been a patient in the Brunswick hospital and missed our Dec. 13th dance. We are looking for Abe to be back with us soon.

Mike Sheppard is back at his regular job with Hercules following a disability leave of about 6 weeks. Mike appears to be much sounder than the current American dollar. He and Dot are expected to be dancing with us again in Jan.

Plans are being made for our New Year's Eve Dance. The problem is finding a hall which we can afford. During this holiday season (each year) the charge for places normally available increases about 500% - that is rough on a small club! However, our membership will be contacted as soon as a place is found.

The three classes in Brunswick continue on a weekly basis - Jimmy Moore on Tuesday at Brunswick College, Charlie Major on Thursday at the Recreation Building and Dick Barker on Saturday at the Recreation Bldg. for the children - prior to our regular dance. Many people are working hard to assure continued and growing square dancing in our area - additional interest and support will be appreciated.

Also, at each club dance Lucius Nelson provides instructions for those interested in Round Dancing. Progress is being made. Don't be surprised to see some Brunswick couples joining the Round Dancers in the not too distant future.

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Continued - GOLDEN ISLES SWINGERS

For those who get Bow & Swing - take a look at page 15 of the Dec. issue. We got our name in the News!

This is, of course, the last report of 1969. The new class is graduating in January. Some say that Square Dancing is going downhill. However, we have held our own with new members and lost members about in balance. Our dancing level has improved and finances are adequate. We have good reason to be encouraged about the year ahead - but, it will depend upon you - and me!

We wish for all square dancers a safe and Merry Christmas, and a 1970 which will bring the very best in health, happiness, and adequate prosperity.

Gene Williams, reporter.  
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FRIENDLY FROLICS caught up with Holiday happenings

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

Gee, it's hard to find a good stopping place to sit down and write a column with all the busy holiday doin's. Everything sort of works up to a fast frenzy about this time of year.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Eldon Bageant's father.

Good to see Doug Bracey at our last dance and to hear that Wilma is feeling a little better. We hope you'll be back dancing with us real soon, Wilma.

We hope Eddie Edge will be through with his work down the state soon. We've missed you, Eddie, even though you do get back to our dances now and then.

Bobby is graduating his new class at our dance on Dec. 20th. They are a small group but real energetic go-getters. We'll write more about them next month. We're sincerely glad to welcome them in Friendly Frolics Club.

With a real warm wish for the very nicest Christmas ever, we'll see you at Friendly Frolics New Years Eve dance and buffet.

Ruth Brandt, reporter  
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Callers - Tom & Mariann Hidding (771-6272)  
President - Don Miller (771-2800)

The Calico's had a terrific Christmas party. A few of the new class members were there which made it more fun. There was mistletoe hanging over the caller's stand and Mr.

Hidding received some kisses from the girls. WHEEEEE!!

The refreshments were yummy and the hall also looked great that night too.

Donna Hicks  
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TEAM PLAY IN ROUND DANCING BY MANNING SMITH

Much has been said and written about leadership in round dancing, about teaching technique, about do's and don'ts, about what to teach and how to teach it; but very little has been said about the team play necessary between two partners when they do a round dance together.

We see many T.V. shows where couples compete against other couples for a prize, and we cannot help but notice the eagerness with which members of the team cooperate with each other. And yet, we see on the dance floor many couples who seem to be fighting against one another rather than cooperating in the pursuit of the biggest prize of all: A lifetime of pleasure that comes to those who achieve team-play on the dance floor.

How do we accomplish this? Many things are necessary!!!! First, we start with a realization of our own shortcomings, and then a knowledge of the deficiencies of our partner. That is the way a coach would do it - take the best material available and then work diligently to improve the weaknesses of each member of the team. Can you imagine a coach telling one of his players, "Don't be so clumsy," or "You will never be any good." Certainly not! With great patience and kindness he would work for improvement throughout the season; -- not just for this day or week -- and he would certainly not expect perfection in less than the usual four years. So it is with dancing. It takes years to approach the goals you want to reach - so why not start with this realization and relax right from the beginning and have fun doing whatever you are capable of doing. Don't worry because others are better than you. Something in their life has given them training that puts them in the second grade rather than the first grade. Feel happy that they are as they are. And always remember; when you get to the eighth grade, don't look down upon the sixth graders because you have more education than they, for you have a great deal of learning ahead of you yet!

Once you have made up your mind that this round dance program is "FOR FUN", you need no longer worry about your mistakes. Most success is built upon a series of mistakes so get on your feet and try! You might amaze both yourself and your partner, and open the door to pleasures you never dreamed of before. Learn what you can, just as fast as you can learn it! Then practice, practice, practice!

