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BOW AND SWING

It has been proven what we can accomplish if we all work together. The State Convention was a great success under the expert chairmanship of Harry Edwards. I want to thank all of the Northeast Florida dancers and callers for being such splendid hosts and making the Convention such a grand success. Our special thanks to the ones that assumed the responsibilities of the special committees. Carl and Rose Law worked hard and long hours from the time the Convention Committee was formed until the last dancer was signed in. The excellent way in which they took care of registrations was a big factor in the success of the Convention. Our thanks to Gerald and Mary Kieffer for taking care of the Host and Hostess Committee; to Bea Smith, who made all of the arrangements for First Aid; and to Helen Crout, who was our treasurer and took the responsibility of the banking of the money and paying the bills. Virgil Green took care of the facilities. He made the arrangements with the hotels and city for the Civic Auditorium and all the needed accessories. Leonard Saraga oversaw the decorating of the Civic Auditorium. And last, but by no means least, we wouldn't have had any dancing if the local callers, with Floyd Hazen as Chairman, hadn't loaned all of their equipment and seen that it was operating properly throughout the Convention. The State Callers Association (Al Hixon, President) and the State Round Dance Council (Bob Waites, President) planned the program and did the calling and teaching that we all enjoyed so much. To all of you, and also to Bart Bartley for the most enjoyable after-party, we all say thanks.

Whew!! The Convention is over and things are starting to get back to normal again. It was a good one, and everybody had a wonderful time.

On Sunday after the Convention, the Board of Delegates of the State Federation of Square Dancers held a meeting at which one of the primary problems discussed was our state paper, "Bow and Swing." As many of you know, the Florida Federation of Square Dancers is now the owner of this paper, having taken it over from Cody Publications, a private enterprise. A committee of dancers from around the state are working hard to improve the magazine to make it more appealing and of more service to the square and round dancers in the state. For instance, plans have been approved to group news from any one area in one section by itself to make it easier to find the news you are most interested in reading. The Northeast area will have its own section, the Central area will have its section, and so forth. Plans are being worked out to provide a complete directory of state callers, Federation officers and regional officers in each issue so that those who want to contact one particular individual will have the information readily available. Other improvements are under study to cut operating costs and at the same time improve the service the paper is supposed to render.

We topped previous records with a registration of 1207 dancers plus over 70 callers and wives.

One of the main problems is news gathering, and to this end it has been decided to try and have one individual in each area serve as a focal point to receive and forward news to the publisher. This does not prevent individuals or clubs from sending in items separately, but it does give the editor of "Bow and Swing" one person he can contact in a hurry for additional information on certain items or to call if no news has been received. The deadline for sending in items is the SIXTH (6th) of each month, by which date the items should be at "Bow and Swing." So please have all club publicity chairmen observe this deadline.

Now get those stiff muscles limbered up and soak those sore feet and come out to the Association Dance at Pythian Center, 819 Kipp Avenue, on June 29 at 8:00, with our area callers calling.

Paul Lane, Pres. NEFSDA

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Our deepest sympathy goes to Russ and Bettie Osborn in their sorrow over the passing of their lovely 17-year-old daughter, Rhetta, on June 7.

As to types of news, COMING EVENTS are most desired. If your club is sponsoring an out-of-town caller or planning a special dance, these are important and needed as news items. Elections of officers are news important to many dancers around the state. This does not eliminate stories about past parties, dances, etc., but the stress should be put on coming events.

We wish to thank the many people who helped with the Convention registration and the dancers who cooperated by registering in advance. We feel it was the best Convention yet, and the smooth way it ran was due to the splendid work done by all of you. Many thanks.

Carl and Rose Law

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The Federation also needs your help in a financial way too. Clubs should push subscriptions among their members. If you know of a person or firm that could profitably advertise in "Bow and Swing," we want to know about it. Clubs can help in this respect by placing small ads giving publicity to their big dances, particularly touring callers special dances where visitors are being invited. The paper is willing to use these as news items, but a small club ad will help both the paper and the club, as it may attract out-of-the-area dancers.

ORANGE PARK JUNIOR PROMENADERS

The JUNIOR PROMENADERS were so excited June 5 they didn't seem to know right from left. The photographer trying to take pictures almost got trampled under the shuffling of feet. He didn't know whether to take the pictures or run. There were pictures of our caller, Floyd Hazen, and a few of the dancers, also quite a write-up, in the "Times-Union" just before the convention.

