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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 11th National Square Dance Convention is creeping up on us much faster than most people realize. It is only four short months away and will be here before we know it. I am happy to say that a large group of dancers have made their reservations for the convention, but I am sure that there are more in this area who have intentions of going but have just put off getting their applications in to the committee. I urge all of you who are planning to take this chance of a lifetime to get their applications in as soon as possible. Hotels are filling up fast, and the late applicants will be assigned space far from the convention halls.

The Convention Committee needs the help of every dancer in Florida to do the work that is necessary; therefore they are asking each couple to serve on the Host Committee for a period of only two hours while in Miami Beach. This is a very small request, and I am sure everyone will be happy to help.

It is possible for groups to have their host time assigned at one period so all can be working at the same time. If you desire further details on this, please call me, and I will be happy to pass along the information I have.

Gainesville will be the site of our next Hoedown on March 31. Dancing will be at the Buchholz Junior High School on East University Avenue. This is on the way into Gainesville for Jacksonville dancers. Bart Bartley has again scheduled a workshop in the afternoon at 50 cents a couple. Hope to see all of you again on the 31st.

Virgil Green, President

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## WESTERN CUTTERS

WESTERN CUTTERS of Jacksonville dance every second and fourth Saturday of each month. DIXIE TWIRLERS dance each Wednesday night.

A Valentine Dance was held at Wesconnett on February 10. Several new couples attended. WESTERN CUTTERS welcomes visitors. If you are looking for a good time and a place to dance, join the WESTERN

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A new adult class was started on January 17 at Wesconnett, and several new couples signed up.

John and Esther Lawson

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## 11TH NATIONAL

The Host Committee of the 11th National Square Dance Convention has announced revised plans for the Host Committee.

Each area is to be responsible for providing hosts for one day of the Convention. Northeast Florida Square Dancers Association has been assigned Friday, June 15. Our chairman will be named soon. All dancers are asked to cooperate and sign up to help.

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## FRIENDLY FROLICS

February has been another very active month for FRIENDLY FROLICS members and their friends. On Friday, February 2, after Myron's Englewood class was over, a bunch of Idiots and would-be Idiots sneaked over to his house and got that poor guy out of bed to do us "the honors!" He and Barbara were pretty swell about it, but the next night at our regular dance he "got even" by calling a dilly that we never did untwist and do correctly. Anyway, seven more of our couples now proudly proclaim their idiocy.

We are all proud of Myron's current class; it is the largest we have seen,

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and their progress is remarkable, as is their enthusiasm.

At the regular dance of February 3 our president, Jack Starling, announced that Neva and Bob Donaldson will soon be moving to Cuba and Patsy and Dick Tomlinson to Tallahassee. They will all have honorary membership in FRIENDLY FROLICS, dancing as members when in town and six months membership automatically if they should move back to Jacksonville. Good luck to these active and popular members -- we shall miss them!

The "Hobo Convention" held in the Hobo Jungle at Annie Lytle school on February 17 was well attended. From all appearances there were ritzy, "upper-class" hoboes, mid-level and the really poor ones, who would not miss this big social event even though their "party best" was a frazzled-out old burlap feed sack. There never was a more happy-go-lucky bunch of bums. After all, the evening was a lovely one, the stew was most enjoyable (until someone found an eyeball in it and someone from Hilliard added a couple of cans of horse meat), the French bread hunks and coffee and cookies were plentiful. A few of the classier guests brought their own little lace-trimmed tablecloths, bouquet for centerpiece, candle for the romantic touch, ash tray and toothbrush. Some class, huh? But it pays to put on a big front because you know what? This most fastidious couple, George and Lois Stanton, walked away with the grand prize, a bum's pack, just bulging with supplies, even pork and beans! By the way, Lois should go into the millinery business -- she designed her own hat which matched her coat. In fact, one wonders if she didn't borrow a corner off the coat for making the headpiece. Moths just couldn't have eaten away that much coat!

We were pleasantly surprised during the evening with the "Hully-gully" done in hobo style by Sandra Lee and Bonnie Bass, two of the cutest little bums we ever saw. There were a few hilarious moments when Myron Samson, Walter Sikes, Bob Pringle and Jack Starling squared up with four glamour girls -- four rag mops with dresses on! Those mops got through that tip as well as some of us less glamorous gals do! The Convention would not have been complete without some evidence of the "Twist." Barbara Samson and Jack Starling put on quite a performance while occupying, jointly, a monstrous pair of ladies' pink panties, she in one leg and he in the other. Don't ever miss a Hobo dance unless you plain don't care about having fun! We had many visitors, some from other Jacksonville clubs, Orange Park, Cecil Field, Miami and

some from Massachusetts.

On Friday, February 23, FRIENDLY FROLICS is sponsoring a benefit dance at the Woman's Club, 861 Riverside Avenue, at 8:00 P.M. All proceeds will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Callers will be Herschell Lee and Myron Samson, and all levels of square-dancing will be called so we invite every square dancer and all those interested in square dancing or Muscular Dystrophy.

