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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

FRIENDLY FROLICS

All of our thoughts and interest from now on through June 14 and 15 will be on the State Convention, with the big Trail Dance June 13. I want to thank the clubs for the fine way they responded to the placing of ads in the program issue of "Bow and Swing." Dancers are responding well to the asking for help from the Laws and Kieffers, but they still need more help. If you haven't been contacted, give them a ring. It's a big job to get around to everyone.

Al Hixon from Daytona Beach, President of the State Callers Association and Chairman of the Program Committee for the Convention, met with us in Jacksonville on May 5. He has a great program planned, with something for everyone. You beginners just out of classes, don't hesitate to register and come. He is setting up a room in the Mayflower Hotel that he is calling "Everybody Dance," and he means just that. The same callers will call there as at the other dances, but their aim will be to keep everyone dancing.

Clubs, bring your banners. There will be a place to display them. You will, however, be responsible for them.

The job of decorating has been taken over by Leonard Saraga. If you have any ideas or can help, give him a ring.

Bob Waites and Ruth Bartley tell me that they are teaching basic rounds on Saturday at the Convention. If you are interested, watch for the announcement of the time and place at the Convention.

I also hear that you don't want to miss the after-party being planned by Bart Bartley at the George Washington Auditorium on Saturday night at 11:30 P.M. It sounds like a sure thing to keep tired dancers awake a few more hours after dancing for two days.

See you at the Convention June 14 and 15, and at the big trail dance on June 13.

The next Association dance will be on June 29. It will be called by the local callers, and it will be at the Pythian Center, 819 Kipp Avenue, instead of at the Outboard Club as previously announced. This is a larger hall, so plan to come; you should have room to dance. - - Paul Lane

She's young, she's lovely, and she uses Drano!! Hey, y'all! "Snewpy," here, skoooping a genuine personal interview with the celebrated "Miss Friendly Frolics" of 1963! Winning fame and fortune in the club's first annual all-male Beauty Pageant April 20, "Travissandra" (Travis) Miller seeks new horizons as reigning queen! "Her" present ambition is to complete a night course in Business Administration at J. U. Travis resides with his charming little taw, Arjean, and their three adorable children in a vine-covered cottage on Skycrest Drive, and may be seen almost any Saturday afternoon busily engaged in wiping noses and changing diapers! Vital statistics of Miss F. F. '63 -- eyes, bloodshot blue; hair, yes; height, hardly; weight, ample; personality, plus; sportsmanship, terrific!

As first runner-up in the Pageant, and winner of the title "Miss Congenial" of 1963, "Orsonine" (Orson) Fussell displayed "her" talents in an astonishing Hula Dance, while second runner-up, Eddie Bowman, delighted the audience with a clever pantomime! Pete Piszczek and George Stanton tied for fourth place honors. The other contestants included Carl Ballasso, Roy McDonald, Irvin Johnson, Jack Pomerantz, and Herschell Lee -- a great bunch of guys, you'll agree, for participating in this Krazy Kaper! Highlighting the event was a waltz, gracefully performed by Randy King and our own "Herschelline" Lee. Joe Smith of Seaside Squares graciously took over the mike during Herschell's absence from the scene! Many thanks, Joe! And a big thank-you to the program committee for their efforts -- the Tom Howles, Irvin Johnsons
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and Johnny Robbins! Much appreciation to our fine pianist, Erin Pomerantz and to our excellent M.C., Rosa Lee Lee, who worked under a real "Sound Barrier"! Our judges, the Joe Smiths, Bill Fleshmans, and Frank Williamses, did a bang-up job in their selection of winners! "Snewpy" sez "Thanks, one and all, for your help!"

Introducing your new club officers as of June 1:

- Mr. & Mrs. Pres. - Frank and Aggie Clements
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- Mr. and Mrs. Secretary - Roy and Genelda McDonald
- Mr. and Mrs. Treasurer - Eddie and Willie Gray Bowman

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An important message to all FRIENDLY FROLICS Club members: First, if you plan to attend the Clearwater Florida Knothead Konvention over the Labor-Day Week-end, make your reservation by June 30 through Frank Clements, Club President.