In closing, remember you, as square dancers, own the paper, and it will be up to you to make it successful. In this respect any suggestions you may have to improve the paper are more than welcome.

Square dancing is the world's greatest fun and is getting more popular all the time. Whole families join in the fun from daughter, son, to mother and father, grandmother and grandfather.

The undersigned has been asked to be the representative of "Bow and Swing" in this area and will appreciate your help in the furnishing of news items, etc., for the paper. Remember the deadline is now the 6th of each month. Postcards, letters, phone calls, all are welcome, but we do need your club news, so please cooperate.

The JUNIOR PROMENADERS were well represented at the Convention by Eugene Nix, Claire Davis, Pam Dease, Ronald and Patricia McElroy, Elaine and Linda Thornton, David Vertner, Steve Houston, June Delp, Terry Chojnacki, Sandra Carroll, Patty Craig, and Jimmy Greer. If you were there and we missed you, don't blame us too much because we were having a ball. In fact, I danced until my back was killing me. The doctor asked me what in the world I'd been doing. When I told him, "Nothing except square dancing for three days," he said, "That explains it." We wouldn't have missed it for anything. Everyone did a wonderful job -- especially Marge and Floyd.

The Federation officers and delegates from all parts of the state were all very well pleased with the Convention and voiced the belief that all dancers from the Northeast area deserve a vote of thanks for the work they put forth to make it such a successful affair.

Virgil A. Green

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There are about ten JUNIOR PROMENADERS who haven't been around in quite some time. We sure miss you. I guess Little League and Camp are a lot of fun, or maybe the bug didn't bite you as bad as some of us.

So long, see you next month.

Gene and Ann McElroy

SEASIDE SQUARES

We had visitors from Friendly Frolics, Merry Mixers, Paxon Prancers and Orange Park Promenaders. We had Jim Jones from Clinton, Connecticut. June 5 we had a dinner at Homestead Restaurant. The regular Wednesday-night dance has been cancelled for July 3.

June 12 our class graduated, and here they are: Barbara Lindsey, Ruth Whatley, Betty Williams, Eddie and Vera Edge, Al and Vera McAtee, Lewis and Elizabeth Kes-pohl. Our new class starts Monday, June 17. The ages are from 12 to 80. Come and enjoy yourself.

Virginia Williams, Reporter

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ALLEMANDERS

(Gainesville)

Gainesville's newest square-dance club, the ALLEMANDERS, will meet on Tuesday, June 25, at the City Recreation Center, and will have as their official guests Gainesville's MERRYSTEPPERS. The following Tuesday, July 2, the Merrysteppers will be host at another joint meeting between the two clubs, but this time it will begin with an earlier covered-dish supper. The ALLEMANDERS will resume their regular Monday-evening dances on July 8 at the Howard Bishop Junior High School.

The ALLEMANDERS were well represented at the State Convention in Jacksonville with at least a dozen couples in attendance. Quite a few earned badges as Crackpots, Goons, Lobbyists, Idiots, and others. And already there's talk about the September Knothead Convention in Clearwater.

Wanda and Bill Ebersole

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JUBILEERS

The JUBILEERS, at its recent business meeting, elected new officers, and we are happy to welcome Dick and Sally Haskins as our President couple to guide our club through the coming year. The other officers will be Cy and Carol Washburn as Vice President, Harold and Nina Hodges as Secretary, M. L. and Sara Ashley as Treasurer, Ed and Evelyn Criminger as Reporters and Delegates to the Northeast Florida Square Dance Association, "Babe" and Alice Gilmore and Russ and Edythe Grello as Special Events Chairmen.

We wish to thank our outgoing officers for leading our club through another very successful year. Our club wishes them a heart-felt "Vote of Thanks."

On Saturday night, June 8, we graduated our beginners class consisting of seven couples. We want to welcome Carl and Sherrill Sheldon, Dan and Mary Williams, Jack and Naomi Sills, Bill and Opal Albert, Bob and Joyce Barker, Dan and Dora Sherrick and Lee and Carol Gardner to our club and to wish them many years of fun and entertainment as square dancers.

After the graduation dance on Saturday night, June 8, the class visited the homes of our two excellent callers, Jack Griffiths and Harold Pillmore, and, clad in their night clothes, officially became "Double Idiots."

We also want to welcome as new members to the JUBILEERS Jim and Jean Christy, who recently moved here from Savannah.