On February 24, FRIENDLY FROLICS members are going by bus to Savannah to pay a return visit to our friends, the Happy Hoppers. Some will make Knothead on this trip.

We have a special announcement to make to all our square dancing friends: We extend to you a special invitation to attend our dance of April 21 at Annie Lytle school. We have booked as caller for that evening Ruy Camp of Atlanta. Many of you will remember Ruy as a caller at last year's Knothead Convention, and we hear that he will call there again this year. He is on the staff at Fontana. Since our New Year's Eve dance was a great success, due in part to the support of our visiting friends in this area, we are happy to say that admission will be regular price (\$1.00 per couple to non-members of FRIENDLY FROLICS). Mark this date on your calendar NOW because you don't want to miss it!

Keep on coming -- we love having you and dancing with you.

Ellen Johnson, Reporter

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## SPRING HOEDOWN

AFTERNOON WORKSHOP AND EVENING DANCE

March 31

Buchholz Jr. H. S. Gainesville

NORTHEAST FLORIDA SQUARE DANCERS ASSN.

Watch next issue of GRAPEVINE for further details.

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## MERRY MIXERS

The MERRY MIXERS enjoyed another month of lively dancing, good fun, and sociability since the last issue of GRAPEVINE. The new floor at the Arlington Civic Club has mellowed almost to the point of perfection, good footing and real smooth. Thanks to the efforts of the Civic Club we have a fresh new appearance to the walls and paneling too.

We were happy to welcome several old members back during the past month, Ken and Lorraine Seefried, whom we don't see often enough, and Ed and Ellen Collier.

The latter couple were among the original group that formed the club, and it's real nice to have them back. We also enjoyed the company of a number of visitors -- Louis and Clara Olsen, Stuart and Ruth Edwards, Tom and Vivien Holden, Jack and Erin Pomerantz, Hugh and Faith Butner, our popular editors Bill and Ruth Fleshman, and our "regular" visitors Joe and Margaret Smith, among others. We are happy to have Jack Jackson back with us after his Carribean tour of duty.

Herschell, as usual, has been in fine form -- giving us a varied mixture of old favorites and new. We've done a little work-shopping, learned Sunrise Serenade as our round, and even prevailed upon him for his popular renditions of Alabama Jubilee and Cannon-Ball. You have to go a long way to beat "Cannon-Ball" Lee. Saturday night, the 17th, eight couples duly clad in pajamas descended on his house in the wee hours to make "Idiot." I'm told, however, that they had already gone far towards earning that classification when they startled management and patrons of the Pancake House by marching in fully clothed in their pajamas to enjoy pancakes while waiting for Herschell and Rosa Lee to get sound asleep. Rumor has it that Fuller Tresca stole the show in his old-fashioned nightshirt.

Our regular second-Thursday-of-the-month covered-dish supper was well attended. The food was excellent and abundant, the visitors and dancing which followed were both enjoyable. Plan on being present at the next one at 7:00 P.M., March 8, for an enjoyable evening of good food, good company, and good dancing. Plans have been made for Joe Johnson of Windermere to call for us on Thursday, March 15, while Herschell will reciprocate by journeying down there on Saturday, March 24. This exchanging of callers is a novel idea, and we hope to have a good turnout for Joe. Plan on joining us. We look forward to welcoming new faces and enjoy having our visitors come back.

Russ Osborn, Reporter

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RE M I N D E R

- February 23 - MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY Benefit Dance. Riverside Woman's Club, 8:00 - 10:30. \$1 each
- February 24 - FRIENDLY FROLICS trip to Savannah.
- March 8 - MERRY MIXERS covered-dish supper and dance. 7:00
- March 15 - Joe Johnson calling at MERRY MIXERS. Arlington Civic Club.
- March 31 - NORTHEAST FLORIDA SQUARE DANCERS ASSN. SPRING HOEDOWN. Buccholz Jr. H. S., Gainesville. Afternoon workshop and evening dance.
- April 21 - Ruy Camp calling at FRIENDLY FROLICS, Annie Lytle School.
- June 12 - TRAIL DANCE, Philips Hiway Plaza. Sponsored by NEFSDA.
- June 14 - 16 -- 11th NATIONAL.

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P A X O N    P R A N C E R S

We have enjoyed Barbara and Myron Samson's calling for our club the last six weeks. We sure did have to watch that tricky Myron; sometimes he wouldn't call what we were doing, especially the triple allemande. Barbara was real nice to teach us the Sunrise Serenade. She also makes a good pardner for a lonely taw. Thanks again for being with us and helping us have so much fun.

Paxon members would like to thank their outgoing officers for the leadership they gave the club last year. They were President Curtis Thompson, Vice-President Paul Morgan, Secretary Rosina Baxter. We don't plan to let them rest as they were too capable. Our new officers are President Joe Joyce, Vice-President Bob Love, Secretary Mary Kieffer. We have another good slate of officers and are looking forward to a busy and successful year with the help and support of the club. Our committees will be appointed at a later date.

