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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

It is graduation time throughout the Northeast Florida Area, and reports reaching me indicate that dozens of new dancers are completing their courses of instruction and joining their respective clubs. Bart Bartley of Gainesville, Dick Gonzales of High Springs, as well as Floyd Hazen, Herschell Lee, Walter Knight, Elwood Sexton, Jack Griffiths and Ray Baxter in Jacksonville and area have classes that have graduated recently or will do so in the near future. In addition, Bill Camp has a large class in Lake City which will graduate a little later in the summer. All of these new dancers and the callers who have taught them are to be congratulated on their efforts, and I trust all of these new people will be warmly welcomed into their clubs. These new dancers are a club's most important asset and should be treated accordingly; without them and the callers to teach them, square dancing would soon disappear as a hobby.

The sizes of classes in Gainesville, High Springs and Lake City indicate that these areas are doing a better job of recruiting new people than some of the Jacksonville clubs. If Orange Park is counted as being outside our immediate area inasmuch as it is in Clay County and not Duval, the disparity is even greater. Why these areas should do so much better is hard to understand at times. True, some of the smaller cities have less competition for the entertainment dollar, but I do not believe it is the whole story. All of these clubs without exception have spirited members who are willing to go out and work for the success of their clubs and to leave no stone unturned in their quest for new dancers. After they do bring them in, they

are made to feel a part of the activities of their clubs. Whatever the reason, it is obvious that Jacksonville should do better. Your Association is looking for ideas on how best to aid in the promotion of square dancing and its growth. We should be able to help the new club and caller to get started. Large areas of Jacksonville have no square dancing within a short travel range and should be excellent areas to get clubs started. All suggestions as to how the Association can accomplish this will be most welcome. It is up to the dancers to attract new dancers; the callers cannot do it.

Speaking of new clubs; all of us should extend a warm welcome to the Starlite Shufflers called by Walter Knight, and to the Seaside Squares of Jacksonville Beach called by Herschell Lee. Both of these clubs have recently organized and deserve our support and cooperation.

Did all of you see the wonderful article carried by the Jacksonville Journal on Square Dancing? It was tops. It has been suggested that all of us could express our appreciation to this paper by dropping them a card or calling the editor to thank them for a job well done.

Thanks also to the clubs and callers in the Northeast Area who cooperated so well in absorbing the cost of a half-page of advertising in the 11th National Program.

It is still not too late to register for the National Convention; y'all come and join the fun.

V. A. Green, President
N. E. Fla. Square Dancers
Association

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TRAIL DANCE JUNE 12

The NORTHEAST FLORIDA SQUARE DANCERS ASSOCIATION is sponsoring a TRAIL DANCE at the Philips Highway Plaza from 8:00 to 10:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 12, 1962. HARPER SMITH from Celina, Texas, will be the caller. This dance is a FREE dance for ALL square dancers, but most especially for those dancers passing through Jacksonville on the trail to the 11th

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TRAIL DANCE COMMITTEE

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SEASIDE SQUARES
(Jacksonville Beach)

Lucky, lucky you, come dance by the ocean blue.
Why don't you try it, you gals and guys.
Come down where the ocean meets with the sky.
Herschell Lee holds the floor, and we holler for more --
Come dance with the SEASIDE SQUARES.

After that poor attempt at poetry (??) I want you all to know we have a brand spanking new club at Jax Beach, right on the ocean behind the band shell.

Herschell Lee will be calling every second and fourth Wednesday, and Joe Smith, who is doing pretty well with his calling, is going to practice on us on the first and third Wednesdays. We have a very friendly group of people, and we would like you all to drop in and dance with us.

Our president is Art Governale; Vice-President, Les Sauls; Secretary-Treasurer, Rosemary Rogers. It would be nice to have this club a great success, and with Herschell calling I don't see how we can fail. All you dancers who would like to cool off this summer, come out and join us.

Our class graduated May 5 at Friendly Frolics, and everyone had a wonderful time; with their paper-board hats and their diplomas everyone went home feeling happy.

