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JUBILEERS

The Beginners Hoedown sponsored by the JUBILEERS on May 9 was a great success -- we thought. We had nine enthusiastic squares to participate, and from all observations, Jacksonville and Jacksonville Beach are going to have a square-dance population explosion of successful dancers. It was our pleasure to host this affair, and we want these new and "old" dancers to know that we welcome them as our visitors.

The JUBILEERS are proud of our new class that will be graduating on May 23, and no doubt the planning committee is preparing a mischievous graduation program as a welcome to our club. We hope all the JUBILEERS members will turn out on Saturday, May 23, to make welcome these new members and to see them accept a well-earned diploma. These graduates are Lucille and Jerry Crysell, Peggy and Hank Esser, Beverly and Rod Freeman, Ana and Rod Haney, Carolyn and James Luker, Dot and Hal Reid, Alma and Frank Roberts, Jack and Naomi Sills, and Jewel and Dave Turner.

Last summer we held at our club a summer workshop on Friday nights, and the response was so good that we thought we might attempt it again this summer. It will give us an opportunity to brush up on old "calls" that we really never got down "pat" and to learn perfectly (maybe) some of the newer calls. We have no doubt that there are lots of folks, like ourselves, who would like to know for sure if a "teacup chain" can be performed!!!! We have our doubts, and this summer workshop would give us an opportunity to find out as well as clear up other confusions. Now, a summer workshop should not be all work -- we should have a lot of fun at the same time. Think about this program and work it into your summer activities. We might mention that this is for EVERYONE -- not just the JUBILEERS members. Visitors at our club are always welcome.

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ROUNDLEERS

Greetings to you from the ROUNDLEERS!

We do appreciate the interest and good wishes from the many clubs in our endeavor to have a round-dance club. It is with pride and enthusiasm that we tell you - our club is doing wonderfully well.

Bill and Ruth Fleshman have given us a "well rounded" program of rounds -- which we have thoroughly enjoyed. They did a great job of teaching "Moonlight Bay." This was our first new dance.

Carl and Betty Graeff visited the "Roundup" in Orlando in March where they learned to dance "Yearning." They gave us a demonstration, and we immediately had a yearning to be able to do it just half as well as they did. With their help, it didn't take long for us to pass the "walk-thru" and to feel we can do it as well as some we have been trying for a much longer time.

Our latest number to work on is "Kentucky Home." Ed and Evelyn Criminger are helping us with this dance. They do it beautifully -- and with the greatest of ease. For some of us (mostly yours truly) it just looked impossible -- but with a little more practice, we think we will get it.

A DANCING TREAT IS IN STORE FOR YOU AT THE NERFSDA 5th-SATURDAY DANCE MAY 30 AT THE PYTHIAN CENTER (Air Conditioned). COME!!!

We were so glad to have Herschell Lee visit us recently. Come again, Herschell; we are always happy to have you. (Contd.)

ROUNDLEERS (Cont'd)

To Jim and Kay Holbrook we wish the best of good luck and happiness in their new home. We will miss you very much and hope you will visit us when you are in town. They are being transferred to Tallahassee.

We have missed Gerald and Mary Kieffer the last few weeks. Mary, we are glad you are feeling better -- hope you will soon be back with us.

To all who are going to the State Convention -- have fun! A number of ROUNDLEERS will be there -- sorry we can't make it.

See you A-ROUND -- we hope.

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WESTERN CUTTERS

The WESTERN CUTTERS feel like we have something to "crow" about this month. With our new members with us now the "joint is jumping." At our last class session we had a real party with games, dancing and the works. All were given their diplomas and club pins, presented to them by the president and his wife. Around 11:00 a buffet was served. The food was marvelous, and all of us give thanks to June Stegall and Bea Smith for doing all the cooking and serving. We know it must have taken days to prepare.

May 16 found all of us dancing to the much-awaited-for Bob Rust. We must say at this time that for the first "outside" dance our new members did real good. The "Old Timers" were real proud, and so was a certain caller and teacher, Bob Reynolds. Sorry that our tickets ran out so soon.

June will find our club heading for the water (fresh, or salt, hasn't been decided). It will be a family affair, with a little bit of everything planned for the day. As for the rest of the month, we will still be dancing the second and fourth Saturday.

We missed Bill and Hazel Hogan at our last dance because Bill's father is ill. We wish him a speedy recovery soon.

Don't forget our Association Dance May 30.
Nancy and Harney Morrow

ISLAND SQUARES

(Fernandina Beach)

We are just recovering from the peachy Barbecue and the grand calling of Georgia Boy Elias. It was a pleasure to see so many of our friends, with Orange Park, Jacksonville, and Jaycross all coming through with a wonderful group. Also was pleased to see and square up with Bill and Ruth Fleshman (Ye Editors, you know) and many others, including our Association President, Louis Olsen, and tav.