Secondly, our club year begins as of June 1, at which time your yearly membership renewals fall due! Let's get off to a really good start with a bang-up membership list at our June 1 dance! How would you like to have a six-months or one-year club membership absolutely free of charge? It's possible -- for two lucky couples who have become paid-up members by Saturday, July 6! In order to be eligible for a "drawing" entitling you to these free memberships, you may present your annual dues or mail a check to our club treasurer, Eddie or Willie Gray Bowman, on or before July 6! Winners will be announced and reimbursed at our dance on the above date. That's Saturday, July 6, y'all!

Incidentally, FRIENDLY FROLICS has its members in mind with plans for special-event get-togethers and other benefits for club members only -- so don't miss out on the fun of club fellowship. This, after all, is the true spirit of square dancing!

At our dance of May 4 we were delighted with the turn-out of several club members whom we've been missing of late. It was good seeing Jack and Vera Starling, Theron and Dot Brannan, and our old friends Joe and Lois Monteith, now living in Georgia. A hearty welcome to new FRIENDLY FROLICS Club members, the Hazeltons, Don and Martha!

Happy dancing! Wasn't our refreshment table attractive on the 4th? Nella and Johnny Robbins, refreshment chairmen, did a clever job on their miniature "maypole" centerpiece! You'll be hearing a good deal from Johnny and Nella during the coming year, as your new Grapevine Reporters. Yep, "Snewpy" is about to retire. But, you know, old reporters never die -- they just have their noses snipped off a bit!

But, before I slip away into infinity, a brief reminder concerning the Jacksonville State Convention June 14 and 15, beginning with a free trail dance at the George Washington Hotel on June 13. You newer dancers, this is your opportunity to get a taste of square-dance-convention fun right here in your own backyard! So, register now, before June 1 -- save some money and wear an "early-bird" blue ribbon. Len Saraga of "Plaza Western Wear" will be happy to take care of your convention registration.

It's been fun, greeting y'all through the "Grapevine" each month -- I'll be seeing you at the Convention!

"Snewpy Skoop" saying, "Sayonara!"

Lois Stanton, Reporter

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Seems someone's car rolled out into the street, and he was arrested and taken to jail. Quite a few of the JUNIOR PROMENADERS went along with the crowd and made "Jailbird." Making their first badges was quite a thrill.

Larry, we watched you on the Jimmy Strickland Show. You sure looked good.

We had ten new boys join us. Welcome. Hope to see you every week.

Floyd Hazen is doing a swell job moving the new dancers along so they'll be dancing at the same level. Since the PROMENADERS had only one night for dances and lessons combined, there used to be a problem. We want to thank the JUNIOR PROMENADERS for their patience and help.

Gene McElroy left for Memphis today with the Jax Navy pistol team. Bet they keep you so busy you won't get a visit to any square-dance clubs. Hurry back.

Floyd had to work Wednesday, May 15, so

ORANGE PARK JUNIOR PROMENADERS (Cont'd)

the dance was canceled that night. We sure miss the call to square up.

Not much news this month -- should be more next month with vacations coming up.

Kids, better get in your subscriptions to the "Grapevine." Your complimentary subscriptions have expired. Wouldn't want to miss a copy.

Gene and Ann McElroy

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LAKE CITY SQUARES

The LAKE CITY SQUARES danced at the Stephen Foster Folk Festival on May 4 at White Springs. Our Western (modern) style square dancing got a BIG hand so guess the people enjoyed it. We did some progressive figures which made a good impression. The singing call went over nicely too, and nobody "goofed." We were all a little nervous over the live music, but those musicians were very good and Bill enjoyed calling to them.

The dance after the program was just fine. So many people we couldn't all dance at the same time -- over 16 squares plus spectators. There were seven callers, two of them teen-agers, a girl and a boy. The National-award-winning cloggers were really good on the footwork. The others were getting instructions on how to clog, so guess we'll have to have a demonstration at the club sometime.

Sara and Clyde Hillhouse were host and hostess to the Idiots after the dance. They should get a badge for dancing barefoot, but they might just have blisters to prove it instead. We couldn't get by without some of them trying for Kangaroos. Some did, some didn't -- as usual.

Three squares danced on the program at the V. A. Hospital on Thursday, May 9. After the program we had a dance and party at the Veterans Memorial Hall. Punch, coffee and doughnuts were just the right thing to make our party complete.