We would like to give a big vote of thanks to the dancers who turned up each Wednesday and helped teach our beginners: Ellen and Irvin Johnson, Anne and Herb Lawhorne, Margaret and Joe Smith, Ted and Elinor Johnson, Eddie Bowman and Rosa Lee Lee, Even Myron Samson turned up one Wednesday, danced and called some. With all that help you can see we have some good dancers in the making. Please come dance with us.

Elinor Johnson, Reporter

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STARLITE SHUFFLERS

A great day is coming, and not in the sweet bye and bye. Yes, we are to graduate a class of beginners. They will no longer be classed as beginning dancers; they will be square dancers. Graduation day is June 8, at 8:00 P.M. You are all invited to join in the fun. Eight couples will get diplomas as Masters of Do-Sa-Do and Seesaw. They are:
Scotty and Agnes Hayes
Bruce and Julia Yongue
Jack and Hazel Cannon
Forrest and Georgia Addington
Frank and Ruth Coker
Charlie and Margaret Kemp
Joe and Betty Tool
Valli Pashley and Kathy Hanson

It has been a real pleasure to conduct this class. I must commend each member for being such a good sport. Very few people (much less dancers) will even listen to a beginning caller, but thanks again for seeing it through. We also wish to thank all the old dancers who helped with the class.

Remember the TRAIL DANCE June 12, at Philips Highway Plaza. Everyone who has danced to Harper Smith's calling will tell you he is good. I enjoyed his last performance in Jacksonville very much and I'm sure you will too.

There will not be a dance on June 15. We are going to the National in Miami. Ruth, keep working on Frank; he will weaken yet.

The Shufflers are planning a big schedule for the summer. Just to name a few things: election of officers, visiting, and a special summer party (watch for details later).

If we learn anything in Miami (did U ever plant corn on a rock?), we will try to conduct a workshop of some sort.

Where wuz "U" when the lites went out? We wuz in the dark for about 15 minutes last week. Kan weuns get a strip fer our badges? Dancing in the Dark? Moving Around? I got it: Moon-liters!!!!

Well, we got to go, the rambling must come to an end, so, until we square up again, we will see "U" later, Alligators.

STARLITE SHUFFLERS

Walt Knight, Cawler (like in Crow)
Dot Knight, Taw

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ATTENTION, CONVENTIONEERS!!!

Myron Samson's workshop on Tuesday nights is just for you! Brush up on the new basics that have come out this year. Be prepared for the National Convention in Miami! We hope everyone in the

Jacksonville area will be able to come and dance and get smart in a hurry. The Convention is less than a month away. Just enough time to catch old Mr. Curli-que and Mr. Shoot-the-Moon, and maybe we'll find Miss Dixie Star-Thru!

Coffee, cokes and basics are served at all hours.

Myron Samson

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YOU ARE INVITED!

Remember Bruce and Ruth Lauenborg? Remember Ethel Perry who used to be at ALL square dances?

On Saturday, June 23, from 7:30 until 10:30 PM, Ethel will hold an "Open House" in her new home at 4840 Wheeler Avenue, and -- honoring the Lauenborgs, Myron Samson will call and act as MC for a square dance on the patio.

Suggest you wear your shorts, bring a camp chair or blanket if you don't want to sit on the ground. Bring your own snacks; there will be plenty of coffee and cold drinks.

FREE parking on Stimson Street at the corner of Wheeler Avenue, one-half block from the house. No special invitations are being issued so everyone who would like to come is invited. Mark your calendar NOW and plan to come.

Ethel Perry

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ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

July 1 starts a new year for the Northeast Florida Square Dancers Association. I am taking this opportunity to invite all those newcomers to square dancing to join the Association, and to remind all our "old reliable" members to renew their membership.

The Association is made up of representatives from nearly all the Clubs, who are trying to bring the fun of square dancing to more people, encourage bigger and better clubs and provide an opportunity for all the dancers to get together for a real hash session at the 5th-Saturday Association dances.