Well, we'd better hurry and rest up, for the Annual Invasion at Fort Clinch Jetty Lodge by the friendly Friendly Frolics begins this week-end. If we can survive a two-hour hash call, we can stand anything -- right, Herschell?

Hope to have our auditorium air-conditioned this year and maybe have a celebration for the event.

Have to visit the Grand Slammers to get my shirt back. They said it was the Rules (Duval County). So we'll bring some of ours -- rules, that is -- and no telling now what'll happen.

Come see us.

Lu and Al Oelsner, Reporters

ROUND-DANCE BASICS

There is room for a few more couples in the Sunday-afternoon round-dance-basics class being taught by Ruth Bartley and Bob Waites at the Grand Slammers' "Barn." Registration closes Sunday, May 24 (2nd lesson). If you wish to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to learn to round dance, call

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*Sorry, Rosina, that I listed your phone number incorrectly last month.

LAKE CITY SQUARES

Bill Camp SAID he had a surprise for us at our regular Monday-night dance. We were all pleasantly surprised when Dick Gonzales came over to do the calling. Bill had as good a time as any of us -- I think he likes to get a chance to dance once in a while.

We were glad to welcome two couples from High Springs in our Lake City Club. Hope they enjoy our club dances as much as we do.

J. B. and Elsie Hunter

FLYERS

If you plan to put flyers in the GRAPEVINE, don't guess as to how many are needed -- ask us. Our circulation varies considerably from month to month largely because of 3-month complimentary subscriptions to graduates of beginners classes.

" Y " - K N O T S

Well, "This is the Month That Wuz!" As we wrote you last time - we were getting graduated and organized into a new club called the "Y-Knots." That we did, and now we are all graduated - and raring to go!

But what a graduation! Our callers, Anne and Herbert Lawhorne, really put on a dilly! They called all the men on the floor and announced that instead of their usual partners (us little ole wives) that they had brought along a group of lovely new glamour girls for them to trip the light fantastic with. They kept these girls in the other room until the music started, and then Anne called out, "Come on in now, girlies; we are ready for you." The look of eager delight and anticipation on the faces of our (good and faithful) spouses was beautiful to see - when the door swung open and in came a few helpers carrying ten lovely bushy mops with pastel bows of satin ribbon in their lovely blonde hair (?) - for them to "Take that little girl home with you." I am sure if you were listening you heard the screams! We were practically rolling in the floor! And have you ever tried to "Allemande Left" with your left hand tied up in a paper bag? Well, we did - that and a lot more cr-r-r-azy things! Not a night! Then Perfesser (Herb, of course) in his cap and gown stood us all in line with our bright pink mortar boards with black tassels and presented us - with the help of Anne, his loving taw - our long-awaited diplomas! It was a proud and happy moment.

That week-end we held a called meeting at the home of our callers and elected our first officers and got the ground-work laid for further operations. We decided, since we do everything in couples, to elect our officers the same way, so - we have: Pres. - Rosalind & Bill Daniel
V.Pres. - Hattye & Ernest Fulton
Sec'y - Bessie & Arthur Allen
Treas. - Marijane & Don Nelson
Our telephone committee for the present are Mary Lou and John Duguid and Irene and Larry Brown.

The following week we were so happy to have visitors for our open house. We let one of our visitors draw for the door prizes, and what do you suppose? She drew one for our own Ed Kellogg (she came with Dot and Ed) and another for Harry Radvansky, her own favorite "pardner" - in the Jubileers. Now what do you think of that? Sure sounds like shenanigans going on here!

We loved having every one of you who came out and danced with us and made us feel so welcome to the fold. It is so encouraging to us new ones to have the more advanced group visit us and let us get to know you. You give us a real incentive to get better and better. Do come again often! So far we have had visitors from the Jubileers, Merry Mixers, Seaside

Squares, and Orange Park Promenaders.

Last Wednesday night saw the beginning of our new beginners class which started at the "Y". Could it be possible that we ever danced like that? Is it possible some of us still do? Oh no - not that!

Next week-end our club has been invited down to the lake to dance with Bessie and Arthur Allen. We'll take a covered-dish supper and dance by the light of the moon. Can't wait!

We'll be looking for more of you to come and visit on Thursday nights at the Y.M.C.A. at 221 Riverside Avenue. We are right by the beautiful St. Johns River. Do drop in!

Rosalind Daniel, Reporter

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ORANGE PARK PROMENADERS

A record group of dancers were graduated "cum laude" on April 17 at the Orange Park Lions Club. Each class gets snarther than the last, it seems. Guess we just have a pretty sharp teacher. The party for these 52 graduates was very festive. Each received a mortar board, diploma, and badge and joined the Grand March. Entertainment was furnished by our Junior Promenaders who sang a roundelay called, "The First Night of Lessons." They wore wigs and country hats and were introduced as the "Orange Seeds." Then sixteen unsuspecting volunteers were enlisted for a "Siamese Square." In this, each dancer has a twin latched on. Fascinating to watch. One of the graduates sat on the sidelines a little too often and was awarded a "Pantaloon Inspector" badge. That'll learn him!