J. B. and Elsie Hunter, Reporters

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MERRYSTEPPERS

(Gainesville)

The month of May has been uneventful as far as the MERRYSTEPPERS are concerned. In fact, we thought maybe our calendar page had been flipped once too often, for our crowds looked as if summer vacations were upon us. However, at this week's dance they turned out in force, and we had nine squares really whooping it up.

Ruth Bartley and Bob Waites have begun devoting some extra time to teaching rounds each week to those who are interested at our regular dance. For the past couple weeks we have been working on the Round-of-the-Month -- "Little Girl." We think this is an excellent idea since it is so hard for people to find an extra night each week just for rounds.

On May 7 Bob Waites called for us in Bart's absence, and taught us the new basic, Acey Ducey. We worked on it some more this week, and it seems to be real smooth.

Bart's law, Ruth, has been vacationing in North Carolina for more than a week, and we sure miss her smiling face.

The new officers for the coming year were announced a couple of weeks ago, and are as follows:

- Chief Squares -- Tom and Edna Hutson
(Yours truly)
- Secretary -- Bunny Whiteman
- Treasurer -- Farley Butler
- Hospitality Committee -- Barbara and Rush Choate
- Reporters -- Jeri and John Moore
- Chuck-Wagon Taws -- Margaret Buchanan and Ruth Dees
- Special Events Committee -- Helen and C. G. Mixson, Kathryn and Bob Walker, and Vera and Jim Brogdon
- Telephone Committee -- Julia Vetter

This new slate goes into office next October.

On May 28 we plan to have another of those wonderful covered-dish suppers, and we hope all our members will make a special effort to come.

Guess this brings us up to date, so we'll hope to see you all in Jacksonville at the State Convention in June.

Edna and Tom Hutson, Reporters

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WESTERN CUTTERS

SEASIDE SQUARES

(Jacksonville Beach)

COME ONE -- COME ALL to our big FOURTH ANNIVERSARY DANCE. It will be at the Annie Morgan School on Saturday, May 25, at 8:00 P.M. There will be big doings, a hot time that night, and fun for all. All visitors are cordially invited, so make your plans to join us then. Speaking of visitors, you are always invited to dance with us, and we are looking forward to seeing more of you now -- because we will have plenty of room now -- WE HAVE MOVED -- at the last business meeting of the WESTERN CUTTERS, it was voted to make the Annie Morgan School our NEW HOME. We will be dancing there regularly each 2nd and 4th Saturday. We will be looking for you.

Our club has enjoyed many visitors this month, from near and far. From the Jacksonville area were Tomay and Lorraine Thompson, Louise and Harry Horton, the Hilbrant family (Eddie, Betty, Elmer and Margaret), Al and Jenny Garcia, Norma and Andy Dufresne, Grace and Barney Davis, John Lovelace, Orson and Marilyn Fussell, Lucille Williams, Carl and Marilyn Ballasso, Genelda McDonald, David Eberhardt, Doyle and Sidney Bedell, Charles and Betty Wells, Hill and Mary Etta Thompson, Dan and Helen Roth, Gertrude and Chuck Wolfram, Kate Washburn, Ruth and Bill Fleshman, Fred Hafers, Louise Bowman, Rod Ball, Maggie Lee Hurst, Kal Howlett, and Libby and Ed Parrish. Out-of-towners were Cotty Sauls from Tampa, Charles and Gert Schlogel from Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; and Don Harp from Decatur, Georgia. Glad to have you all with us -- come again!

Sorry that Fred Blado has been "under the weather," but we understand that he is much better now, and the Blados will be back again as usual with us real soon.

We had a wonderful crowd at our Anniversary Dance on May 15.

Our birthdays this month are: Earle Pierce, Charles Humber and Ralph Vaughn. The May anniversaries are: Phil and Gladys Grasser, Bill and June Stegall, and Paul and Jean Tate. Congratulations to all, and many happy returns. (We gave up on the ages -- we were told that this is for the young-uns only.)

I am proud to say some of us were on the Jimmy Strickland Show on Saturday, May 18.

We are going to visit the Fun and Frolics Anniversary Dance on Tuesday, May 21, and recapture our banner.