The Association is sponsoring a TRAIL DANCE on June 12, and will support the Fernandina Beach Golden Crown Fiesta Dance June 7. The Callers' Association is giving a dance June 28 at the Beach. In view of all these dances, and the National Convention, we will not have a membership subscription dance June 30. Therefore, we will appreciate it if you will mail your Association membership dues of \$3.50 a couple, or \$2.50 single, to the Association secretary, Alette Register, 9050 8th Ave., Jacksonville 8, Florida (so we will have funds to put on about four dances this next

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Carl Law, Membership Chairman

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FRIENDLY FROLICS

The very first thing FRIENDLY FROLICKERS want to say this month is THANK YOU, ALL OF YOU, for your wonderful support of our dance of April 21 when Ruy Camp called for us. Although we consider Herschell and Myron "tops," we did enjoy Ruy's calling -- there was a certain "zing" to it -- and we sincerely hope all our visitors enjoyed it too. We have always wanted to visit the Fontana Village Resort, where Ruy is on the staff of the "Swap Shop" this year. Now, since hearing him, we want to more than ever!

We must brag a little about our graduation class of May 5. Besides Myron's large FRIENDLY FROLICS class from Englewood, we had as guest-graduates Herschell's "Seaside Squares" from Jacksonville Beach. In all, diplomas were presented to forty graduates, wearing, of course, the traditional cap. They also received three-month subscriptions to the "Grapevine" and six-month subscriptions to "Bow and Swing." Graduate badges for the evening were scrolls bearing the wearer's name -- cute idea by Barbara Samson. We were very pleased to have several graduating couples sign up for membership in FRIENDLY FROLICS that same evening. Those graduating were: From "Seaside Squares" -- Boats and Betty Ackerman, Art and Grace Governale, Clyde and Lois Huston, John and Rae Lordan, Woody and Rosemary Rogers, Leslie and Sandra Sauls, and Sheppard and Virginia Williams. From FRIENDLY FROLICS -- Mary Lou and Mike Walsh, Joyce and Floyd Thacker, Mary and Doyle Stallons, Betty and Al Sova, Marge and Pete Piszczek, Pat and Julian O'Pry, Jean and Herbert Martin, Genelda and Roy McDonald, Ruth and Hardin Keith, Myra and Shellie Faircloth, Margie Chuba, Helen and Doyle Beatenbaugh, Arlen and Evelyn Ayer, Gertrude and Chuck Wolfram, and Joyce Roberson.

This May 5 dance was important for other reasons too: election of officers

for the coming year. Our new president is Doug Crout, vice-president: Frank Clements, secretary: Lois Monteith, treasurer: Virgie Stewart. Our retiring officers, Jack Starling, Herb Lawhorne and Helen Crout deserve a big hand for the excellent jobs they have done while serving.

MERRY STEPPERS
(Gainesville)

The MERRY STEPPERS enjoyed a very gala evening on April 24. Over 140 members, both of long-standing, and our newly graduated class, turned out for a covered-dish supper and an evening of dancing. Estimates had been that we would have about 100. The first tip put 14 squares on the floor and reminded us of New Year's Eve dances, not only for the size of the crowd, but for the wonderful enthusiasm.

Our new class which started on Friday, May 11, at the Englewood Home Demonstration clubhouse, with Myron teaching, got off to a very good start, and according to numerous club members there will definitely be several more couples enrolling before the class closes on May 25. If you have interested friends who can't make the Friday night class, then suggest Herschell's Monday night class at the same location and open for new members until May 21.