All the JUBILEERS had a wonderful and "tiring" time at the State Convention dances, and we want to thank everyone who had a part in arranging the Convention for making it one of the best in the history of square dancing.

All in all, it has been a "good" month for square dancing, and we invite everyone to join us on the second and fourth Saturday nights. Y'ALL COME.

Ed and Evelyn Criminger

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WESTERN CUTTERS

Our anniversary picnic and dance were both great. During the afternoon around 65 of us ate and ate 'til we thought we would not be able to move that evening -- much less dance. But dance we did, and we celebrated the CUTTERS' Fourth Birthday in real style. Our thanks to all persons assisting and helping out with the necessary chores: Marshall and Claudia Carr, Harney and Nancy Morrow, Tommy and Ramona Milford, Bob and Ellen Brandon, Bill and June Stegall, Leon and Bea Smith, and your reporters.

In the spirit of the dance, "Charter Member" plates and orchids were presented to Fred and Erma Blado and to Paul and Mary Lane. Orchids were presented to Marge and Floyd Hazen -- yes, Floyd, too (but it was kinda small) -- our charter-member caller and his lovely law. We enjoyed our many visitors, and we hope you will come again any second and fourth Saturday evening at the Annie Morgan School. We promise you a special dance and a special caller -- Floyd Hazen -- every time.

On June 8 regular dance night we "warmed up" for the Convention, working standard as well as new basic calls. Again we enjoyed having a large number of visitors with us from Paxon Francers, Merry Mixers, Friendly Frolics, and Orange Park Promenaders. We now have an organized visiting schedule for our club so we will be "dropping in" on all the clubs in this area, and we look forward to this very much.

No doubt many words, pictures, and phrases will tell about our State Convention. We heard remarks that this was the biggest and best ever. Your reporters attended the Convention for the first time and can safely say that we and everyone that we saw certainly had a ball. All the callers who participated and Paul Lane and all the NEFSDA crew who helped make this a big success are to be congratulated.

Ralph and Gussie Vaughn

PIRATES INVADE ORANGE PARK

The age of piracy has returned to Orange Park, Florida. Here on the shores of the great St. Johns a band of pirates known as the ORANGE PARK PROMENADERS took over the town, and about 200 pirateers took over the Lions Club for an evening of hilarious fun.

We had "Calico Don" accompanied by "Slinky Millie," "Black Bucky" with "Sexy Shirley." We had the "Chojnackis," captives from Blackbeard's ship. He couldn't spell their name, so he gave them to us. Let's don't forget the "Robbins," or was it "Robbers" -- anyway, he was a real cute pirate with curly mustache. We also had an Arab pirate (Sam Blanford) and an Hawaiian girl (Maryjean Leach), picked up somewhere in the South Seas. No, I don't know how they got on that island. You know these shipwrecks -- anything can happen.

In charge of this ship were the "Blood-thirsty Hilbrants," and the first mates were Marge and Floyd -- very good-looking pirates. But before the dance was over Floyd looked like he had hit some rough seas. About midway through the trip we had a mutiny; Louise, Elsie and Bobbie tied Floyd up while Kaye and Bea raised the lady pirates' flag of multi-colored unmentionables, and Marge was placed in charge of the ship -- the best lady caller on the high seas.

We had a cave dance, with bats and all the trimmings. Can you imagine the confusion of finding your corner or partner in the dark, or try doing a "cross trail" in a dark hall.

We really had some good entertainment, and Margaret Hilbrant said full cooperation from all club members made the party the huge success it was. We were real pleased with all our teen-agers. They wrote, composed and called their own skit. Four real cute teen-age pirates (Pat Carroll, Elois Delp, Jan Delp and Cathy Church) carried in a buried treasure chest full of goodies, when all of a sudden they were thrown aside by the tough pirates (Don, Eddie, Red and Eddie) as they took over the gals and the treasure and did a dance to the music "When the Saints Come Marching in," with a story background about Captain Kidd.

I'd like to mention our visitors and the cute sailor couples from Gainesville who made a real nice picture in their middy blouses and bell pants. We were real happy to have our Tuesday-night class as guests, and they made the old pros keep stepping.

This has been a full month, and we also attended the State Convention. After a check-up I found we turned out almost 100% for the Convention. Our new class attended the "Everybody Dance" and had a real ball --very good planning -- and we all enjoyed the workshops and "hash" sessions, and the

Civic Auditorium was really the "most." I'd say downtown Jax never looked more beautiful than with all the pretty dresses and smart-looking western shirts and boots. And the "something for everyone" was real neat. Our teen-agers had a ball, and they wanted me to remind Stevie, Terry and Roger from the Rebel Promenaders, Leesburg, Florida, that they will see them in Clearwater. See, boys; good square dancers are really in demand.

