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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

WHY THE ASSOCIATION? - Several clubs banded together can promote Square Dancing more effectively than working singly. As an example, without the Association the State Convention could not be held. With good publicity this affair can familiarize the general public with our activity and they become more receptive to the Square Dance. The Toys for Tots Dance becomes a larger dance and we create a very favorable impression with a group which before had not known of our existence.

Special club dances can be widely advertised through the Association's "GRAPEVINE". Visitation is encouraged through Club reports and listings. By using the Association as a clearing house for requests for information on classes, more people can be brought in by allowing them a choice of areas and nights. With the various activities of the Association, there is room for many couples to take part in the activities other than dancing. Those who have participated; even though quite often it is hard work and time consuming, in most cases find it exhilarating and their interest in Square Dancing increased.

In most of my articles, I have been trying to express certain ideas. This time I'm stressing a point. Club dues to the Association are due on the 1st of July. Ken Seefried, Association Treasurer, 4335 Hercules Avenue, will gladly send you a receipt for your \$12.00.

We are proud to have join us as full members. The Golden Isle Swingers of Brunswick, Ga. Go visit these newest members, they will make you feel most welcome.

Congratulations to the Jubilarians and Western Cutters. Their plan of club visitation is surely for the good of Square Dancing.

More couples are needed for registration and Host and Hostess for THE STATE CONVENTION. See your club delegate and give an hour.

Chet Vetter

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CONVENTION FEVER

Jacksonville is ready to welcome the largest crowd ever. All systems are go and blast off will be Thursday night, June 15th at the Robert Meyer Hotel. Things might get a bit crowded at the Early Bird Dance, but by Friday morning, June 16th, the crowd will spread out and things will be jumping at the Civic Auditorium Exhibition Hall, the Mayflower Hotel Ballroom, the up-stairs Conference Room over the Exhibition Hall and the Robert Meyer Hotel Ballroom. We don't expect you to run from hall to hall - in fact we hope you won't. The Convention Program will be in the June "Bow and Swing" and copies may be picked up at the Early Bird Dance. Check the program and plan your daytime dancing to minimize travel between halls. After all, we are obligated to give all 60 callers a chance to call and get acquainted with square dancers from all over the state, and possibly you will want

CONVENTION, continued:

to engage one of them to call a special dance for your club later on.

The program committees have worked hard and long to bring square dancers an exciting, fun filled Convention. If you need their services, there will be a First Aid Room on the 2nd floor of the Exhibition Hall. The Exhibition Hall will be open between scheduled dances so that you can shop at the Western Wear Booths. We will have one of the largest displays of square dance dresses and accessories ever found under one roof.

Registration at the Convention will be \$3 per person for Friday and Saturday, or \$1.50 for Saturday only. The Early Bird Dance Thursday night is free.

"Have Fun At The 11th", and make our visitors feel welcome.

Carl and Rose Law
General Chairman

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FRIENDLY FROLICS

1st and 3rd Saturdays, Phillips Highway Plaza. Caller - Herschell Lee, President - Irvin Johnson (733-5726).

Congratulations to Ernie and Sally Doering on the birth of their son!!

A square of Friendly Frolics members traveled to Savannah, Georgia to the 10th Annual Square-Up in April. They were: Carl and Louise Motley, Sherrod and Virginia Hiel, Dexter Hughes, Lucy Stewart, Pat Reese and Carlton Pierce. I hear they really enjoyed themselves.

We are glad to hear that Delores Early is feeling better after her toncilectomy. We are all waiting to hear your new voice, Delores, hurry and get well.

We also wish Frieda Saraga a speedy recovery. Frieda is in the Baptist Memorial Hospital.

We enjoyed having Bobby & Phyllis Keefe, Nick and Joanne Shealy and Jane and John Terry from Western Cutters with us May 6th. Bobby called a great dance for us.

Our new officers were elected May 20th. They are: President - Joe and Ruth Brandt, Vice President - Joe and Delores Early; Secretary - Lydia and Jim Sockwell; Treasurer - Coug and Wilma Bracy. Congratulations to each of you.

I'm sorry if I've missed anything - May 20th sure arrived fast this month. I've enjoyed reporting the news for Friendly Frolics for the past three months but I'll turn my pen over to a new reporter next month.

Arie Willis, Reporter.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NEFSDA MEETING

The Golden Isle Squares of Brunswick, Georgia were welcomed as full members of the Northeast Florida Square Dancer's Association at the meeting of the Association on May 8, 1967, held at the Mayflower Hotel, Jacksonville. The delegates had previously voted amendments to the by-laws to permit the addition of the Golden Isle Squares to the Association "family".

Some interesting committee reports were heard at the meeting, as follows:

Convention Chairman Carl Law gave delegates a summary of preparations for this big event and it was learned that more help is needed on registration desk. Club presidents, contact Don Smith or Dick Tomlinson if you have members who are willing to assist with registration or as square fillers, or both.