Mr. Wendell Kilpatrick, who is principal of our local Stephen Foster Elementary School, is a member of MERRY STEPPERS, along with his law, Frances, and has been promoting square dancing in the 5th and 6th grades at Stephen Foster. Seven squares of these children arrived at 8 PM to give us an exhibition dance. Each square wore distinctive outfits, including bow ties for the boys and full-skirted, ruffled dresses for the girls. The first two numbers, "This Old House" and "Truly Fair," were danced to records, with the children singing the refrain on "Truly Fair." Their third number was "Cindy" with Bart Bartley calling, and it's still undecided who enjoyed this the most: Bart, the children, or the very appreciative audience! We want to thank Mr. Kilpatrick for seeing that the Stephen Foster children are being educated correctly, and also our thanks to the parents of these children for a truly memorable exhibition.

Poor Myron and Barbara have had their sleep interrupted one more time! Another bunch of Idiots and would-be Idiots swarmed down on them Monday night, May 14. They really were taken by surprise this time! Twenty-two more have now joined the ranks of true Idiots.

We hope to see you all at our old-fashioned dance (all records at least two years old) on May 19 at Annie Lytle School.

Ellen Johnson, Reporter

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FUN AND FROLIC

Keep it a secret -- no indeed! Betty Faircloth celebrated her Jack Benny birthday last month, April 24. What did the club do? We celebrated with her. The 24th came on our regular dance night, and of course we had the telephones hot planning an evening of fun. Coffee and cookies were served. Oh yes, we had a cake for her decorated with white frosting, pink and green candles and the usual "Happy Birthday" written on top -- real, real pretty. As most of you have heard, the cake was donated from a cow pasture, sun baked, of course. Everyone enjoyed a real good laugh when Betty started to cut the cake and found what it was made of.

Our standard (and affectionate) initiation ceremony with the 23 new couples present was somewhat hilarious with the "square" vows taken by the new members reminiscent of a marriage ceremony with square dancing terminology. It was also discovered that dancing blindfolded was a difficult feat!

May 1 we celebrated another anniversary, our sixth year of square dancing. We all enjoyed the evening of dancing to the calls of Jack Griffiths, Elwood Sexton, Joe Smith and Edith Ford. Cake and coffee were served -- real cake this time. We surely have some good cooks as well as good dancers in FUN AND FROLIC.

We're very happy to welcome the following new members, and we are enjoying our "big" dances every Tuesday night:

- Evelyn and Alvin Burton
- Clyde and Carlos Boyles
- Peggy and Earl Bowman
- Sheila and George Beazlie
- Marilyn and Ben Barger
- Eva and Louis Kuitert
- Teena and Mac Baldwin
- Marguerite and Robbie Robinson
- Christine and Leo Ward
- Mescal and Elwyn Holmes
- Pearline and Joe Neatts
- Ella and Marvin Wood
- Julia and Chester Vetter
- Sheryl and John Touchberry
- Jerry Nelson
- Jeri and John Moore
- Audie and Jimmy Ledbetter
- Gyslana and Carl Anderson
- Edna and Tom Hutson
- Christine and Kirby Green
- Bertha and Pierce Guerry
- Del and Mel Caddell

Another day of fun is in the making for the club. Our annual picnic down at the Faircloths' place at Lake Santa Fe on Sunday, May 20. Thanks, Marvin and Betty. We are all looking forward to a wonderful day. Hope to see everyone down again this year. A special invitation to all of you who like to dance and have fun.... any Tuesday night at Woodstock Park.

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PAXON PRANCERS

Helen Jane Hixson, Reporter

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THE HI SQUARES
(High Springs)

April was a busy month for our HI SQUARES. The first Friday in April we danced to Bob Rust's calling. The club had a 100% attendance, and we danced 'til dawn.

April 27 we were surprised and delighted by having seven squares of dancers from Wesconnett and Orange Park. Thanks to Marge and Floyd Hazen, they located the Lions Club without any difficulty. We hope they'll visit us again soon so we can dance to a singing call by Marge Hazen.

April 28 was graduation day for 17 couples. The evening festivities began with a chicken barbecue. Chief chef was Jim Swick, assisted by Copeland, Simko, Curry, Hill and Longman. Our club president, Ralph Longman, welcomed the graduating class into our club; Dick Gonzales, our caller-teacher, presented the diplomas; and Ernest Spencer assisted with the skits and initiation.