We were real proud of the skits performed by our own Promenaders at the after-party. I hope Larry packed his costume carefully. I know we shall need it again sometime soon.

Some badges were made, I hear. They wanted to make "Roofer," but the rain dampened that badge.

We also had a wonderful round-dance workshop. All in all, it was the biggest and best State Convention, and now we look forward to the next event, the Knothead Konvention at Clearwater, Florida.

Kaye Carroll, Reporter

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S T A R L I T E S H U F F L E R S

The STAR LITE SHUFFLERS' new officers were installed on June 7, and we are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead under the leadership of this fine group of people.

At a meeting of the new officers, on May 30, the group squared up to the calling of Charlie Kemp, our new hospitality chairman. Charlie got so interested in watching the dancers that he forgot the calls and started motioning with his hands. The square kept on dancing to this new kind of calling -- and they said it couldn't be done!

Our graduation and covered-dish dinner on June 8 was wonderful. The dinner was delicious (and plentiful). Dorinda Patrick did a very good job on the cake-making and salads. How did Rocky rate that special salad? Perhaps it was a small way of saying thanks for all the work he and Martha did on the caps for graduation. We also want to say thanks to Gus Ruser for

the new flavor of the month -- PRUNE ICE CREAM, mixed especially for Dottie Knight. We were honored to have Fred and Erma Blado (President and taw of Merry Mixers) dine with us that night and hope they will come back again.

Our new graduates, who have been duly initiated, and survived, are: Chuck, Betty and Susan Bakalar; Janice and Vince Ghioto; Norman and Ellene Haynes; Mike and Bill Moore; Ervin, Rick and Jaiquette Liner; Primo and Clara Montalto; Rosemary Robinson; James Samuel; Lee (Mrs. W. L.) Wallace and Mike; Cecile and Marion Wilson; George, Myrtle and Frankie Smith; Dorinda Patrick and Tommy Scoggins.

Vacations are here -- Hazel and Jack Cannon have just returned from Chattanooga. The Addingtons are leaving for Maine early in July. The Yongue family are planning a trip in July. Of course, the Knights are on their way to St. Paul for the National Convention. Did you notice the huge handbag Dottie was carrying at the State Convention inscribed "St. Paul or Bust!"? We are in hopes our STAR LITE SHUFFLER banner will be on display at the National Convention.

"Get well" wishes go to our sick members, including Brandon Yongue who had his tonsils removed on June 5.

The STAR LITE SHUFFLERS will be moving on Saturday, July 6, to Edgewood Avenue Christian Church. Come dance with us.

Our new membership year starts July 1, and our new treasurers, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wallace, will be happy to receive your membership fees.

Badges are now being handled by our new Vice Presidents, Bob and Margie Ross. So all you people who made "Plunger" and "Elevator" at the State Convention, be sure to turn your badge orders in to Bob and Margie. Next month your reporter will publish a list of these new badge holders.

The STAR LITE SHUFFLERS are planning a "Fall Hoodown" at Camp O'Lena in October which promises to be an exciting week-end. We hope to have some of the other local clubs join us on this outing. For full details contact Walt or Dottie Knight.

We are also planning a workshop beginning in July.

No doubt all the square dancers around town have noticed the very good articles in our papers lately about our favorite pastime -- SQUARE DANCING.

Have you heard about our new special feature at club meetings -- the "Fun Tip"? It is a tip set aside for everyone to dance, a time for the children to dance with the adults, when cutting in is welcomed, and walk-throughs are invited; in fact, anything goes, and everyone seems to enjoy it, including our visitors.

We have a new group of "Idiots," which includes George, Myrtle and Frankie Smith; Janice and Vince Ghioto; Norman, Mike, Bill and Ellene Haynes; Bill Knight; and Clara and Primo Montalto. They made their badge the night of graduation, and proved to be the biggest "Idiots" we've had yet by driving up in Walt's yard at 1:00 A.M. and blowing the horn. What "Idiots!"

Our new "Diehards" are the Smiths and Frankie, the Haynes and sons, the Wilsons and the Montaltos. The Ghiotos started out with the group but soon ran out of "gas."