Mike Miklos, Fifth Saturday Dances Chairman, announced the July 29th dance will be held at the Civic Auditorium Exhibition Hall, with callers Floyd Hazen and Bobby Keefe. Mike stated his committee will have mimeograph programs showing calls to be featured each tip, as well as rounds between squares.

Does your club need a large, deluxe, automatic coffee urn? Chairman George Millan of the Fall Round Up Committee, through the courtesy of Duval Laundry, has one for the club selling most advance tickets to the Fall Round Up. So get busy, clubbers. Things really seem to be "jelling" for one of the greatest Round-ups ever.

Club presidents are reminded of the by-laws requirement of NEFSDA to submit names of delegates and a full membership roster to the NEFSDA corresponding secretary by July 1.

Copy of the newly amended Association by-laws will be mailed with an early issue of the GRAPEVINE.

Announcements:

Free Street Dance - St. Augustine - on the Plaza - Saturday, July 1st, as part of the Jaycees annual July Fourth Celebration.

Doris Shuler, Recording Secretary

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JUBILEERS

2nd and 4th Saturdays, Arlington Congregational Church. Caller - Harold Pillmore, President - Harvey and Gloria Chambers (724-9014).

Our reporter is being kept busy commuting to Mississippi at present so we will try to fill in for him this month, so y'll bear with us please.

First of all we would like you to know about the big dance on July 8th. This will be the big Firecracker Fourth Dance to be on the Saturday after the 4th of July at the Phillips Highway Plaza. Five clubs are combining to make this a real big bang! In addition to our own Jubileers there will be the Dixie Chain Gang, Grand Slammers, Allemandarins and the Friendly Frolics. No less than four callers will handle the program - Frank Clements, Johnny Robbins, Herschel Lee and the pride of the Jubileers, Harold Pillmore. There will be no increase in the regular dance night admission price and the dancers from all the clubs are invited to come out and enjoy an evening with us. I might say that each of the callers has greeted the whole idea with considerable enthusiasm, so it should be a memorable evening.

Just now we are working out some plans for a "Miss Molly Brown" contest to be put on by the Jubileers in the not too distant future. All the kinks aren't ironed out yet but we should like for each club in the area to give some thought to naming a candidate from their club. This would probably be a girl in your club who in your opinion most typifies "Molly Brown". To us this would seem to be a real swinger who really gets the place jumping. The finals will be at one of our regular dances and a suitable award will be made and presented to Jacksonville's Miss Molly Brown at this time.

On May 13th we had our return dance to the Western Cutters. Bobby and Harold once again were up to their usual fine performance. As an extra added attraction, Johnny Robbins and Walt Knight chipped in with two additional stellar calls. Some nine couples of the Jubileers attended and we are really sorry for anyone who missed this dance. That "Hot Hash" session at the end of the evening with four callers playing "pass the mike" was almost too hot for the air conditioning system to handle.

Several of the Jubileers have visited the Allemandarins, the Grand Slammers and the Paxon Prancers in the last month and as usual enjoyed dancing with all these fine folks.

As of the moment we are looking forward to our Luau Dance on May 27th and we hope to be able to report next month that we had a real good time.

Before signing off we certainly take great pleasure in sending our sincere congratulations to Sally and Ernie on their new arrival and are very pleased that Mother and Son are doing well. Boy! This is going to be a lot of cigars Ernie.

Gloria and Harvey Chambers.

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LAKE CITY SQUARES

2nd & 4th Monday, 4th Saturday, Veteran's Memorial Hall, Lake City. Bill Camp, Caller. Billy & Penny Weldon, President (725-5921).

The "Spring Fling" held in Gainesville was a gala event and the sponsors are to be commended for an excellent decorations job. Nine couples from the Lake City Squares drove to Brooksville to earn a Knothead Badge. Caller Bill Camp and wife, Nora, also attended. A pleasant surprise was seeing Jim and Arnetta Herrington, former club members, now living in St. Petersburg, at the Brooksville dance.

Former members of the Lake City Squares, J. B. and Flora Cooke, now of Chiefland, were welcome visitors at a recent dance in Lake City.

Eugene and Lillian Gemmer

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HAYSTACK HOPPERS

Every Saturday, 8PM to 10:30. Y.W.C.A., 325 East Duval St. Caller - Lil Tom Hidding (744-0658). President - Bill Pugh (389-7272).

Last Saturday night was election night, new officers are as follows:

- President - Bill Pugh
- Vice President - Jake Pugh
- Secretary - Plyna Drake
- Treasurer - Janet Pugh
- Reporter - Mike Lightner

We enjoyed two evenings of dancing with the ORANGE PARK PROMENADERS this month. The first time we retrieved our banner and the second time we attended the PIRATES BALL.

May 13th was party night. A farewell party for our past president, Tommy Bailey. He's in the army now.

We are all looking forward to the State Convention here in June. It will be a first for many of us. Hope to see you there.