Virginia Williams, Reporter

We are all looking forward to the 10th Annual Florida Square Dance Convention here on June 14 and 15. If you have not done so already, register now. Don't forget our Anniversary Dance and our new home -- we have had some hot times at our dances recently (in more ways than one), and we know that we will be glad to see you any-time, and you can be assured of a real good time.

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FUN AND FROLIC

In spite of moving to our temporary home (Annie R. Morgan School), torn-up roads, and hot weather, things are still rollicking along at FUN AND FROLICS each Tuesday evening. For those who haven't gotten the word -- the old Woodstock Youth Center in Woodstock Park has been torn down, and a new, large, air-conditioned building is to replace it -- soon, we hope! In the meantime we are dancing at the Annie R. Morgan School, just up the street (corner of St. Clair and Commonwealth).

Lots of visitors have added to the fun recently, many of them coming at 7:30 for our round-dance workshop. Jack Griffiths has done a fine job, and it is very gratifying to see so many couples on the floor round dancing. We even have one "man" who wears skirts! So far we have become quite proficient at "Chop Suey Polka," "Alley Cat," "Mississippi Shuffle," "Billy," "Golden Gate Waltz," "Fraulein," and "St. Louis Blues." Jack has a new one in store for us starting May 21. Come and see what 'tis; we'll be working on it for four weeks. Also, for you dancers who have been clamoring for round-dance basics -- Ruth Bartley and Bob Waites are holding a workshop on basics at the State Convention. Consult your program for scheduled time and place.

Estelle Simpson is recovering nicely from major surgery last month. We're looking forward to your squaring up with us again soon, Estelle. We're glad to have vacationing Edith Ford back from her visits with odd and sundry children and grandchildren. Also among the missing lately have been Bert and Jessie Leighton. Between the "duty," little-league baseball and sick children, they haven't been able to squeeze in a Tuesday night of square dancing in ages. Something has to be done about this!

A young lady (could it be Betty Faircloth?) recently stopped being 39 years old. Naturally we had to help her celebrate this happy (???) occasion. Imagine the look on her face when she unwrapped a large, beautifully decorated package and found box after gift-wrapped box inside, the last one containing a card which read, "SURPRISE -- No present!" Audrey Fletcher made her a REAL birthday cake this year, and we had a bang-up birthday party. Betty can surely take it, as well as dish it out. We hear a lot of people have been asking her lately if she's a court reporter --- guess why?

As the state convention rolls nearer and nearer, the excitement mounts. FUN & FROLICKERS have reserved a room at the George Washington as club Convention headquarters, and are looking forward to fun and relaxation there in addition to the numerous convention activities. The club also voted to support fellow-members Carl and Rose Law on the registration committee and have been busy signing up for preferred

hours on the schedule. Carl says there are still a lot of empty spots for which he needs more volunteers.

Two squares from FUN AND FROLICS spent an enjoyable Wednesday evening last month with Seaside Squares at the beach, dancing to the calling of Joe Smith. After delicious refreshments, followed by more dancing, we walked off with their banner. However, our pleasure of displaying it will be short lived, since the Seasideers say they are coming after it on May 21. They picked a good night to return our visit because that will be our 7th Anniversary Dance, with big doings planned. Y'all come!

May isn't May without our annual FUN & FROLIC family picnic at the Faircloths' place at Lake Santa Fe, so on Sunday, May 19, we converged from all directions. Lois and Clyde Huston and family almost made the trip twice -- the poor things had car trouble and had to return to Jax Beach for a substitute vehicle. We barbecued oodles of yummy chicken, feasted like crazy on all the delicious dishes our ladies always provide, boated, fished, sailed (thanks to Randy and Pearl King), swam and water skied. Did you ever see Reggie on a pair of skis? He flies through the air with the greatest of ease. All in all, it was a wonderful, fun-filled day, and NOBODY got stranded on the lake this year. Many, many thanks, Marvin and Betty, for your generous hospitality.

Bill and Ruth Fleshman

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STAR LITE SHUFFLERS

The STAR LITE SHUFFLERS have elected a grand new group of officers, who will take over their duties on July 1. They are:

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- Vice Pres. - Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ross
- Secretary - Mr. and Mrs. Richard Patrick
- Treasurer - Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wallace
- Chuck Wagon - Mrs. Georgia Addington and Mr. Gus Ruser
- Hospitality - Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Kemp

I forgot to tell you about the fancy dancing at Hugh Patterson's farewell party on April 19. A square of men danced, so to keep from being outdone eight ladies squared up. Our "cawler" said the ladies made better men than the men made ladies.