Latest report by our club president is that a group of three squares from Daytona is coming to dance with us and make Knot-head on May 18. They are dancers from Al Hixson's club. It was wonderful to get acquainted with so many people from visiting clubs, and we hope to see them all at the National Convention.

Mary Simko, Reporter

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VALLEY TWIRLERS
(Palm Valley)

The VALLEY TWIRLERS will be sponsoring the Surf Twirlers Convention again this year on Saturday, July 7. It will be on the beach across from the old Coast Guard Station on Route A1A (South Ponte Vedra) the same as last year. There is plenty of parking space in an asphalt parking lot, so there will be no worry of getting your car stuck in the sand. Come and bring your family and spend the day with us; you can swim in the afternoon and dance in the evening. Bring your own food for a picnic; cold drinks will be available this year. We will give more details and a map showing how to get there in next month's "Grapevine."

R. E. Baxter, Reporter

PATRONIZE
OUR
ADVERTISERS

PAXON had a graduation April 26 when we graduated 11 couples, including four of the "Old Timers" who had never graduated. The new dancers are:

- Curtis and Edna Stringer
- Bill and Dot Adams
- Jack and Hazel Cannon
- Russell and Delores Smith
- Bill and Marion Rolison
- Raymond and Hester Neal
- Bill and Virginia Brannen
- Clark and Cora Cheshire
- Fam and Geraldine Kieffer

Margaret and Curtis Thompson and Martha and Al Pierce are the Old Timers. They had been too busy getting our club started to graduate, so we felt like it was about time they had a diploma too. Of course, we couldn't just give these people their diplomas; they had to prove they were good sports as well as good dancers. We're happy to say everyone passed the test. Girls, we learned how to wear a bra that's too small, thanks to Bill Brannen, who wore it around his neck, and several of the other men proved that girdles don't always help. The girls also had a point to prove, too. They were still pretty even in men's clothing. The Old Timers were a decrepit looking group. They really showed the wear and tear of years of hard work in the club. They led the Graduation March even though they were a little slow because of their walking canes and being so tired. Just leave it to the Thompsons and Pierces to come through with a good costume and act when you ask them. Both couples have served as President of the PAXON PRANCERS, but they had to earn their diplomas also. The men acted as shoe salesmen, trying to sell the opposite man's wife a pair of shoes while they were blindfolded. The shoe salesman was just a little fresh, but the girls were good sports, though I think they were happy to find out that their husbands were the ones who were selling them the shoes. We really enjoyed dancing with our graduates. Elwood did a good job teaching them, and, just to prove it, he was presented a big red apple.

We've had several couples join our club the last few weeks -- Raymond and Hester Neal, Maggie Lee Hurst, Kal Howlett, Edna and Curtis Stringer, Verla and Charles Page, Melvin and Barbara Frevatt (who have been unable to dance for some time, but we're hoping they can be regular now), Mandy and Charles Houghton (a couple of real hot-footers), and Myra and Cliff Osborn (who started dancing with us about two years ago but due to sickness had to drop out -- we're happy to have them dancing with us again and hope they'll stay healthy and dancing).

MERRY MIXERS

We have nine enthusiastic couples who are registered for the National Convention, and we're all ready to go except for one item --MONEY. Anyone having a bearing money tree, let one of the PRANCERS know as we'll be happy to help with the picking.

We're sorry to announce that we won't be having our Cerebral Palsy Dance-a-Thon this year. The Cerebral Palsy Foundation hasn't set a date for the Telethon yet but think it will be sometime in June. As this is the convention month, we feel that it would be almost impossible to have it. However, we do plan to have a 12-hour dance later in the year.

Our caller and his wife, Elwood and Laura, have been going to the Duval Medical Therapy Clinic once a month for several years. They usually have a square of PAXON PRANCERS go with them, but, if not, they go alone to entertain the patients. On May 17 they were presented at our club with an award for this very worthwhile service. We're proud of them both and feel they are most deserving of it. Keep up the good work, Elwood and Laura!