We are dancing every Saturday night except June 17th. We have cancelled this dance because of the Convention. Visit us soon. Mike Lightner, reporter

ROUNDLEERS

RYTHMAIRES
Helen Crout - dance instructor

Wednesday - Woodstock Community Center.
Workshop - 7:30, Rounds 8:00.
President - Jack Stevenson
Information - Call 264-6367.

Well Convention time draws near and we at Roundoleers have been working real hard learning dances for same. We are hoping that this time we can keep up with all the out of town dancers, and with our very able instructors, namely Helen Crout, Carl and Betty Graef and Bill and Ruth Fleshman. We're sure that we are going to shine. This month Bill has been teaching an old oldie, "Silk & Satin", and Carl, "Seems Like". Incidentally, our thanks go to the Fleshmans for the surprise refreshments that were served to us one night recently. By the way that cake vanished, you could tell how few of us gals are on a diet.

Well boys, did you catch on to what we gals were huddling in corners and talking about? And as to why Pauline was the "Belle of the Ball"? Seems like after the "topless" comes the !!!!, well naturally, but before you all get to polishing up your eye glasses and dislocating your vertabrae, slow down, for as Pauline demonstrated, with one of those crinolines from Honolulu, even your best friend couldn't tell. Bet that Charlie was just as confused as the rest of you, or could it be that he's not talking?

On April 25th a bunch of us went over to help Rythmaires celebrate their First Anniversary, and did we have fun. We sure liked the idea of the dance card for the square dances. Glad that the girls had the privilege of picking their partners. The boys are so bashful you know. We should do this more often at square dances. The refreshments were just out of this world. Sure was hard for some of us to stay away from the table long enough to dance. We just can't wait for another year to pass so we can help you Rhythmaires celebrate again, and thanks again for inviting us.

A couple of months ago, a group of us got together one Sunday afternoon at the Fleshmans for a round dance session. The idea of getting together this way was discussed and voted on with the idea of being able to learn some of the advanced rounds, and also review our regular club dances. This is not club affiliated, and is open to all round dancers. We meet one Sunday afternoon a month, wherever we can find a place to dance. Last month Helen was in charge and we met at the Englewood Home Demonstration Club. Any couples who are interested, contact Bill or Helen and they will be glad to let you know when and where we will be meeting next. We dance from 5 PM to 8 PM, and carry sandwiches or snacks for supper.

Rhona Williams
Reporter

A new quarter is being heard from this month. We are not new, but this is the first time we've appeared in print in the Grapevine. We are over a year old. We had our first birthday party in April. It was a combination round dance and square dance party with Frank Clements and Lucius Nelson calling. We are blessed by two callers in our club, so when we decide to throw aparty, we have "built in" means. Our party was well attended by many Roundoleers and interested visitors. Everyone had a "bang-up" time (we busted balloons for numbers on door prizes furnished by Plaza Western Wear. Thanks, Leonard.). We meet each Tuesday night at 7:30 at the Englewood Home Demonstration Club. Last Tuesday night we elected new officers. Our new Presidents are Betty and Earl Miller, and vice-president, Jack and Doris Shuler with Anne Purvis as secretary-treasurer.

You keep up with our doings, now, and best of all "you all come see us".

Katie Drake, reporter

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SEASIDE SQUARES

Wednesday night - Jax Beach Community Center
Caller - Joe Smith (249-5051)
Stand-in Caller - Jim Maxey (246-6297)

It was a charming group of friendly folks from the Ancient City Squares who joined us a couple of weeks ago and made off with our flag. It's always a pleasure to have visitors such as the group from St. Augustine. We are looking forward to returning their visit in the near future.

The Seaside Squares are still looking forward to the return of our caller, Joe Smith, who is sorely missed every Wednesday. Joe is recuperating nicely and is looking forward, as we are, to returning to the harness. One just can't keep a good man down. However, in the meantime, Jim Maxey is doing an outstanding job for us.

Anne Erikson has been under the weather. We understand she has entered the hospital. We hope it is not serious and all join in wishing Anne a quick recovery.

There's always a new champion of comedy each week at the Seaside Squares. A couple of weeks ago one of our charming ladies became so wrapped up in the dance that she became somewhat unwrapped from part of her exterior apparel. Quick witted Jim Maxey added to her embarrassment by starting a chant of a current shave cream commercial. At a later dance, another of our ladies tried to top the performance - a real flower that girl.

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Seaside Squared continued:

Jim Maxey has a good-sized beginners class started. He says there's still time and room for late starters.

John F. Wilder

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WESTERN CUTTERS

Congratulations and best wishes to Sally and Ernie Doering who are the proud (to say the least) parents of a 7 Lb 6 oz baby boy born May 12th. I haven't seen little John David yet, but Ernie said he's "pretty" and has lots of hair. This makes two new babies in two months - maybe our club will be the first to sponsor a diaper derby. Now wouldn't that be original!