Did you hear about the bad luck the Liner men have with chairs? At our graduation, during initiation, it was Ervin's duty to sit in a chair at the end of his team line and burst balloons by sitting on them. Rick, his son, said, "Daddy is going to break that chair" -- and sure enough, the chair crumpled under him. I suppose Rick then said, "I hate to say this, Pop, but I told you so." Then on Saturday, during the Convention, some of our group went out to the Capri for dinner. While there, Rick's chair crumpled under him. Like father -- like son.

Walt has been asked to teach a class at Hyde Park for some golfers who are interested in square dancing.

The STAR LITE SHUFFLERS wish to extend their deepest sympathy to Russ and Bettie Osborn on the great loss of their beloved daughter, Rhetta. Some of our children knew Rhetta in school, and they also send their sympathy.

The 10th Annual Florida Square Dance Convention on June 13-15 was a week-end that will long live in our memory. Since there were approximately 1300 people registered, I'm sure all of our readers were there, and all know what a thrill it was to dance to so many wonderful callers. I observed on Friday night that it was so crowded in the George Washington Auditorium that on breaks the squares sat on the floor to keep from losing their places -- you've heard of "Squatter's Rights." During one dance on the week-end, Walt's pocket sprung a leak, and money went every place. It was a new experience -- square dancing on money. We were right proud of our club in their new white outfits on Friday night, and on Saturday in our traditional blue. Our thanks to Lee Wallace, our sewing member, who was a big help to many of our members in getting ready for the Convention. There was quite a fashion parade at the Convention, and the Wagon Wheelers were about the prettiest ones there. Our club gathered at the George Washington on Saturday night at 7:00 to celebrate the birthdays of Bill Knight, Cathy Patrick, Tina Ruser, Caroline Yongue and George Smith before going to the Auditorium. And so it continued into the night while the callers tried to wear out the dancers, and the dancers tried to wear out the callers. Who won? By midnight Saturday everyone said their feet were burning up,
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STAR LITE SHUFFLERS (Cont'd)

and they wished they could find some of that "frozen ground" the callers kept talking about. I saw one square dancing with a boiled egg being passed from dancer to dancer. Each dancer was shocked when it finally reached him. Who finally dropped it, Angie? The STAR LITE SHUFFLERS' children were very active in "goings-on" in the Teen Room. We were sorry to see it end, but, as one fellow said, "We just couldn't stand it if it lasted much longer."

Good-bye,

Betty Tool

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Due to circumstances beyond our control, namely, vacations, the Surf Twirlers Convention has been canceled. Sorry.

Everyone had a wonderful time at The Convention on the 14th and 15th. I would like to thank Ray Baxter for the great job he did with the Teen Room. I'm sure everyone up there enjoyed himself.

Susan Blank

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ISLAND SQUARES

(Fernandina Beach)

Our "Warm-up" dance, with Myron Samson doing a fine calling job, was a huge success. It was so nice to see all our old friends, with many from the Merry Mixers, Friendly Frolics, Star Lite Shufflers, Riverside Twirlers, Fun and Frolic, Orange Park Promenaders, Hi Squares (High Springs) and Key West Squares, plus the Allemanders from Gainesville taking first prize for the largest group, with twenty couples. Also, our good friends and Ye Editors, Ruth and Bill Fleshman, and Northeast Florida Prez and Taw, Paul and Mary Lane. Many, many thanks to all for coming. We hope to return the visit as soon as Lou's ankle gets better.

Oh, yes, Lou Celsner, Treasurer, and better half, made history on June 7. Lou was riding our new mower towards the edge of the River Bluff (15-foot drop), turned, but the mower kept going. She bravely rode it down, hurtled over the steering

wheel into the water, made it to shore with only a few assorted bruises and a twisted ankle, helped recover the mower, and was back mowing and square dancing (with a noticeable limp) within two days. She was awarded full honors at the Cotillion Club on June 15 and publicly given the "HERO" Badge of the Loyal Order of Women Mower Drivers, Inc. (Semper Ignoramicus). Excerpts from the presentation speech follow:

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Make note of our "Golden Crown" Summer Hoedown which is all set for Saturday night, August 10, in the Fernandina Beach Recreation Center, from 8:00 until ????. The price is \$1 per couple. More details later. If there is no hurricane in the area, we hope to have a little Surf Twirling afterwards. So, y'all come. Lots of room and refreshments. See you around.