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STAR LITE SHUFFLERS (Cont'd)

Our second annual camping trip at Gold-head Park, on May 4 and 5, was a trip to remember. I'll always remember how cold I got that night, and how early some of the guys started chopping wood the next morning. Trudy Patrick found a good way to get rid of a husband -- she dumped him in the middle of the lake while pulling him on water skis. However, she had a change of heart when she got about a mile down the lake, or was it because of the many witnesses? Richard didn't care what the reason was -- he was just glad to have her return. We were pleased to have such a large turn-out. There were twice as many this year (68 for the Saturday-night dance and 58 for overnight), and we also had guests, Margaret and Joe Joyce and son. Martha Hamilton had a birthday that week, so someone brought her a cake which we cut Saturday night around the campfire. Our children put on an exhibition dance for the bystanders at the pavilion on Saturday night. I know everyone is waiting for this report -- NO SKUNKS!

Richard Patrick, who is a fireman, was called away from our dance last Friday in connection with the Laney and Duke Warehouse fire. This is a good time to put the Fire Department on notice -- there'll be a hot time in the old town on June 14 and 15. The 10th Annual Florida Square Dance Convention, which is being held in Jacksonville, is a big event to look forward to. There will be dancing for everyone, including new graduates, teen-agers, old pros, and even for the plain lazy.

Our "cawler" and his family are planning to attend the National Square Dance Convention in St. Paul, Minnesota, on June 20 to 22. They will continue their vacation on through June 28. We will miss them but hope they have a grand time.

We have the following visits planned: Friday, June 21, at Orange Park, and Thursday, June 27, with the Paxon Prancers.

Reminder: Committee to work on graduation preparations on June 2, from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. Dance afterwards.

Walt's two classes will have combined graduation exercises on June 8. I'll give you a report on that next month, along with a list of the new Bachelors of Square Dancing. There are about three squares.

Margie Ross modeled the new second club dress of the STAR LITE SHUFFLERS on Saturday, May 18, at one of the classes. Nice!

An exhibition square of STAR LITE SHUFFLERS danced at a benefit for the American Legion Post 88 on Friday, May 10. From all reports they did a very good job.

Joe Tool has been out of town so much lately and has missed so many dances that when he showed up at the club on May 9, it was decided to call it, "Welcome Joe Tool Night."

Big news!! Scotty Hayes isn't being transferred as earlier reported.

On May 17 we had visitors from Paxon Prancers. It was a great pleasure to have them dance with us. We were glad Margaret Joyce came -- it was her birthday AGAIN!

You've probably noticed the good cake recipes in the "Grapevine," and have eaten some of them. Here is good news -- girls, if you want to lose seven pounds in 34 hours, you can accomplish it easy --ask Gordon Cooper. I don't think I want to lose that bad, but I am proud to know that Cooper and I are members of the same Christian denomination.

I've heard a woman is old when she loses her looks, and a man is old when he stops looking. Well, we have no old men in our club. Saturday, May 18, our Bob Ross noticed quite a "beautiful blonde" in the launderette on the way to classes. He immediately told all the other young men, and the next thing we know, the lads had gathered up all the dish towels from the kitchen and were on their way to do the laundry. Helen Ruser is getting old from all reports -- last week she was down in the back, and this week she sat out because her legs hurt. That's all right, Helen, a woman isn't old 'til she loses her looks.

Our members have visited some this month with Jack Griffiths at Fun and Frolic, and at Orange Park. Thanks to these clubs for making us feel so welcome.

I'll have to take that back about having no old men in our club. On Saturday, May 18, we noticed that Forrest Addington was having trouble hearing a certain lady -- so he took off his glasses, the better to hear you, my dear.

Rocky Hamilton wishes to thank all the STAR LITE SHUFFLERS, Friendly Frolics, Herschell and Rosa Lee Lee, and the Hazens for the many cards and visits during his recent illness.

Betty Tool, Mrs. Secretary

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PAXON PRANCERS

There's been a lot of activity this month from our club, and we've enjoyed every minute of it.

Our visit to the Merry Mixers was certainly a treat to us. Most of the club attended, including our caller, Elwood, and his taw, Laura. Hope we can do it again, real soon.