Continued. TEAM PLAY IN ROUND DANCING

But don't forget to be kind to one another! Remember that it is the duty of the man to "take the lead". Please, ladies, let him do just that! The more practice he gets in guiding a partner through the dance, the better he will become at it, the easier it will be for him to remember routines, and the more fun it will be for both of you. For a man to become the best possible leader, he must be allowed to practice it at all times. Likewise, in order for a lady to become the best possible dancer, she must practice following at all times, even when the guy goofs! A man does not intentionally do things wrong, and he will eventually learn if given the opportunity in the right atmosphere. But if he is pushed too fast, he will allow the lady to think for him and guide him through a routine if she wishes. That defeats the goal toward which we strive - that of team play, with each member doing his part. Most men are perfectionists, with logical and mathematical minds, and they insist upon knowing exactly how to do a thing before exposing themselves to the scrutiny of others. They are naturally shy (even the extroverts) and often have difficulty overcoming it in the beginning. An understanding partner can help tremendously! Be patient, be kind, be tolerant, in short -- "BRAG, DON'T NAG!"

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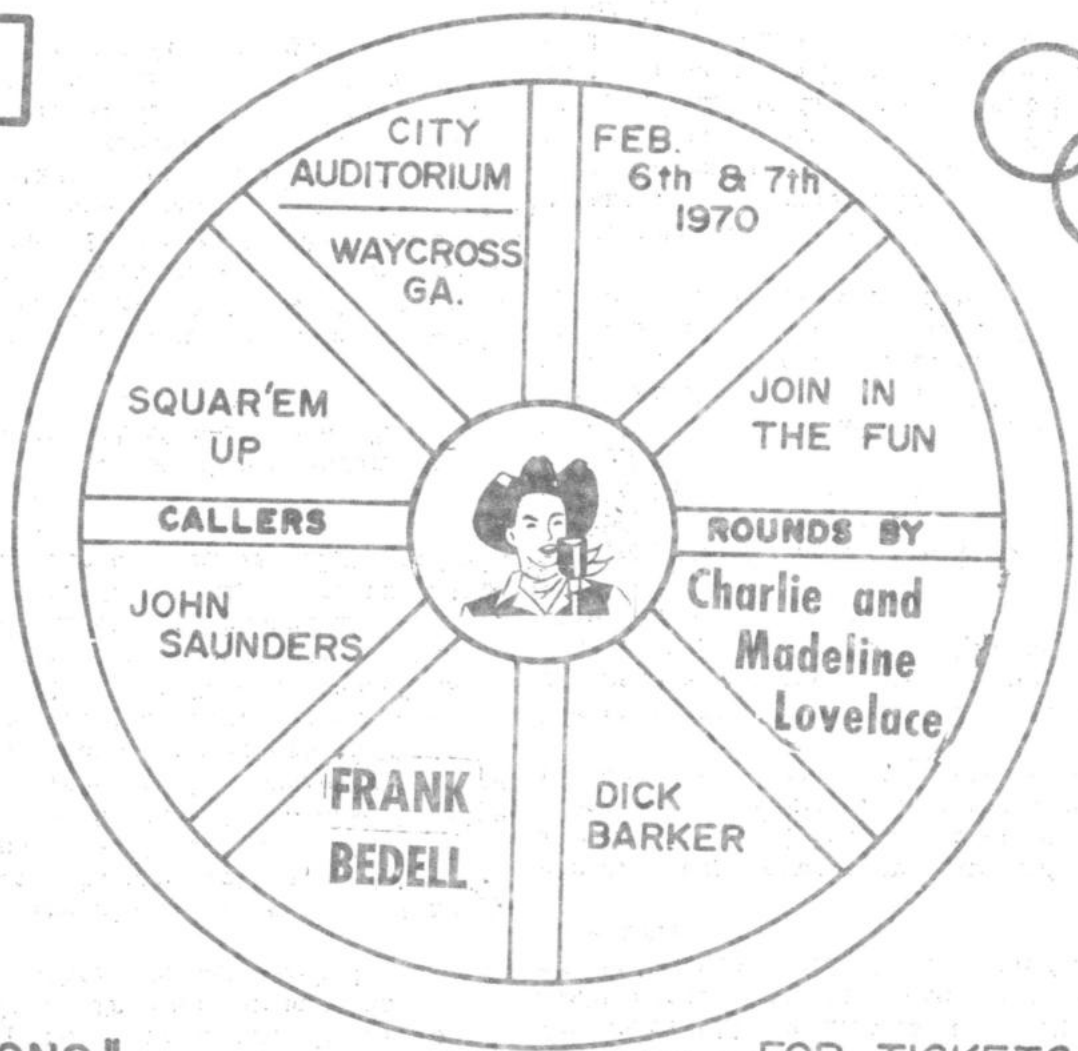
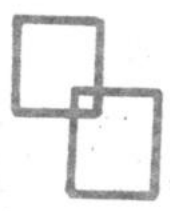
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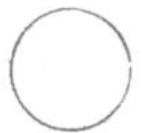


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