Oley Olsen

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LAKE CITY SQUARES

You people who like to dance all through the summer, remember that the LAKE CITY SQUARES dance every second and fourth Monday and every fourth Saturday at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Lake City.

Those people who went over to Jacksonville for the Square Dance Convention sure have made us that couldn't go sorrier than ever. They report a wonderful time.

J. B. and Elsie Hunter, Reporters



Sadness stirred through our club when we learned of the passing of the Csborn's daughter, and square dancers all over the area extend their deepest sympathy to you, Russ and Bettie. We were very pleased to see you two at the Convention and hope to see you back with the club soon.

After hoping for quite some time for a new family addition, it's finally happened. Dick and Marjorie Steeves are beaming the good news that they're going to be grandparents for the first time in December.

We welcomed the family of John Lovelace who is stationed here with the Navy, from Key West. We were honored by his ten-year-old daughter calling for us. Thank her for us, John. She did a very good job.

Our Thursdays are made much more enjoyable now by the addition of two new window fans to help battle the heat. As Herb Lawhorne would most likely put it, "Our uniforms don't leak quite so badly."

While Herschell was absent for several weeks, Jack Griffiths did a superb job of pinch-hitting. We thank you, Jack, and we all enjoyed your fine calling.

Our President, Fred Blado, was much under the weather for a time, but he's up and around now and dancing every tip. Bobby and I were sorry you weren't there when we visited your "other" club -- Westconnett.

Quite a few of our MERRY MIXERS have been seen recently on TV and in the All-Florida magazine. Better keep smiling, gang, 'cause you never know when you're gonna be on camera. You may have seen some of our MERRY MIXERS exhibiting their folk dancing ability between tips at the Convention.

There was much activity this past month, what with the Convention in town and much excitement in the air. Although an abscessed wisdom tooth kept me away from the long-awaited festivities, I got some first-hand reports. Bobby managed to be in on most of the activities -- from hotels to Auditorium and back again. For those of you who worked during the Convention, you did an excellent job, as I hear it was a great success.

A few of our long-time-no-see members made the Convention -- the McMurrays, the Crosses, and the James. A previous illness kept Virginia Tresca from much activity, and Betty Hadden fell ill soon after the festivities began. Those of us who didn't make the Convention hope those of you who did had a grand time. We're looking forward to the Fall Roundup already.

We'll be looking for all of you at the Association Dance at the Pythian Center on June 29. Don't forget -- no dance on July 4, and our monthly dinner-dance on July 11.

Kay Johns, Reporter

Well, this was a hectic month, what with conventions, vacations, etc., but our club did manage to squeeze in a visit to the USO and to the mental ward of the Duval Medical Center, and had a swell time at both places. The taw of our caller, Elwood, has been recuperating from a recent operation, and we sure have missed having her with us. We're looking forward to having her back dancing with us real soon.

During the month of June our club held an anniversary dance. Not for the club, but for all couples married during the month of June. The dance was complete with wedding march, corsages, wedding cake, punch and everything else that goes with a wedding. After the couples were presented to everyone, a few questions were asked the husbands. It's surprising how short a man's memory is. Ray, where did you say you proposed? Rosina remembered, so how come you didn't? After this question-and-answer routine, all the wives were seated, and their husbands stood behind them. Then their purses were brought to them. (Never did figure out how they found their purses scattered all over the hall, but seems as though we have a pretty good detective in the club.) A list of items were presented to the husbands, and the wife who had the most of these items in her purse was presented with a prize. You would be amazed at the items found in some purses. Of course, the wife that had been married the longest did win. Just goes to show that the longer you're married, the more prepared you get for anything that might happen. You never know when a paper clip might come in handy. Right, Sara Warren? Included among our anniversary couples were two lucky girls and their intendeds: Geraldine Kieffer and Jack Gerrahy; Lynn Sexton and Dick Otto. You could easily tell these couples from the old married folks - they were still smiling! (Just kidding, of course.) The married couples celebrating their anniversaries this month are Wilfoch and Sara Warren, Ray and Rosina Baxter, Patsy and Bob Love, and Mary and Gerald Kieffer. Good luck, kids. Hope you're as happy 20 years from now.

Boy, was the Convention ever a blast! Never saw so many people have such a good time. We thoroughly enjoyed it and were so happy to see everyone there. We thought it went over very smoothly and want to add our thanks to everyone who planned and worked on the Convention. Your work certainly was apparent and appreciated. You don't realize what terrific callers you have in your own state until you have a State Convention, or in your own city, for that matter. It seemed as though each one was trying to out-do the other.