The buffet table was a sight to behold. Fresh flowers and a cake decorated like a PROMENADER's badge, and so much good party food. A night to remember.

The very next week the new class started. There was such a crowd (89) that the staff ran out of identifying tags for everybody. There is nothing like enthusiasm for recruiting.

On May 16 a trip is planned to Orlovista near Orlando, Florida, for all candidates for Knothead badges. Here's your chance to dance in a firehouse and snap some red suspenders.

Our Pirates Party planned for May 29 is going to be quite a "gala." Everybody welcome. Carlyn Gundersen, Reporter

THE PREZ SEZ

Summer time, vacations, State and National Conventions, and plenty of hot weather is just around the corner. We certainly hope a large number of square dancers are able to attend the State Convention in Miami. I have heard of some who are even going to California for the National.

I want to apologize for holding the Association meeting on Mother's Day, but by the time I realized that it was, I couldn't change the meeting place. Those present, however, voted to submit a bid for the State Convention for Jacksonville for 1966; this bid to be contingent on whether or not Orlando submits a bid. I understand that our many friends in the Orlando area are going to do just that, and I, for one, would like to see them sponsor the Convention in 1966. The contingency is that if Orlando is accepted, as the site for the 1966 Convention, we will bid for the 1967 Convention.

Clara and I will be leaving on our vacation in a couple of weeks so will probably miss the next publication of the GRAPEVINE. Keep dancing -- and see most of you at the Association Dance, May 30, at the Pythian Center -- Herschell Lee and Jack Griffiths calling.

Louis Olsen, President
Northeast Florida Square Dancers Assn.

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J A X ' N J I L L S

A square from our club danced at the bandshell on Welcoming Day at the Beach. We also enjoyed dancing at the Newer Dancers Hoedown which the Jubileers had. We are looking forward to the Surf Twirlers Dance the Seaside Squares are planning.

Last week Frankie Smith, of the Star Lite Shufflers, came to dance with our club. We enjoyed having him and hope he will come back with some friends.

We wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Fleshman* for sending each member of our club three free copies of the GRAPEVINE.

We were surprised and pleased to find that WJXT (Channel 4) sent us a copy of "The Hooterville Hop." It looks like it will be fun to learn!

Our club badges are being made. The colors are a red background with white lettering.

Valerie Thompson

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SEASIDE SQUARES

Hi again. Well, now that the warm weather is getting in full swing, we have been seeing more and more visitors out to the beach to our dances, and we are sure glad to see you all. Joe Smith said that the warm weather makes him want to call, and we want to dance, so let's see some more of you dancers out our way.

We have had a few additions to the membership of the SEASIDE SQUARES, and we want to welcome you all, Pinky and Ray Wixson, Opal and Bill Albert. We will have some more new members come the 27th. Joe has his class all ready to graduate. Why don't you all come on out Wednesday, the 27th, and watch the club welcome (?) (or initiate) our new members. I can sure remember what happened to us, so I'm looking forward to this night. In line with the class graduation, the club is having a pot-luck, covered-dish supper starting at 6:30 P.M. Everyone is invited to join us. Put something in a pot and come along.

The SEASIDE SQUARES want to thank the Grand Slammers for a real nice evening when we visited them and hope that they will come down and see us again real soon. (One thing though, the next time we go out your way, I heard someone say that we had better bring some light bulbs. Anything to this, do you think?)

Last Wednesday, the 13th, the club enjoyed the hospitality of the American Power Convention here at the Beach. They invited us to supper and then we invited them to dance with us. I think that a few are thinking about looking into this square dancing when they return to their homes all over the States. But a real good time was had by all.

Joe Smith, our esteemed caller, is getting ready to start a new class on the 8th of June. So if anyone you know from out this way or, for that matter, anywhere, is interested, send them along to the SEASIDE SQUARES at 8:00 P.M., on Monday, June 8. Also along the same lines, the club would like to sponsor a pre-teen or teen-agers class, so anyone that is interested, contact our president's wife, Vera Edge, for the full information.

Well, time is short, and I had better get this in the mail. But before I close for this month, the club wants to say, "So-long, and lots of good luck, John Lindsey, in your new job." John has
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joined the Fish and Game Commission as a Salt Water Game Warden in Fort Meyers. Anyone that is down that way, look John up, and I know that he will know just where the dance is being held. Now that John is gone, I don't know for sure whom I am going to blame the goofs on now. Well, so long for this month, and we will be looking forward to seeing you all real soon.

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Know what the latest gossip is? Nothing real juicy such as so-and-so's wife is seeing so-and-so, but this: "The coolest place in town to dance is Southside Youth Center!" Don't know if they mean Jack's calling is "the coolest" or our hall is the coolest, but we are inclined to think they mean both.