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Several of us also visited Friendly Frolics' Beauty Pageant. Man, what a sight! Some of those men make very pretty girls. Sure was a cute contest -- we enjoyed it.

The next Saturday night found us at the Jubileers for the Irv Elias dance. What a dance! Some of us couldn't understand how the back sides could roll away, but finally decided it didn't make much difference anyway. (Ha!)

On May 2 we had Chuck Durant up from Ormond Beach. We certainly appreciated dancing with all the visitors there that night and hope everyone enjoyed Chuck's calling as much as we did. It was real nice of the Merry Mixers to call off their dance that night so they could visit.

We helped Dolly Hall and Bob Love celebrate their birthdays this month. Bob Love is always having a birthday celebration of some sort. Seems he likes our way of saying "Happy Birthday." Just kidding, Bob.

Speaking of the Loves, Bob and Patsy are getting quite used to being celebrities -- TV, that is. We're very happy to see some of our folks on TV and feel that it has done a lot for square dancing.

We also went to the USO this month, and, as in the past, the enthusiasm was great. We had several boys from the USO visit our club May 16, and they seemed to enjoy it.

Our teen-agers are busy these days forming their PAXON, JR., club. We'll let you know more of the details later.

Two of our members took off this month for a trip to St. Louis -- Billy and Marion Rolison. Billy, thought you weren't taking Marion with you? Oh, well, you can see who's boss in that family. We missed you but know you had a good time.

We're planning to attend the Western Cutters Anniversary Dance and hope to see you all there.

Before we close, we'd like to welcome new members to our club, Bonnie and Chuck Crowell. Glad to have you.

Cora and Margaret, Reporters

My goodness! What a busy and fun-filled month we have had since our last writing. On April 26 we graduated 20 new teens into our club. They are: Pat Allen, Kevin Anthony, Kitten Blank, Natalie Brandon, Vinson Edenfield, Wayne Evers, Buddy Greene, Bunny Greene, Ronald James, Sherry Worel, Betty Arenth, Kathy Nolan, Cathy Forester, Lynette Valentine, Kitty Raker, JoAnn Pahota, Doug Nolan, Pam Tate, Nancie Christine, and Pam Deig.

About 9:00 the new graduates were presented with their diplomas and graduation caps. The caps were white with pink tassels for the BELLES and blue tassels for the BEAUS. Our caller had a little surprise for all of them. This poem, written and recited by Rosina Baxter, tells what the surprise was:

When a woman has a baby,
Her husband passes out cigars.
If you buy a raffle ticket,
You might win a motor car.
But our caller sure is dumb,
He just passes out Bubble Gum!

Each graduate was given a piece of bubble gum, and after they had been chewing a while, we had a contest to see who could blow the biggest bubble. Lynette Valentine had the most gum on her face, plus the biggest bubble! Since she was so good at blowing bubbles, her prize was a whole bag of Bubble Gum!

We came up with a game called "Cheek to Cheek." Kelly Anthony, our vice president, was chosen to be the object. He seemed quite surprised to find lipstick all over his face at the end of the game!

All in all, it was quite an evening, and everyone seemed to have enjoyed himself. The club wishes to welcome our graduates into the club and hope that they will enjoy square dancing as well as we do.

We also have had a birthday this past month. A quiet, dark-haired, blue-eyed, handsome BEAU by the name of George Alford became another year older. How does it feel to finally be that all-out, wanted-to-be, age of sixteen? Guess we know who will have his driver's license before long.

We are so sorry to lose one of our dancers to Uncle Sam. Ronald James left on May 1 on his way to Georgia for training. We are looking forward to his visiting us on his leaves home. Good luck, Ronnie; hope you enjoy your work and find another good square dance. We hear that there are a lot of good square dances in Georgia.

We would like to invite everyone to the 4th Annual Northeast Florida Surf Twirlers Convention at South Ponte Vedra Beach on June 29. It will be a family affair, so bring a picnic lunch and come out and join in the fun! We will announce more details later.

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CONVENTION REGISTRATIONS

Convention registrations can be made at Frieda and Leonard Saraga's PLAZA WESTERN WEAR, as well as through Carl Law.