Wish we were all going to the National with the lucky ones from this area who will be attending. Walter Knight, have fun. We're looking forward to having your club visit with us while you're up there. We'll be thinking about you. Cora and Margaret.

MERRY STEPPERS

(Gainesville)

With vacation time upon us, our crowds vary each week, but have remained fairly large in spite of it.

Of course, the big news this month was the State Convention in Jacksonville. We wish all our club could have gone, for they'll never know what good times they missed. As it was, the MERRY STEPPERS were well represented, with about twenty couples attending. We dare not print the names, because with the crowds there may have been some of our members that we didn't even see.

Don't we have a wonderful group of callers in our good old Sunshine State? We don't believe there are any other states that can boast a finer group.

All the halls seemed to stay busy all the time, with the Rumpus Room perhaps holding the largest crowds. The Trails-end Dance and the After-Dances were all marvelous, not to mention the After-Party with our own Bart Bartley as M.C. We even hear some people didn't recognize that stately Southern Gentleman, who may have been related to Colonel Saunders. Ha! Ha!

Our dance last night -- the 18th -- was well attended, though we heard numerous complaints of sore feet and legs. Our next dance, the 25th, will be a joint dance at the Recreation Center with the Allemanders, and they will be our hosts for a change. Then the next dance, on July 2, will also be held jointly with them, with the MERRY STEPPERS as hosts for a covered-dish supper. We are all looking forward to these dances, because the Allemanders proved at the Convention that they are really swell dancers, and a most enthusiastic group.

Well, back to catch up on some more of that sleep we lost so much of, and we'll see you a little more rested next month.

Edna and Tom Hutson, Reporters

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COMPLIMENTARY GRAPEVINES

Upon graduating from their first beginners class in our area, square dancers are entitled to three free issues of the GRAPEVINE, compliments of the Northeast Florida Square Dancers Association. Clubs, please remember to send us the names and addresses of your graduates.

NEW BEGINNERS CLASSES

June 17 - Jacksonville Beach Bandshell, by Joe Smith. Each Monday night at 8:00. Classes close July 1 for new registrants.

June 17 - Englewood Home Demonstration Club, by Roy McDonald. Monday nights at 8:00 until 10:00.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

In addition to excelling at round and square dancing, another of Ruth Bartley's accomplishments is cooking. So many of her friends have clamored for her delicious chocolate cake recipe that we suggested she let us publish it in the "Grapevine" so that all our readers may share it with her.

DEVIL'S FOOD CAKE

Melt in top of double boiler:
4 oz. bitter chocolate
1/4 lb. butter (or margarine)

Mix in bowl in order given:
1 cup boiling water
2 cups sugar
1/2 cup sour cream mixed with 1 1/2 tsp. soda
2 cups bread flour (sifted before measuring) mixed with 1 tsp. baking powder
2 eggs

To this mixture add the chocolate and butter mixture. Pour into two wax-paper-lined pans and bake 30 to 35 minutes in 350-degree oven. When cool, fill with:

FILLING FOR DEVIL'S FOOD CAKE

Melt 2 oz. bitter chocolate and 2 cups milk in top of double boiler. Mix together 1/2 cup sugar and 1/3 cup sifted bread flour. Add a small amount of chocolate and milk mixture to form smooth paste and then add remainder of chocolate and milk and cook until thick.

Add 2 beaten egg yolks and cook two minutes longer.

Note: Ruth says she seldom uses the filling -- just the white icing. But if you do use the filling, allow it all to COOL, and it is better to let the cake stand a day before cutting.

DIVINITY ICING FOR DEVIL'S FOOD CAKE

2 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup white corn syrup
1/2 cup cold water
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 egg whites
1 tsp. vanilla, or 1/2 tsp. each of vanilla and almond extract
10 large marshmallows

Boil sugar, syrup, salt and water to exactly 238 degrees (no more or less) on candy thermometer. Beat egg whites until very stiff but not dry. Slowly pour the syrup over beaten whites, beating at high speed in mixer. Add flavoring and marshmallows. Continue beating until a peak is formed when beaters are lifted. Do not stir syrup while cooking as this makes it sugary.

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AND
HAPPY EATING!