Sorry we missed the Lee Brothers' Dance as all reports sound like it was the event of the season. Couldn't be in two places though, as That Was The Night That Was when the Kellys, Mayfields, Hiddings and two couples of Allemandarins put on an exhibition dance for the very appreciative folks at the downtown Jewish Center. Really enjoyed the evening too, and the spirit of friendly hospitality will long be remembered. Also, their interest and participation might add to an evergrowing number of square dancers. We sure hope so.

On Saturday, April 22nd, a few squares of Western Cutters and Promenaders who didn't make it to the Spring Fling gathered together and danced to the calling of Eddie Milan at the Wesconnett Civic Club. The following week a couple squares of Western Cutters joined the happy throng with Frank Bedell at Phillips Highway Plaza. Such a large turn-out that early in the week attests to the popularity of this fine caller.

The Merry Mixers really gave us a treat at their May Day Dance on May 5th, and Allen Tipton from Knoxville, Tennessee is really great! We're going to look him up when we go to the Smokies this summer as he also calls at Gatlinburg. We loaned Bobby to the Friendly Frolics on May 6th, and hope they enjoyed his calling as much as we do. Sorry more of us couldn't come along too, but had already planned to visit Grand Slammers which we did in grand style and retrieved our banner.

This brings us up to our Roaring 20's dance May 13th which I don't need to tell you about anyway, because everyone was there! They say some things get bigger and better every year and this was no exception. There were many fancy and original costumes but I'd say the Johnsons' and Chapmans' were the most authentic. Didn't have many takers for

the Charleston contest though, which could add so much to this annual shindig if more girls would participate. Guess they're just afraid of being dated. Among our many, very welcome, visitors were the Jubileers paying us a return call, and our thanks go to Harold Pillmore for bringing along some old records which were really befitting the occasion. "Oh, You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby". Also kicking up their heels and having fun were former members Al and Carolyn Hudson and Bill and Shirley Meeks.

I wish I could remember this old adage when I start writing: "Three essentials of public speaking - be brief, be witty and be seated".

See you next month, and especially at the Convention where we hope to see all of our old friends and make many new ones.

Vivian Mayfield, Reporter
(Our Class graduates June 9th)

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ORANGE PARK PROMENADERS

Fridays - 8:00 PM, Orange Park Lions Club.
Callers - Floyd and Marge Hazen.
Chairman - Don Hunt (724-4869).

The big news this past month was our Pirates Ball, and it was exactly that, as I believe anyone that was present will tell you. This reporter goofed as usual and didn't advertise it in the Grapevine, but our Chairman made me announce it everywhere I visited, as punishment. Sure hope you heard about it. If not, blame me.

The King and Queen were chosen and crowned. The king was Gerald Northcutt and the queen was our own Doris Carr, as the best dressed in pirates garb. Winners of the Silver Starfish awards were Tommy and Frances Tyer, Malvin and Delores White, Gene and Linda Gregory (sometimes known as Gourd), and Bill and Mercelyn Young, all of Palatka Kaper Kutters. Receiving the Golden Seahorse awards were Gene Gregory and Ann Danson, Don Danson and Jane Ball.

We would like to thank the following for making our Pirates Ball a real success? Mike and Pauline Miklos - decorations; Bud and Doris Carr - program; Darnell and Bereniece Harris and Hank and Carlyn Gunderson - refreshments; Floyd and Marge Hazen, Bill Camp, Eddie Millan, Lil Tom Hidding and Mike Hynes for the fine calling. We enjoyed all the visitors from Gainesville, Palatka and the local clubs, and hope they will come back

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ORANGE PARK PROMENADERS continued:

and often.

Well the State Convention is right at home this year, so all square and round dancers from this area should be there for sure. Don't forget your advance registration. Quite a few delegates from the different clubs can sell you your advance registration so let's see those red ribbons flying. If your club delegate doesn't have them, if you see "big Fat" Danny Danson, he will be glad to sell you one. They can also use some more Hosts and Hostesses on the doors at the various halls, and as "square fillers", so call Don and Bea Smith (725-1504), or Dick and Patsy Tomlinson (724-4761) as this is our Convention and we all can help. Let's all of us welcome the out-of-town dancers and let them know that this is the friendliest area in Florida for square dancers, and that we are glad to have them here. Hope to see all of you at the Convention.

The Harris' have another Grandson. Congratulations, Grandma and Grandpa.

Our class that Eddie Millan is teaching is sponsoring a Pre-Convention Round-up for new dancers on Tuesday night from 8:00 till 10:30 June 6th, at the Orange Park Lions Club. 50¢ per person. They would like to invite all the callers and get accustomed to hearing different callers and brush up for the Convention. So come on out and join the fun.

May is election month for new Board of Directors for the Orange Park Promenaders, to take office July 1st.

As all other clubs, we will not be dancing at our club Friday, June 16th. We hope to see you in full force at the Convention, but until then, have fun on Fridays and come dance with us.

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"Y" KNOTS

Thursday nights, Southside Community Center, 1541 Hendricks Ave. Caller - D. J. Lynch. President - Frank Sullivan (389-0612).