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BEAUS AND BELLES (Cont'd)

At the next writing we hope to report our news on the State Square Dance Convention. As of now, we are all planning on a real ball. Our caller, Ray Baxter, will be Master of Ceremonies in the Teen Room, with help from every caller at the convention. Hope to see every teen in town, as well as all those from out of town, so teens register early and miss the last-minute rush. See you there!

Pam Kieffer, Reporter

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ORANGE PARK PROMENADERS

Well, hello there. This is the PROMENADERS back again, and we have had another badge party, one which was a complete surprise. Floyd was called to the phone, and the Orange Park Police Department requested that one of the dancers, Bob Belyea, please move his car off the street. Well, Bob was real nice and went out and moved his car. Then a few minutes later in came policeman Lutzen looking very unhappy, and he carted Bob off to jail. We all followed out of curiosity. You guessed it, Floyd had it rigged with the cop, and we earned our "Jailbird" badge in the new Orange Park jail. We had two squares in each cell, kinda cozy, and we have some real nice pictures for our scrapbook.

I have some news about our new class on Tuesday night. I've been slipping around listening, and I overheard a few cute things. Chet and Delores Tucker were telling some dancers about practicing at home with a chair and pillow as their corner and partner. The pillow lost a few feathers; it seems Chet was rough on his partner when it made a mistake.

Jean and Belvin Dease bought a square-dance record, rushed home, placed it on the stereo, and squared up for a dance. The call was, "Take your partner, run around to the opposite and peep through." Well, Floyd has never called anything like that, so up on the shelf went the record to gather dust.

George and Dot Hutto informed some friends that their Siamese cat has learned to Allemande Left. Of course his supper is always late, but square dancing comes first.

We have this good-looking marine in the class (Bill Leach) who completely forgets his algebra problems and electronic books once he gets to square dancing.

I don't know if you dancers should try this or not, but Sam Blanford chews on a toothpick continually. It sure must help because he's doing beautifully on the "square through" and "cross trail."

We have two couples who really have to be on their toes. Their last name is "Sides," and when Floyd calls "sides to the middle and come on back," impulse makes them move. We have another devoted dancer with a very appropriate name (Foots Reynolds), and we have a dancer named "Ernie." I don't know him yet, but Marge sure calls on Ernie. I'll find out all about Ernie -- a very popular boy.

I've exposed enough secrets for this month, but I'd like the new class to know that we sure enjoy having them, and they are all invited to attend our Pirates Party May 31 at the Orange Park Lions Club. All you visitors are welcome too. See you next month.

Kaye Carroll, Reporter

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JUBILEERS

THE JUBILEERS held only one dance in the month of April, but IT WAS A GOOD ONE. With Irv Elias from Waycross, Georgia, as guest caller, and some 14 squares on the floor, the dancing ranged from smooth and soft to fast hash and rhythms like "Ding Dong Daddy from Dumas." With variety such as this, a good time was had by all. The turn-out was all that was expected -- all clubs in the Jacksonville area being represented. We were glad to see everyone and hope that those who perhaps had never visited us before will return again for a night of dancing with us to our club callers, Jack Griffiths and Harold Pillmore.

May 25th dance night for the JUBILEERS sees a new slate of officers taking the reins of command. Feel that the officers this past year have led the club further along the square-dance trail, and we look for even more to come with the new officers. Next issue of the "Grapevine" will see the JUBILEER club news being reported by a new name, so be sure to watch and read of the things to be enjoyed every 2nd and 4th Saturday night in air-conditioned comfort.

Our beginners class will be graduating as of June 8, so there will be more new and happy dancers to be seen around town.

JUBILEERS hope to see one and all at the state convention, June 14-15.

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HOT WEINERS

If you like 'em HOT!!, this flexible recipe is for you. Picked it up from Margaret Joyce after sampling the delicious snacks at Paxon's Chuck Durant dance. Guaranteed to burn, but SO good. Cut 1 to 2 lbs. of weiners into bite-sized chunks. Pour over them a bottle of hot peppers (add more vinegar if desired) and let stand at least 8 hours. Then bring to a boil and serve hot.