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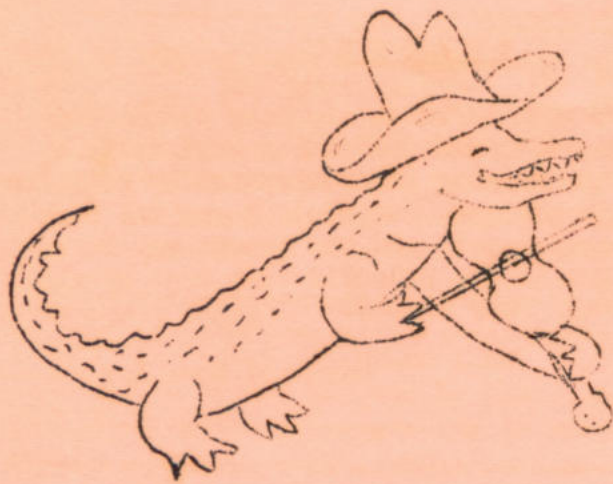
- June 28 - FRIDAY. AQUA DUCK HOSPITALITY DANCE. Savannah Beach, Ga. Sponsored by Tybee Twirlers. Town Hall, 8:00 P.M.
- June 29 - SATURDAY. AQUA DUCK FESTIVAL, Savannah, Ga.
- June 29 - FIFTH SATURDAY ASSOCIATION DANCE. Pythian Center, 819 Kipp Ave., Jax., (Southside, off Miami Road, near Main Street Bridge). Area callers, 75¢ per person. AIR-CONDITIONED.
- June 29 - Surf Twirlers Convention cancelled.
- July 3 - Wednesday. SEASIDE SQUARES dance cancelled.
- July 4 - THURSDAY. HARRY LACKEY, presented by the SWAMP STOMPERS. Waycross Civic Auditorium; \$2 per couple; 8:00.
- July 4 - MERRY MIXERS dance cancelled. (Thursday)

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- July 6 - BOW and SWING NEWS DEADLINE. See article on page 1.
- July 6 - SATURDAY. FRIENDLY FROLICS GRADUATION of beginners class. Annie Lytle.
- July 6 - SATURDAY. IRV ELIAS calling at SWAMP STOMPERS. Waycross Civic Auditor.
- July 6 - SATURDAY. STAR LITE SHUFFLERS move to Edgewood Ave. Christian Church.
- July 11 - THURSDAY. MERRY MIXERS covered-dish supper and dance. Eat at 7:00.
- July 15 - MONDAY. NEFSDA meeting. Hotel Mayflower, 8:00 P.M.
- July 17 - WEDNESDAY. ANDY ANDRUS, presented by SWAMP STOMPERS, Waycross Civic Auditorium, 8:00. Admission \$2 per couple.
- July 20 - SATURDAY. IRV ELIAS calling at SWAMP STOMPERS. Waycross Civic Auditor.
- Aug. 3 - SATURDAY. IRV ELIAS calling at SWAMP STOMPERS. Waycross Civic Auditor.
- Aug. 10 - SATURDAY. "GOLDEN CROWN" SUMMER HOEDOWN, sponsored by ISLAND SQUARES, Fernandina Beach Recreation Center, 8:00 P.M., \$1 per couple. Refreshments - Surf Twirling, weather permitting.
- Aug. 17 - SATURDAY. IRV ELIAS calling at SWAMP STOMPERS. Waycross Civic Auditor.
- Aug. 21 - WEDNESDAY. MAX FORSYTH, presented by FRIENDLY FROLICS, at the air-conditioned Morocco Temple (Adams and Newman, Jax). Advance tickets \$1 per person for sale by members and at PLAZA WESTERN WEAR. Admission at door will be \$1.25 per person. Refreshments available.
- Aug. 31, Sept. 1 and 2 - LABCR DAY WEEK-END. KNOTHEAD KONVENTION. Clearwater.
- Sept. 21 - SATURDAY. NEFSDA DANCE. JIM PEARSON calling. Election of officers. Pythian Center, 819 Kipp Ave., Jacksonville. \$1 per person.
- October - STAR LITE SHUFFLERS sponsoring FALL HOEDOWN at Camp O'Lena. Details in later issues of Grapevine.
- Nov. 8 - FRIDAY. WARM-UP DANCE. ED MERRICK calling. NEFSDA. Friday Musicale, Jax.
- Nov. 9 - SATURDAY. NEFSDA FALL ROUNDUP. LOUIS CALHOUN. Jax Civic Auditorium.
- Nov. 30 - FIFTH SATURDAY. NEFSDA DANCE. Area callers. Pythian Center.



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