Elwood has been giving a good workshop each Thursday night. Right now we're "Teacup Chaining." We've had lots of visitors lately. We sure do appreciate their coming, and we will be returning those visits in the near future.

We have plenty of coffee these days, thanks to Patsy and Bob Love who had the idea that got the coffee urn, and thanks to the club for their wonderful cooperation. We're looking forward to a long, cold winter.

The PAXON PRANCERS have a new club banner, thanks to Cora and Barney Cheshire and our president, Joe Joyce -- sorry, Joe, about the pinking shears. Maybe next time.

Hoping to see lots of you at the National,

Margaret Joyce, Reporter

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HIGHLAND SWINGERS

We are happy to welcome Rex and Betty Shiver as now members to our club. They have recently returned from Hawaii.

The joint was really jumping a few weeks back when quite a lot of our friends from Paxon Prancers came to visit us. They also brought along some of their recent graduates. On the same night Bob and Onalea Hackbert paid us a visit from the Jubileers. We were very pleased to have all of you, and welcome back any time.

R. E. Baxter, Reporter

See you at the

TRAIL DANCE

8:00 Tue. June 12 Philips Hiway Plaza

Our congratulations to editors Ruth and Bill Fleshman and everyone else taking part in the superb article on square dancing which appeared in a recent issue of the "Jacksonville Journal." Complete with pictures, this was the biggest boost we've had locally. The subject was well presented to get our story across and was a real credit to the Association and all the clubs. Now if every club will support the Trail Dance, not only by participation but by getting their neighbors and friends out to watch, square dancing will really be in the limelight around Jacksonville.

The MERRY MIXERS are real proud of their new club flag which was designed and made by wife Bettie. It is done in the Florida colors, a blue background featuring a silhouette of dancing couples in the center, club name above the dancers, and Jacksonville, Fla. below, all in orange. A very handsome banner; watch for it at the convention, or better yet, come see it some Thursday night.

We have enjoyed a number of good dances this past month, and attendance has been good. Just prior to the elections we even had a "square" of voting machines in the back corner, but they didn't give us nearly as much trouble as they did some of the candidates. Our regular covered-dish supper on the second Thursday of May was enjoyed by about four squares of members and visitors, with more arriving later for the dancing. Once again the Fleshmans won raves for their dish -- this time a chocolate cake full of nuts and other goodies.

Herschell's new class down at the Englewood hall is off to a good start, and we expect a number of good dancers to develop during the summer course. Since the last issue of "Grapevine" we have been pleased to welcome new members Jack and Erin Pomerantz, George and Lois Stanton, Stuart and Ruth Edwards, and Frank and Agnes Clements into the club. In addition to these able dancers we have been pleased to play host to several couples of new dancers who have just completed courses. It's good to see these people get out and dance to different callers and meet new friends.

Two squares of MERRY MIXERS enjoyed an extracurricular activity on Saturday, May 12. Members and their youngsters met down at Goldhead Branch State Park for an afternoon of swimming and relaxing, a community cook-out at the camping site, followed by dancing in the pavillion overlooking the lake until 9 PM. In addition to calling a few tips Lee style, Herschell brought along a few records by other callers and joined in the fun himself -- snazzy sports cap and all. The more adventuresome and pioneering types stayed on for overnight camping in their tents.

May 17 we were honored by having Jack Griffiths call for us. Jack brought along a group of new dancers who had just completed a course of lessons with him at the Glynlea-Holiday Hill Civic Club. As a matter of fact, he and pretty little taw Gladys hold a graduation ceremony for these new dancers and presented them with their diplomas. They in turn surprised Jack with a nifty new Western shirt. In the group were Bill Skilos, Ruth and Ed Peck, Cynthia Steele, Los and Muriel Sykes, Charles and Carole Arnold, and Theresa Tyson. You did real well, folks, and we'll look forward to seeing you dance with us often.