It was good to have Audrey Fletcher back with us May 5, looking fully recovered. We are also happy to learn that Marvin Green, Jr., has recovered from his accident sufficiently to return to school although he is still under the doctor's care.

The Yankees have invaded the South again -- this time in the form of the Kalch family from Erie, Pennsylvania. They showed us a new way of twirling. Looks so easy and simple when they do it but seems right dangerous when we do it. Before we definitely gave it up, we watched Jay Carter and Gladys Griffiths trying to do it. It looks exactly like Gladys is trying to slap Jay, and he is holding her hands to prevent it. It is so realistic that Jay even blinks his eyes in anticipation of the slap. We had to leave so don't know if they ever perfected that twirl or not.

Muriel Luth has been among the missing since ITD (Income Tax Day). Hope things slack off at the Infernal Revenoo so she can stop this overtime routine and dance with us again.

Our congratulations and best wishes to the former Louise Bowman on her marriage to Ted Morris April 25. Louise had to stop dancing temporarily on the advice of her doctor, but this bit of news proves she has not been idle! Ted is already square dancing in one of Anne Lawhorne's Mandarin classes, and we hope that by the time he graduates, Louise's leg will be well again and we'll see them at FUN AND FROLIC.

Lots of members are vacationing or planning to soon. Susan and Lou Connally are off to Denver, Colorado, for the graduation of their nephew and maybe a trip to Las Vegas, Nevada (strictly for sight-seeing, they say), and they might take in Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico. The Butners are off again (NOT business this time) for a fun-week at the spring session of the Fun Fest at Fontana Village. Then Ruth and Bill Fleshman will be off to the National Convention in Long Beach, California, and gosh-knows-where enroute. These are not the only exciting vacations being planned -- Clyde and Lois Huston expect to go to Callahan for a few days this summer!

Betty and Marvin Faircloth have invited our members and friends to their place on Santa Fe Lake for our annual picnic May 24. Bar-B-Q chicken, or what have you, and covered dishes filled with all sorts of good eating. DIETERS DON'T GO! Everything there last year was fattening, even to look at, and your will power will vanish into whatever you just can't resist!

We always enjoy our out-of-town visitors, but it is especially nice to have home-folks too, so keep us in mind. Rounds from 7:30 to 8:00, and square dancing from 8:00 to 10:00, each Tuesday at Southside Youth Center. See you there!

Lois Huston, Reporter

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P A X O N P R A N C E R S

The PAXON PRANCERS started the month off with the trip to White Springs, to the Stephen Foster Memorial, for the festivities and a picnic. Seven couples went, and reports were that all came home wet, but that a good time was had by all, and there was plenty of food to eat.

We also started the month with John Calhoun, his law, Polly, and Little John. John called for us on May 7. We really enjoyed having them, and I know we'll all be looking forward to having them back again real soon. We were glad to see visitors from Western Cutters, Star Lite Shufflers, Friendly Frolics, Merry Mixers, Grand Slammers, and Orange Park Promenaders. We had ten squares dancing and some sitters. Afterwards the majority of us went to the Green Pig for coffee and pie or sandwiches.

A few of the PRANCERS took a short trip to Palm Valley to hear Nancy Rutledge sing at the Community Center. Nancy, we all think you did a real good job. Afterwards we went to the Rutledges' home for a party. The refreshments were delicious

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we all went to Mary and Gerald Kieffer's home and danced and had refreshments. Mary is determined to make some of us fat with all those delicious snacks. Pam Kieffer has been sporting around in all those new dresses. They are all home-made and just as pretty as can be.

Until next month,
 Georgene Bussey

PAXON PRANCERS (Cont'd)

but for some reason Gerald didn't eat very much. Perhaps he had a large supper. We had a wonderful time, as usual.

On May 9 we had a record party at Bill's Feed Store in Marietta, which we rented from the Grand Slammers for the night. This dance was sponsored for the new class. Scottie and Angie Hayes furnished us with the tapes, Elwood brought his equipment and records, and a number of the members brought records. Elwood and his taw, Laura, acted as though they really enjoyed dancing for a change. Everyone brought refreshments and drinks, and we all had a real good time. I believe we could have danced all night.

On May 14 we graduated our new class with 17 new members. That's 17 more members to make our evenings even more enjoyable. Also, we had our TACKY party. Prizes were awarded, for being the tackiest at the dance, to Margaret Thompson with her hanging pantaloons and all those bows; to Betty Alvarez with curlers, sloppy shirt and pants with writing on them; to Jim Holbrook with "The Livin' End"; and to Wally Lightfoot with his hat and paint-smearred pants. Patsy and Bob Love were chairmen for the party, and they did a good job.

We are all glad to see Mary Kieffer dancing again after her short absence.