The PRANCERS are sponsoring a beginners class. The place: Woodstock Park Community Center, time: 8:00 every Saturday. This Saturday (February 24) we are having a free party for beginners and spectators. We have heard several couples say they could only dance on Saturday, so we'll be glad to teach them even if they aren't prospects for our club. Anyone knowing an interested couple, please let some of the PRANCERS know.

All of our news isn't good. We are sorry to hear that Bill Parramore is in the hospital with a mild case of hepatitis. We hope he will be well and back with us soon as we are missing him and his jokes.

We've had a good time dancing with Virgie Stewart and Bob Pringle, who have been visiting with us for the last few weeks. We have had visitors from Guam and South Carolina. Jim Shiver from Guam, and Ralph and Alice Wilford with their daughter Dolores and son Randall from Greenville, South Carolina. The Wilfords have moved to Jacksonville. We welcome them to our city and hope they have lots of fun in our Jacksonville clubs. You should see all their badges and learn how they earned them -- very

interesting. We have enjoyed all our visitors. This month almost every club in town has been represented at one of our dances.

The PRANCERS sprang a visit on Fun and Frolic on February 6. We sure did have a good time and are looking forward to our next visit. Jack really kept us going.

Margaret Joyce, Reporter

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MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY  
BENEFIT DANCE

Friday, February 23, 8:00-10:30 P.M.  
Riverside Woman's Club  
Sponsored by FRIENDLY FROLICS  
Donation \$1.00 per person

HERSCHELL LEE and MYRON SAISON  
will call for all levels of dancers.

Hall and callers services donated.  
All proceeds will go to Muscular  
Dystrophy Association.

We are always happy to hear from out-of-area clubs. This month we have news from:

SILVER SWINGERS  
(Ocala)

This club is entering its second successful year with bigger and better plans in the making. The SILVER SWINGERS is on a challenge level, and BILL MUENCH has a short workshop each dance night on the latest square dance actions. We feel that anyone who has danced under BILL MUENCH can feel comfortable dancing anywhere and to any caller. One of our nice features are Novelty Mixers, which are used at each dance, and on February 16 we plan a special Valentine Mixer, which is sure to be lots of fun.

Randy and Mabel Davis are in charge of the round dances. On the second of February we were taught, "In a Little Second Hand Store," and they keep us up with the latest in round dances.

Each meeting night we enjoy a social break -- usually with delicious French pastry. We had approximately seven squares at our last dance on the 2nd of this month. We dance at the VFW Hall in Ocala, and the dance starts at 8:00 and ends at 11:00. Be seeing you next month with more news.

Elsie Trantham, Reporter

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WHAT'S WRONG?

This month we had news from only FOUR clubs in our area. We did NOT have news from TEN: Fun and Frolic, Hi Squares, Island Squares, Jubileers, Lake City Squares, Merrysteppers, Promenaders, S.O.S., Valley Twirlers and Y-Squares.

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(Excerpts from "Advance Information Bulletin - 11th National Convention)

"We know you will be delighted to find all the square dance facilities are 100% air conditioned. Our 150,000 square feet of floor space will include eight halls of various sizes which have been set aside for programmed square dancing, some with hardwood floors: A hash hall planned for three full days: Swap shop, work shop, every type of dancing, including a Welcome Dance for first time conventioneers: And four halls for round, folk and contras, as well as international dancing.

"The sound in our modern convention halls is accoustically perfect. The controls will be in the hands of a square dance caller, as well as skilled sound technicians who understand the problems of all.

"There will be ten meeting rooms of varying sizes with a seating capacity of from 70 to 825 people for panels and clinics. These rooms have been expertly planned for your comfort and relaxation during educational sessions.

"In addition, there are first aid, conference, press and control rooms. The control rooms resemble modern television stations and radio and TV shows can originate from these halls while dance is in progress. Arrangements for such have not been completed.

"The decor theme 'Beautiful Florida' will be used throughout. The new Convention Hall literally needs no decoration due to its beautiful structure and layout. The problems of previous conventions have been solved and you will see beauty and color second to none.

"As an added attraction to decoration and to clubs attending, we are urging all clubs to be represented in our Hall of Banners. The banners to be displayed must be in our hands not later than noon on Wednesday, June 13th. A prize and national recognition will be awarded for the most outstanding banner.

"We have free parking facilities for 3500 automobiles in the immediate vicinity of the Halls. The energetic dancers who do not mind walking two or three blocks, may leave their cars here all the time, since most of the hotels under contract are within this radius. 17th, 18th and 19th Streets run into the Convention Hall and Auditorium, where the dancing will take place, and Collins Ave., where most of the hotels are located, is two short blocks east of these facilities. By using the map on the reverse side of your registration blank you can locate the hotel of your choice. 'O' denotes the off-ocean hotels....."