On Saturday night, April 22nd, a square of "Y" Knots piled into Jim Simpson's new station wagon and travelled to the Spring Fling at the Ramada Inn in Gainesville. Those making the trip were Jim and Marge Simpson, Mack and Mary Johnston, Art and

Betty Herrington and Bill and Violet Hancock. The callers were excellent and the Gainesville folks had done a jam-up job of hosting and decorating for the 48 registered squares in attendance. A new call was learned - the St. Joe Roll - and about this we'd better say no more. The fresh strawberry and chocolate fudge pies after the dance finished off a perfect evening.

On Tuesday night, April 25, a square and a spare of "Y" Knots retrieved our flag from the Fun and Frolics Club over on Beaver St. Those in on the steal were Tony and Trudy Reaves, Frank and Lucille Sullivan, Mack and Mary Johnston, Jim and Marge Simpson and Bill and Violet Hancock.

Sorry to report that Tony Reaves has been hospitalized with a heart attack. Hope he is out again real soon.

Our caller, D. J. Lynch, has been on maneuvers in the "Med" for the past few weeks and in his absence, Johnny Robbins has called for our Tuesday night class, and Frank Clements for our regular Thursday night dances. Thanks to both for the privilege of dancing to their good calling.

Our banner is gone again. This time the A Alamandarians took it. We'll be headin' their way to bring it back home real soon.

Bessie Allen, reporter

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JAX "n" JILLS

Fridays, Arlington Community Club. Caller - Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hidding. President - Mary Lee Haselton.

We had a real nice time at "Fun and Frolics" and also enjoyed dancing at "Merry Mixers" this month.

We want to thank our callers, Mr. & Mrs. Hidding for a new water cooler and for the use of two fans.

The "Jax "n" Jills went to the May Day Dance sponsored by the Merry Mixers, and enjoyed dancing to Mr. Allen Tipton who called for the dance.

Our attendance is very low and we wish that our "Jax "n" Jills would come back to us very soon. Continued next page

"n" Jills continued:

Our beginners class is getting along just fine, and they are making remarkable progress.

Lena Snell, reporter

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FUN & FROLIC

Tuesdays, Woodstock Community Center. Caller - Jack Griffiths. President - Alette Register (764-1447)

Our May 9th Luau and Anniversary Dance was a big success, and seemed to be much enjoyed by all. It may be that we will make it an annual event since everyone seemed so enthusiastic about it and so cooperative. That is what makes all the planning and hard work worth-while. Many thanks to the Calverts and Mollenhours for a job well done, and to their able assistants, the Connallys and the Colemans. There were probably others who pitched in too, but I didn't get the names of all the committees. The club again wants to thank Bruce and Billie Carroll for their wonderful contribution of having the hog roasted and barbecued for us. It was delicious, and the hog's head with an apple in its mouth added much to the table decoration. It was all very authentic looking and an excellent meal to boot. Only a few of our club members were absent and I'm sure there must have been a good reason for their absence or they would surely not have missed such good eating, dancing and fun. Some men said the greeting they got from the "hula" girls as they put leis around their necks, was worth the price of admission and then some. So next time we have a Luau, the rest of you better get there - and that includes you, Lamar. We want to thank the St. Augustine club again for turning out in such numbers and in costumes suitable for the occasion. They added much atmosphere, and so did Frances in her darling Hawaiian dress and Bob in his colorful shirt, and many others too numerous to mention.

If any of you have wondered why the "hula" girls got so mixed up in their dance let me explain that they had not seen the men in their dance outfits until that night. At the practice session, which was all we had, the men were not dressed in costume, and believe me, when we saw them there on the stage, we just went to pieces. Anyway, it was all in fun, but we did feel sorry for our poor director, Jack Griffiths, frantically motioning to us and being completely ignored. Next time, we'll practice more, we promise. Your hula girls were Ellen Calvert, Marge Parker, Gladys Griffiths and LaRue Mollenhour. The handsome men were Jim Mollenhour, Reggie Register, T. C. Coleman and Jay Carter.


After our feast, we rolled out the red carpet for our new King and Queen of Fun and Frolic. T. C. and Lois Coleman were crowned as this year's King and Queen, and it was nice that last year's royal couple, Bill & Ruth Fleshman, were on hand to do the honors. It was a very nice ceremony and I'm sure everyone agrees that the Colemans are very

deserving of this tribute. Runners up to the Colemans were the Registers and the Mollenhours, two other very popular and active couples. Congratulations to our king and queen - long may you reign.

Visiting callers this month were Tom and Mariann Hidding, from the Jax 'N' Jills club, Bob Hill from the Ancient City Squares in St. Augustine, and Charlie Faulkenberry from Charlotte, N. C. We enjoyed the calling of these fine folks and also were happy to be able to "square up" with them and hope they come back and visit us often. Dancing visitors are always welcome too and we had two couples come all the way from St. Marys, Ga. a few weeks ago to dance with us. We understand they have a small, but very enthusiastic club in St. Marys, and we plan to go and visit them soon. Come back to see us again, Tink - maybe more of the "bazonga" bunch will be there next time.