We will dance on the fifth Thursday in May, the 31st, but are planning only one club dance in June -- the 21st. June 7 we will join other clubs to dance with Jim Brower at the Fernandina Festival, June 14 is the beginning of the 11th National in Miami, and June 28 we are planning on attending the Les Gotcher dance at Jacksonville Beach. Since the 21st will be our only club dance in June, we will have our covered-dish supper that night at 7 PM preceding the regular dance. Visitors welcome.

Hope to see you at all the big dances in June, including the convention.

Russ Osborn, Reporter

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SILVER SWINGERS
(Ocala)

We really had a "Ball" April 26 at the SILVER SWINGERS in Ocala. There were approximately 16 squares, and the "swinging" was really wild for a while. Everyone seemed to be in an especially "dancing" mood, and having fun was contagious, for everyone seemed to enjoy themselves so much. Bill Muench kept the place "rocking" with his challenge calls. There were quite a few visitors. The T-Kuppers Club from Tampa was well represented, and Skeeter Chauvin brought his club from Tampa and Clearwater over. This club is made up of children who square dance. The age of these children ranges from 7 years up to approximately 12 years. They put on an exhibition for us, with Skeeter Chauvin and Bill Muench taking turns calling. Everyone certainly did enjoy this. Some of the parents danced with their children, and the children had no trouble keeping up with them.

Bill Muench had a short workshop in which we reviewed Curleyque and Twist the Line. We always enjoy this workshop for we feel that Bill keeps us up with the latest calls and challenges our level of dancing.

Mabel and Randy Davis had charge of the round dances. We danced "Yogi," "Carousel," and "Traveler's Twostep." We also did the "Hully Gully," and this dance is still popular in Ocala.

We were so happy to have had all the visitors with us. They came from Tampa, Clearwater and Ocala. We are always glad

to have visitors, and there were quite a few who came over to make their "Knot-head." This was one of our outstanding nights, and a tribute to Bill Muench for the following from his area.

Elsie Trantham, Reporter

RE M I N D E R S

- May 25 - Friday. Last chance to get in Myron Samson's new beginners' class sponsored by Friendly Frolics. Englewood Home Dem. Club.
- June 7 - Thursday. Jim Brower Dance. Fernandina Beach Rec. Center. Sponsored by Island Squares.
- June 8 - Starlite Shufflers Graduation Friday. Walt Knight Caller. 5231 Poppy Drive, Jax 5. 8 PM.
- June 12 - Tuesday. TRAIL DANCE. Harper Smith calling. ALL dancers welcome. FREE! Spectators too. Philips Hiway Plaza, 8-10:30 PM. Sponsored by N.E. Fla. Square Dancers Association.
- June 14-16. - 11th National Square Dance Convention. Miami Beach.
- June 15 - KNOTHEAD After-dance. 10th St. Auditorium, Miami Beach.
- June 21 - Merry Mixers covered-dish supper and dance. 7 PM. Arlington Community Club.
- June 23 - Saturday. Open house by Ethel Perry for Bruce and Ruth Lauenborg. 7:30 PM. 4840 Wheeler Ave., Jax 10
- June 28 - Les Gotcher dance, Jax Beach, sponsored by N.E. Fla. Callers Assn. Thursday.
- July 7 - Saturday. Surf Twirlers Convention, South Ponte Vedra. Sponsored by Valley Twirlers.
- Nov. 10 - Saturday (Georgia-Florida game day). N.E. Fla. Square Dancers Assn. FALL ROUNDUP. Jack Jackson calling. To be held in new Jax Municipal Audit.

WELCOME NEW DANCERS

One hundred and two (102) complimentary copies of this issue of the GRAPEVINE are going to new square dancers with best wishes from the Northeast Florida Square Dancers Association. If you know of any square dancer in the Northeast area who has just recently completed a beginner's course and who is not receiving the GRAPEVINE, tell him to check with his club officers or the caller who taught him to dance. He is entitled to a three-month free subscription.

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