THE ALLEMANDERS
(Gainesville)

ISLAND SQUARES
(Fernandina Beach)

The ALLEMANDERS, Gainesville's second square-dance club, was organized in April at the conclusion of Bart and Ruth Bartley's spring instruction class. Serving a long-felt need for a lower-level club in Gainesville, the new group will continue to meet each Monday night at 8 p.m. at the Howard Bishop Junior High School. Bart Bartley will continue as our regular caller, assisted by Bob Waites when Bart can't make it. And of course Ruth will be around throwing in round dances or mixers to keep us from resting between tips.

F L A S H ! -- Countdown begun. Everything is GO for the Fiesta Warm-up. Hope to make 25 "Rounds." May 25, 8:00 P.M., at the Fernandina Big Recreation Center Auditorium. Myron Samson, Chief Launcher.

At the Blast-Off, the latest count shows we're being "invaded" by 30 of the Gainesville group. Another Jacksonville club may cancel its dance to come over. We are very grateful for this grand support and hope to return the visits soon.

You ain't heard nothin' yet! Round-about 11:00 P.M. -- Party AFTER! One block up from Recreation Center there will be Surf Twirling in front of the Golden Sands Patio. (Drive down the ramp at the ocean.) The tide will be going out, and ROTSA RUCK. The patio is reserved for all exhausted squares requiring resuscitation and refreshments. **DON'T MISS IT!**

In the last issue of the "Grapevine" Paul Lane inquired about a large hall for square dancing in the area. Man, we got it. Put your reservations in early though -- you will find our town is the original home of Brotherly Love.

We welcomed visitors from Woodbine, Georgia, the very gracious Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Nelson. Come again soon, folks. You're always welcome.

Our oxcart medal winner, Winnie Smith, did it again. Yep! Back to the hospital. However, rumor has it that she is permanently cured -- she had a room next to Surgery. Believe me, that'll cure anybody. You never saw anyone so glad to leave the hospital intact. So fasten your seat belts, kids, and keep in shape for the next square.

We also were thrilled to hear from our hard-working Editors, Bill and Ruth Floschman (who have done such a grand job with the "Grapevine"), that they will be here too! Welcome! May 25. See you around at the SQUARES.

OLEY OLSEN, Reporter

" F I L L E R - I N N E R S "

Have you any cute or interesting "filler-inners"? The "Grapevine" occasionally needs material of this nature to fill in space that otherwise would be left blank, and would welcome contributions from its readers.

H E L P W A N T E D

Carl and Rose Law still need lots of help on the Registration Committee for the State Convention. Call them and sign up for two hours of your time. EV 9-0211

First officers of the new club are:
Mel Caddell, president
Luther Shelton, vice-president
Jewel Ahrano, secretary
Ned Scott, treasurer

Charter members of the new club are Jean and Jewel Ahrano, Dave and Virginia Alcorn, Clarence and Beatrice Ammerman, Howard and Mary Ellen Bissland, John and Margie Boles, Mel and Del Caddell, Tom and Ellen Collins, Emma Lou Courtney, Hugh and Doris Davis, Dalson and Dorothy Esry, Bill and Wanda Ebersole, Harry and Margaret Gibson, Roger and Rose Hansen, Jim and Goldie Hindiman, Bill Johnson, Vernon and Faye Layfield, Jimmie and Audie Ledbetter, John Miller, Howard and Grace Miller, Clif and Odessa Moody, Ray and Betty Mooneyham, Bob and Betty Player, Ned and Irene Scott, Luther and Connie Shelton, Fletcher and Verna Sisk, Elaine Stone, Bill and Paula Strawn, William (Red) and Helen Taylor, Leo and Christine Ward, Curtis and Evelyn Womble, and James and Elleta Woodfin.

Under the well organized effort of Bob and Betty Player, the majority of the club will make its first road trip on Saturday, May 25, to Fernandina Beach, in quest of Knothead badges.

Present plans are to continue meeting each Monday through the summer months.

Wanda and Bill Ebersole, Reporters

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12TH NATIONAL SQUARE-DANCE CONVENTION

T R A I L D A N C E S

We understand there are quite a few people from the Northeast Florida area who are lucky enough to be taking in the "National." Hope you'll be able to stop for one of these Trail Dances on the 18th. Des Moines, Iowa
Waterloo, Iowa
La Crosse, Wisconsin (Myrick Park)
Fairmont, Minnesota (Gomsrud Park)
Mankato, Minnesota (North Mankato Municipal Building)