Guess that's about it for this time, so I'll say "Alpha to you" till next month.

Marge Parker - reporter
* Club news is limited to one column.



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President - Jack and Doris Shuler VA9-3079

We may be squares; but we've really been around this past month. We had a good representation at Gainesville for the Spring Fling, and from all reports it was a swinging weekend.

A square and a spare of us went to the Community Center at Jacksonville Beach to dance with the Seaside Squares. They made us feel so welcome, and we had such a good time - it seemed a shame to steal their
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ANCIENT CITY SQUARES, continued:

banner, but we did, and now we are expecting them to return the visit.

A square and a half danced with the Beach-combers in Daytona. They all enjoyed dancing to Bob Rust's calling.

We turned out in a body for the Hawaiian Luau in honor of Fun and Frolics 11th Anniversary. It was a delightfut affair. We were so glad they invited us to help them celebrate, as we really enjoyed the party. Jack Griffity's invited our "up and coming" young caller, Bob Hall, to call a number and he did us proud!

Here on the home front we really had a ball Saturday the 13th, at the Mark Lance Armory as guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Bradshaw who held a square dance after the wedding reception they gave following their daughters' wedding. Bill Camp called and it was certainly a wonderful party. Thanks again Florine and John, for your grand hospitality.

Now hear this - A FREE SQUARE DANCE FOR ALL! Mark the calendar and plate to be in Ole St. Augustine, Saturday night, July 1st, for a big square dance in the historic old Plaza. The Jr. Chamber of Commerce invited us to have a square dance as part of the entertainment planned for the Fourth of July Celebration, and Saturday night, July 1st, at 8:00 o'clock is the night. Oscar Erwin will do the calling. We'll be expecting you.

See you at the Convention.

Margaret and Lee Newlon, reporters

that it was also the anniversary of Paul and Florence Urone. Another big beautiful cake was put before us. We had to dance just a little harder to burn the calories but enjoyed it much.

We have had several visitors and enjoyed dancing with them. Hope they come back soon.

Our caller, Dick Gonzales, has really been doing some fine calling since we moved into our new air conditioned hall. The dancing is especially good since we have a cool place to dance.

We are losing two of our club members, Frank and Ann Scudder. They are moving to Fort Worth, Texas. We are going to miss them and hope they find a club in Texas to Continue their square dancing.

We are having a covered dish supper May 31. Hope to see all of our friends there.

Ruth and Eugene Branch

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PAXON PRANCERS

Thursdays, Mary Hammond Youth Center Caller - Bob Rust. President - Harry Drake (398-0762).

Congratulations!! Ernie and Sally on your new baby boy, from all the Paxon Prancers. Now that you will be back in square dance circles again, don't forget to come and visit us again.

On our April 20th dance - Mr. Barnhardt surprised us by dancing with us, as we didn't know he square danced. Margie and Lauren were surprised he danced so well, too.

We are well on the way getting our stage decorated. Hubert finished the tables, even an extra one for our guest book at the door. Emily and Company surprised us with a new red and white table cover, and I know there are more decorations on the way. Right, Theron?

Angelo just had to celebrate the last night of her refreshment duties by some fancy cake decoration.

Several of our regular members have missed our dances, but they have good excuses of getting ready for graduation and school prom preparations.

There were several familiar faces at the "Spring Fling" in Gainesville. We enjoyed it immensely.

Several of our "taws" have had accidents lately. We're glad Joyce Shiver is OK again after her fall downtown. Judy is recuperating and I bet she will think twice before another ride on a wild horse. It was good to have Jean visiting us again. Our best wishes and most sincere thoughts to Margaret Joyce who is in the hospital at continued:



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Wednesday night, 8:00 P.M. 1900 blk, N. E. 27th Ave. Gainesville. C.W.A. Building. Caller - Dick Gonzales.

Speaking in behalf of our club, we enjoyed the Spring Fling weekend to the utmost. With so much dancing, visiting with old friends, and making new ones, it was a wonderful weekend. Bill and Ken were terrific and we hope will come back to our town soon.

Our club is a dangerous place to be if you are trying to diet. May 3rd Athalie Braddock was a year younger??? Her husband, Virgil, surprised her with a beautiful Birthday cake - delicious too. We danced two or three tips then it was announced

PAXON PRANCERS continued:

this time.

Twelve Prancers visited Bob Rust's Club in Daytona on April 29th and had a gay night of dancing. Several other Jacksonville clubs were represented too, much to Bob's surprise.

Our "Mr. Treasurer" was in Virginia for two weeks and "Thanks" to John and Nell Barnette for filling in for him while he was gone.

Dot and Kal are back after a week at Fontana Village. They report a wonderful week of square dance enjoyment.

We celebrated Mother's Day by giving Margaret Mc Neil a corsage for the "youngest mother" and Margaret Thompson for the most children (five in all). Bonnie was lucky and won the door prize of a red rose and vase.