Our club plans a party for June. Alice and Irving Rutledge are chairmen. This party will be a Father's-Day Party and will be held on June 18, which is the Thursday before Father's Day.

We are all sorry to hear about Jim and Kay Holbrook being transferred to Tallahassee. We will miss their smiles and good work in the club. We hope they will come back to visit us as often as they can. By the way, we all have an invitation to go to Tallahassee. They promise to have all the eats we can eat for the whole week-end. On Thursday, May 21, we plan to give them a going-away party, and each couple will present them with a short note or card as a memento. AS IF THEY COULD FORGET US. We also plan to give them a going-away gift at the party.

Those of us that were lucky enough to get tickets to the Western Cutters' Bob Rust dance had a real good time. We hope to get together with them again. Afterwards

"GRAPEVINE" SUBSCRIPTIONS

At the May 10 meeting of the Northeast Florida Square Dancers Association, delegates recommended that clubs put on a continued drive to secure GRAPEVINE subscriptions for all members (either on a club-wide basis as part of the dues, or individually). Advantages would include rapid, accurate and complete dissemination of information concerning club and Association activities and would save telephone committees many hours of telephoning. Delegates suggested that a poster be displayed by each club at the entrance, containing the following:

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On April 25 we had Dick Gonzales and his taw, Dot, with us. We were very pleased to welcome 18 dancers from the Cross Trail Squares in Tampa who came to make Knothead. It sure was nice to have them! Our thanks go to Rebel Rhoden and Jack Stevenson, who were the host and hostess for the evening; also to Sheila Beazlie, Julia Vetter, Beth Griffis, Ruth Dees, and Gwynneth Brooke, who brought those delicious cakes.

On May 9 we were to have Bill Muench back, but he was unable to come so we had a swingin' good time with Herschell Lee. Gwynneth and Don Brooke served pound cake and coffee.

More and more fellows are wearing those 441 shirts. Even the gals are sporting new outfits with the 441 sign.

Our next three dances will feature Fred Rowe, Myron Samson, and Eric Sohn. Won't you come to dance with us? We love to have those out-of-town visitors.

Jeri and John Mboore

NO AUGUST GRAPEVINE

Still no "volunteers" to put out the August issue while Bill and Ruth Fleishman are away. July issue will be in the mail about June 21 or 22.

STAR LITE SHUFFLERS

"A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men," and the STAR LITE SHUFFLERS feel that if a little is good, a lot is better!

There was lots of nonsense on April 19 at our Surprise House for Bob and Margie Ross. Trudy Patrick gave me this wonderful report:

"The surprise housewarming for Bob and Margie Ross Sunday, April 19, was a surprise to everyone, including the STAR LITE SHUFFLERS. The planning started about 10:00, Sunday morning, and for two hours the telephone wires were burning up. Approximately 25 members turned out.

Marge got lots of green stamps, and she really squealed when she saw them. (That's what she's always wanted.) Bob got supplies for his blue reading room, pink-flowered toilet tissue plus a TV guide. There were matches, home-made pickles, lovely linens and towels, pork and beans, silent butler, egg timer, glasses, a large Martini mixer (that's what Bob thought, but it was really a planter), and many other items. There was a padded mitt -- Bob said it was very good to hold the ladies' 'hot little hands.' Margie got one, too -- that makes quite a pair.

"While we were there, we celebrated Bob's birthday. He got a man-size yo-yo. (This is what the Wallaces think of him.) Margie's latest theme-song, 'You Got the Right String, Baby, but the Wrong Yo-Yo.'

"I think they enjoyed all this once they got over the shock.

"We were happy to meet Bob's mother. She seemed to enjoy it too. She might move down here just so she can have a house-warming. We'll be glad to oblige."

The Boat Show at the Exhibition Hall of the Civic Auditorium, April 25, was enjoyed by all the STAR LITE SHUFFLERS. We hope our dancing showed the crowd that square dancing can be a family affair, as is boating. One time during the evening Walt called for a teen-ager to take an old lady's place -- so Trudy dashed into the square as I left! Our men had their eyes on one boat in particular, with a gorgeous mascot, all dressed in black. Sorry, men, she doesn't come with the boat. The after-party at Lee Wallace's home, to celebrate Jimmy's 15th birthday, made the evening complete. She had the best "calories" in town. There was entertainment for everyone, from marshmallow roasting and pool playing to conversation groups. There must have been a planning session, too, because a group of Junior Idiots had an "after-after-party" at the Knights' house at about 2:00 A.M.

Charlie Kemp reported at our May 1 business meeting that the NEFSDA has decided children through the age of 18 can

attend dances at half price. Callers and their wives, from clubs belonging to the Association, will be admitted free to Association dances. There was a report concerning a Fall Hoedown for members of the STAR LITE SHUFFLERS only, to be held at Camp O'Leno the first week in October, or the last week in September.

While you are telling your son about the birds and the bees, he probably is thinking about the car and keys. Speaking of cars -- whatever happened to the little green Rambler we used to see so regularly at our club meetings?

Here's good news for our dieters -- Uncle Lush is at it again. This time it's low-calorie moonshine using saccharin instead of sugar.

May 2, at our May Fete, Frankie Smith won the prize for having the most badges. Gus Ruser had quite a few by some nonsense, but the rest of the Rusers were without. Robbie Knight had quite a hat-full himself. Gene Wallace won the prize for submitting the name "M-PC-SQ" for the badge we earned as we square danced around the beautifully decorated May Pole. Our visitors that night included Mr. and Mrs. Price of Palatka, and Mr. and Mrs. Young, of Keystone Heights. Y'all come again.

There was some nonsense missing at the club on May 9. We soon discovered we were missing Robbie and Dot Knight. Robbie's piano recital was that night, and from the radiant look on Dot's face upon her arrival afterwards, we are sure he did a very good job. Sorry we couldn't have been there, Robbie.

We enjoyed our visit to Paxon on May 7. We also enjoyed the unusual and hilarious initiation. It is a good feeling to have our banner at home again. Elwood, we hope your headache is gone. You know the best cure for a headache is to get a mouth-ful of water and sit on the stove until it boils! Don't do it, though, Elwood. This kind of nonsense will have to go.

Georgia Addington reports she had a wonderful time on her trip, May 2-6, to her home in Crossfield, Tennessee. She traveled with her sister and three children, and the rest of the Volkswagen was full of cracker crumbs. When they arrived at the home of her parents, there was no one home, so she crawled through the same window she did as a teen-ager. See, Georgia, all that practice years ago wasn't wasted after all. While Georgia was away her daughters tried very hard to be helpful. They even put starch in Forrest's drawers. When this was reported to me, I asked if this news was clean enough to print, and this answer came back -- "WHAT COULD BE CLEANER THAN STARCHED DRAWERS!"

Bruce Yongue reports that we have received a special invitation (continued)

STAR LITE SHUFFLERS (Cont'd)

to attend Orange Park's Pirate Dance on May 29. Let's all go out and give this big event our support.

The Knights, the Wallaces, and the Montaltes, our Nominating Committee, want to remind you that election of officers will be held at our June 5 business meeting at the Wallaces' home.

Late Flash! The STAR LITE SHUFFLERS will not dance at the church on June 6. Plans are in the making for a week-end at Goldhead. Sounds like just the kind of nonsense we like.

Well, I'd better cut out this nonsense and try to make the GRAPEVINE deadline. It has been a great month. No fooling!

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MERRY - MIXERS

Although the MERRY-MIXERS' activities have been missing from the last several issues of the GRAPEVINE, we haven't exactly been idle. Myron has been keeping us busy with his usual fine calling -- those of us who haven't been on the sick list, inopportune work schedules, and the variety of other reasons which keep square dancers away from their favorite pastime. We have enjoyed hosting a number of visitors -- local and out-of-town, including a group from the Grand Slammers, who made away with our banner.

On a recent Sunday evening we combined business with pleasure in the form of a covered-dish supper at the Blados' residence. The table, as usual, was loaded with all kinds of good food, which was topped off with ample servings of Erma's home-grown and hand-cranked ice cream. Following the meal we conducted a business meeting and after that did some dancing. We hashed over a number of things during the meeting, including the decision to temporarily raise the ante to \$1.50 per couple until the end of June, to retrieve our pilfered banner, to give a graduation party for our class, and other matters to be handled by committee.

Our class, which we have co-sponsored with the ladies of St. Paul's Church, has been going great guns. Myron has done an exceptionally good job with these people, and they are without a doubt the best class I have seen. We've been averaging five to six squares weekly, not counting the club members filling in. According to present plans and schedule, they should complete a full 20 weeks of instruction

near the end of June, at which time we will fete them with a graduation party. Last Friday night after the class, Myron gave them an insight into the organization and set-up of local clubs, the NEFSDA, and what they could look forward to as square dancers. It didn't pass unnoticed that, although he was quite explicit about the Knothead badge, he was strongly uncommunicative when it came to the Idiot Party.

The class unanimously indicated their desire to join with the club and continue dancing under the MERRY-MIXER banner. Due in part to the large number in this class, we plan to reschedule our weekly club dances to Friday nights following their induction into the club and avail ourselves of the continued use of the church parish hall under the auspices of the ladies of the church. As a result of the enthusiasm shown by this lively group, we are planning on initiating another class soon after this one's completion. More details on the location and dates of this later when we get everything firmed up.

Some of us attended the Golden Crown Dance at Fernandina on May 9 called by Irv Elias. He called a real good, challenge-level dance, and a lot of Jacksonville dancers missed out on a good dance and an excellent caller by not being there. Everyone get out and support the 5th-Saturday NEFSDA dance May 30 at the Pythian Center!