We enjoyed our visit with Western Cutters and Jubileers combination "Roaring 20's" Dance. Those people sure go all out for refreshments, decorations and costumes.

By press time I'm sure we have been hearing some "tall fish stories" from Kal Bronze and Curtis. Kal and Bronze were at Horse Shoe Lake for three days, but Kal got something he didn't appreciate - a bad sunburn. Seems like Curtis always has a golf or fish excuse for not attending the dances regularly

We still have more P * P badges to be earned. Our latest additions are: Nancy Kelly, Jack and Marje Pinkham and Ralph and Fay Roth. I want to apologize to Dessie Bishop for misspelling her name on our last list. OK, Dessie?

Seems to me Jacksonville owes an extra applause to that St Augustine couple, Jack and Marje Pinkham, for their attendance at so many dances here. They seem to be everywhere on dance nights.

We had three visiting callers on our April 18th dance. Bob Rust sure "tried their tempers" by turning off the mike, etc. I wonder if he is jealous of Marianne's yodeling? Charlie Faulkenburg, from Charlotte, N. Carolina, added his talent and of course "Big Tom" did his share too. We enjoyed everyone.

We have a couple or two of our dancers, whose latest interest is gospel songs and quartets. Now I wonder if they sing or just listen to them?

Although this is a little late, our sympathy goes to the Stevenson family on the loss of Bob's mother.

Just a reminder of some of the special dances coming up:

Continued:

1. The 14th Annual Square and Round Dance Convention, June 15, 16, 17.
2. NEFSDA 5th Saturday Dance, July 29th in the Jacksonville Civic Auditorium.
3. Bob Rust and Bobby Keefe, August 29th (more details later).

Have fun, square dancers. We enjoy visitors and invite everyone to come dance with us Thursdays at Mary Hammond Youth Center. We start at 8:00 o'clock, even tho it is still daylight, since Daylight Savings Time started.

Virginia Ayers (771-1578).

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THE DIXIE CHAIN GANG

2nd and 4th Saturdays - Phillips Highway Plaza. Caller - Frank Clements (724-9111). President - Bill Pridgen (724-05994).

Our May Day Dance with Frank Bedell was a success. We had a real good crowd and I am sure that everyone had a fine time. Aileen Hill had charge of the refreshments and she did a swell job. Helen Crout was responsible for the decorations so you can be sure that the hall really looked nice. Anyway, for those of you who missed, you really did miss a lot.

We are proud to announce that we have two ladies, Aggie Clements and Myrna Gibson, who have broken the ice of calling. It seems they entered a hog-calling contest, yes, that's right, hog calling, in which Aggie wh-oo-oo-ee-d her way to 1st place and a gift certificate. Maybe next year, Myrna.

We are looking forward to our next dance on May 27th. We will have another of our famous Graduation Exercises. If you have been to one of these, then I am sure that you won't want to miss this one, but if you have never been, then I would suggest that you give it a try.

At our last business meeting we had a covered dish supper and an election of new officers. Starting in June these officers will take over: Billy and Claudia Johnson will be our new President and wife. We would like to rake this opportunity to thank Bill and Barbara Pridgen for the excellent job that they did. We have teased them a lot but we really are serious when we think of the many things that they have done to make our club possible. Thanks a million for a job well done. I might add a note to Billy Johnson that he is going to have to leave Aileen alone and really try hard to fill the shoes of our President.

We have set aside the week of June 30th and July 1st for our Fernandina camping trip. If you are interested in going then see Bill Pridgen for all of the details.

Tom Gibson will be your new Reporter so don't miss his articles each month. It has been a pleasure bringing you all the

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DIXIE CHAIN GANG continued:
exciting news of our club so with this issue I will be signing off as "Twinkle Toes".

R. A. Harris

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NOTE OF THANKS

My family and myself deeply appreciate all of the nice cards and flowers that I have received during my illness. Also the many phone calls. I am well on the way to recovery, and hope to be able to visit all of you before too long.

Squarely yours
Joe M. Smith

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GRAND SLAMMERS

1st and 3rd Saturdays. Minton Hall, 12th & St. Clair streets.
Johnnie Robbins - Caller (398-1098).
Bill Bailey - President (781-4609).

It has been fun dancing with so many of our friends this past month.

On May 1st a group of 'Slammers' enjoyed dancing with the Dixie Chain Gang, to the wonderful "Step and Slide" calling of Brank Bedell. It was a great dance and we always enjoy being with that ole' gang.

Your reporter and spouse missed our May 6th dance. But we heard our neighbors, the Western Cutters and Paxon Prancers visited with us. The Western Cutters were successful in dancing away with their Banner. We love dancing with you and we'll be back to grab that banner real soon. As for the Prancers, sorry you couldn't prance away with yours. We'll be looking for you folks and my "faithful" corner real soon.

We are glad to welcome Jim and Evelyn Beckham back dancing with us again.

Have been real glad to see all of you visitors at our dances. Can't wait until "Spider" rounds up his family and we look forward to having both him and taw back.