Russ Osborn, Reporter

ASSOCIATION DANCE

JACK GRIFFITHS and HERSCHELL LEE have planned a wonderful dance program with something for everyone. See you at the Pythian Center, Jacksonville, Saturday, May 30, at 8:00 P.M. Admission \$1 per person.

MERRY STEPPERS

The MERRY STEPPERS have had two very special events this past month. Even though this is a real busy season, we have been pleased to see so many new faces.

One of our special events was a surprise birthday party for Bob Waites. Ruth Bartley made those delicious cakes, and punch was also served. An arrangement of magnolias was on the serving table. It was rather difficult keeping it a surprise, as Bob wanted to go into the room where the party was being prepared. However, Marion Forsman managed to keep him on the dance floor. How old did you say you were, Bob? I don't believe it was announced. Anyway, Happy Birthday from all of us.

This last week (May 12) our special-events committee went all out to wish
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MERRYSTEPPERS (Cont'd)

FRIENDLY FROLICS

"Everybody" a Happy Birthday. It started at 7:00 P.M. with a covered-dish supper. There was a table for each month of the year, and gardenias, brought by Kathryn Walker, were on each table. The club furnished a decorated white cake for dessert. The birthday gift, donated by Ed and Elizabeth Turlington, was won by the daughter of Mary and Leon Roberts. They in turn presented it to Sandy and Jane Jurrell, who are moving to Pompano Beach. Everyone is sorry to see them leave, but we wish them the best of luck in their new location. It has been fun squarin' up with you, Jane and Sandy!

We are gradually seeing more and more ribbons showing advanced registration for the State Convention. It is sure to be great fun. Are you going?

See you next month. Happy Dancing!

John and Jeri Moore

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GRAND SLAMMERS

This month we have visited and have been visited. Visitors were from Seaside Squares and Merry Mixers, including callers Joe Smith and Carl Law, whom we enjoyed hearing. We were also glad to welcome Bill and Ruth Fleshman. We visited Seaside Squares, Friendly Frolics and Paxon. From Paxon we reclaimed our banner in time for graduation.

Graduation was the 5th, and we welcome to our ranks Carolyn and Marlin McWaters, Sandy and Bill Dilatush, Jay and Betty Weisner, John and Marie Casner, Rusty Harris, Benita Carroll and Betty Presson. A new class started the 12th and will be held open one or two more Tuesdays. This Tuesday, the 26th, we will have a pot-luck supper before the class.

The round-dance basics class, taught by Ruth Bartley and Bob Whites, began Sunday, May 17. We would like to thank all those who came out, and we hope to see more this Sunday, as the class will still be open through Sunday, May 24.

Mavis Carroll, Reporter

Excitement is in the air about our trip to Fernandina this week-end. We hope to see lots of old friends drop in to say "Hi" and dance a tip or two.

Arrangements are being made (thanks to Lennie Saraga) for our Max Forsyth dance on August 5 to be held at the Jewish Center, Third and Silver Streets. We hear the wood floor is ideal, and it's air-conditioned. Will let you know the official word on this later, but y'all keep that date open.

We've had some mighty good crowds at our dances this month and especially enjoy having so many visitors come to dance with us. The squares who came up from Cocoa to make Knothead were promptly obliged and all went home sporting brand-new band-aids. Hope they'll return soon, and we'll treat them nicer.

Our personal opinion is that Rosa Lee missed her calling completely, and we're glad. Hollywood couldn't appreciate her half as much as we do. She gave our incoming slate of officers a royal ??? inauguration at our last dance. George Stanton, President; Gene Johnson, Vice President; Arie Willis, Secretary; and Johnny Robbins, Treasurer; with their respective partners, were installed in the grand manner. They will have a big job ahead following in the footsteps of the outgoing group. Thanks to all of you for a great job. We think Marge Piszczek deserves special thanks, even though she undid all the good that square dancing does for our figures. She always managed to either bake or recruit the most luscious cakes, etc.

Speaking of food reminds us of the covered-dish supper at our business meeting, which reminds us of the old barn-raising and threshing-crew meals. Sure glad we have them every other month, but every other month only.

It's been fun writing the column for you, but we gladly turn it over to Frank and Aggie Clements. Happy Birthday, Frank.

Be seeing you.

Marie Anderson

ELECTIONS COMING UP

In this election year let's not lose sight of the fact that we elect new Association officers each year to take office October 1. So be thinking about whom you would like to have direct the efforts of our Northeast Florida Square Dancers Association, and give their names to your club's representative on the nominating committee, when appointed. Square dancing has to grow or die. Let's keep it growing by keeping fine leadership at the head of the Association. Elections will be held at our FREE Association dance on August 29. Be there!

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CHICKEN CACCIA TORE

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| 1/4 cup olive oil |) | Brown chicken in olive oil. Then add |
| 2 1/2 to 3-pound frying chicken, cut up |) | onion and garlic and cook until brown. |
| 2 medium onions cut in 1/4-inch slices |) | Combine other ingredients in sauce. |
| 2 cloves of garlic |) | Pour over chicken and simmer about 45 |
| 1 pound can (2 cups) tomatoes |) | minutes. Stir in sauterne, if desired. |
| 1 8-ounce can tomato sauce |) | Cook chicken uncovered about 20 minutes |
| 1 tsp. salt |) | longer, until sauce thickens. Remove |
| 1/4 tsp. black pepper |) | bay leaves and serve. |
| 1/2 tsp. celery seed |) | |
| 1 tsp. crushed oregano |) | |
| 1 or 2 bay leaves |) | |
| 1/4 cup sauterne (optional) |) | |

RE M I N D E R S

- May 23 - SATURDAY. WESTERN CUTTERS Anniversary Dance. Annie Morgan School.
- May 23-4 - SATURDAY-SUNDAY. FRIENDLY FROLICS Week-end at Fort Clinch
- May 24 - SUNDAY. ROUND-DANCE BASICS CLASS CLOSES. Grand Slammers "Barn" - 8051 West Beaver Street (Marietta). Call 764-6293, or 388-5549.
- May 29 - FRIDAY. PIRATES PARTY, sponsored by Orange Park Promenaders. Lions Club.
- May 29-30 - FRIDAY-SATURDAY. AQUADUCK FESTIVAL, Savannah Beach, Ga. Sponsored by Tybee Twirlers. See attached flyer.
- May 30 - SATURDAY - 5th-SATURDAY NEFSDA DANCE. Jack Griffiths and Herschell Lee calling. Air-conditioned Pythian Center, Jacksonville. \$1 per person.
- May 30 - SATURDAY - IRV ELIAS AND ROGER CHAPMAN at Nahunta Recreation Center (air conditioned). Afternoon and evening sessions.
- June 6 - STAR LITE SHUFFLERS regular dance cancelled.
- June 6 - IRV ELIAS at Waycross Civic Auditorium. Swamp Stompers.
- June 19-20 - FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. STATE SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION. Miami Beach.
- June 27 - SATURDAY - BOB RUST, Waycross Civic Auditorium. Swamp Stompers.
- July 10 - FRIDAY - ANDY ANDRUS, Waycross Civic Auditorium, Swamp Stompers.
- July 23-25 - THURSDAY-SATURDAY. NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION, Long Beach, Calif.
- August 5 - WEDNESDAY. MAX FORSYTH, sponsored by FRIENDLY FROLICS. Jewish Center.
- August 13-15. - THURSDAY-SATURDAY. REUNION OVERSEAS SQUARE DANCERS. Write Box 4234 Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- August 29 - 5th SATURDAY. NEFSDA DANCE. BOB RUST CALLING. FREE DANCE.
- Sept. 5-6-7, - Labor Day Week-end. KNOTHEAD KONVENTION. Clearwater, Florida. HARPER SMITH, featured KALIER.
- October ? - PAXON DANCE-A-THON.
- October 31 - GOBLIN DANCE. STAR LITE SHUFFLERS.
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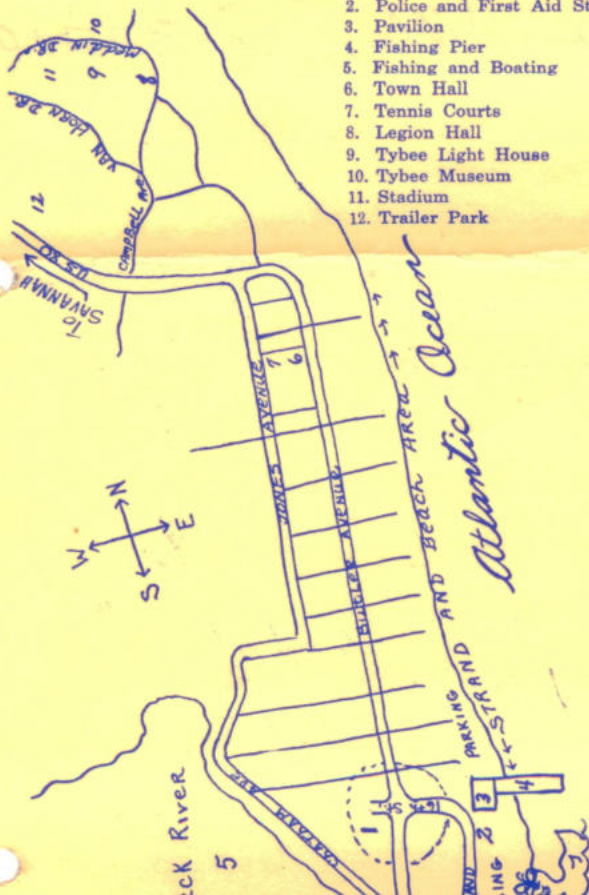
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