Our class graduates on June 3rd and we will be adding a great new bunch of dancers to a great bunch of old ones.

At our May 20th dance we welcomed visitors from the Allemandarins and the D.J. Lynch family. Always glad to have you folks with us.

Bill Bailey couldn't decide in what square he wanted to dance. So he just danced in all of them - to keep Johnnie confused. To top that off, we danced a 10 people square with D.J. and it can be done.

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We have a couple of new "Kissin Kusins", but from one who knows, that Eddie Roberts just didn't want to stop - poor T. J., he really had a fighter on his hands. Dixie Lyons thought he wanted to wrestle.

Our June 17th dance will be cancelled. See you at the Convention.

At this writing we are planning a club cook-out at the Wittmans, with hot dogs, kids, hamburgers, kids, fun and more kids.

They say you should always save the best for last and I have. On Saturday night, July 8th, we will co-host a dance with the Jubileers, Allemandarins, Dixie Chain Gang, and Friendly Frolics - "The Firecrackin' Fourth", at Phillips Highway Plaza. Join us on that night. We guarantee a good time and some of the best square dancing you'll ever do.

So long for now, folks. We'll be seeing you at the State Convention.

Wayne & Barbara Blackford

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ALLEMANDARINS

Fridays, Mandarin Athletic Club, Brady Rd. Caller - 1st and 3rd and 5th Fridays - Johnnie Robbins. Caller 2nd and 4th Fri. - John Saunders. President - Charlie and Dot Landiss (268-5688).

We've had a full schedule and enjoyed every minute of it. Several of our bunch had a "swinging ball" dancing to Herschel Lee & Brothers on the 15th of April. We retrieved our stolen banner but only kept it a short while before some theives came calling!

D. J. Lynch called a lively dance for us the 21st. It's always a pleasure to have such nice visitors. Come again, soon.

Our regular caller was unable to call for us April 28 and we were fortunate enough to nab Bobby Keefe to fill in for us. Had lots of visitors that night - Friendly Frolics, Fun and Frolics, Jubileers and Western Cutters. He calls a good dance and is a challenge to us - he almost dares you to anticipate.

Several of our number had flu, virus and "can't help its" the first part of May, but recovered sufficiently to vist Palatka May 6 and lift their banner. Several of our "almost graduates" went along and really made us proud of them. May 11 found some Allemandarins visiting Y-Knots bringing back home another banner.

Ole John Saunders called May 12 and brought along some of our friends from Hiland Squares. Dixie Chain Gang, Grand Slammers, Fun and Frolic and Friendly Frolics came visiting to help us have a fine evening.

That Gay 90's party is always a "smash" and this year was no exception - we enjoyed combined talents of several local caller.

ALLEMANDARINS - Continued

Of course, stealing Western Cutters banner added to the fun.

Palatka retrieved their banner 5/19 and that's a real friendly bunch and always add life to the party. Clarice Greek sure was afraid they'd all follow her home for coffee. Sounded like a good idea until Bill Young suggested making badges by dancing on tables.

Don't forget our combined danced for 7/29 - details to be announced later.

See opposite column

ALLEMANDARINS - Continue

We'll graduate our class June 2 - come join in the fun.

Congratulations, Ernie and Sally on your son - hope mother and baby are doing well. We'll be expecting a visit soon to see that cute bundle of joy.

Visit us on Fridays!
Joe and Clarice Greek

COMING EVENTS

- June 6 - Pre-convention New Dancer Round-up - Orange Park Lions Club - Workshops Various Callers - 50¢ per person - 8:00 to 10:30.
- June 15 - Early Bird Dance - State Convention - Robert Meyer Hotel Ballroom - 8:00
- June 16, 17 - State Square Dance Convention - Jacksonville
- June 23, 24 - Fifteenth Square Dance Festival - Pensacola Auditorium
- June 29 - July 1 - National Square Dance Convention - Philadelphia
- June 30 - July 1 - Dixie Chain Gang Camp-out. Fernandina. Call Gill Pridgen for details - (724-5994)
- July 1 - FREE Street Dance - St. Augustine - on the Plaza - 8:00
- July 8 - Firecracker Fourth Dance sponsored by Jubileers, Dixie Chain Gang, Allemandarins, Grand Slammers and Friendly Frolics. - Phillips Highway Plaza
- July 29 - NEFSDA 5th Saturday Dance. Jacksonville City Auditorium
- Oct. 13-14 - Ancient City Square-Up - St. Augustine - Callers - Allen Tipton, Jack Lasry, John Saunders, Oscar Erwin - Rounds - Ed and Kay Mack.
- Oct. 14 - Camp O'Leno - Starlight Shufflers weekend.
- Nov. 10 - 11 - Fall Round-up - Jacksonville City Auditorium. Caller - Jerry Helt.

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A NOTE OF THANKS -

We want to thank Rose and Carl Law for taking time from their busy schedule to type the Grapevine this month. Without their help there would not have been a June issue.

Thanks again,
Sally and Ernie Doering

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