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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

We are happy to announce that we have accepted an invitation from the Orange Park Promenaders to hold our March 18 Association meeting at the Lions Club in Orange Park with the Promenaders as our host. We would welcome an invitation from any other club that would like to be host for future meetings. We want the members of these clubs to feel free to sit in on these meetings and voice their opinions on the activities of the Association. The only way to have your say about how you want things done is to come to the meetings and express your opinions.

There should be a lot of new Knotheads around soon, from what I hear about Knothead trips that are being planned. The Orange Park Promenaders and Merry Mixers have both scheduled bus trips in March. These trips are always a lot of fun, and your reward isn't just a badge that you wear to show that you have traveled 100 miles to a dance. It's in the fellowship that you have on the bus and the friends you gain by dancing with people from other parts of the state. This is one of the big joys of square dancing.

Harry Edwards has the committee working on the State Convention. Keep June 14 and 15 free for this event. Dancing will be at the George Washington and Mayflower Hotels and the Civic Auditorium. It will start off with a free Trail Dance at the George Washington Hotel on June 13 at 8:00, followed by dancing all day Friday and Saturday at all three places. We will need a lot of help, and the Committee Chairmen will be asking for volunteers. Carl and Rose Law are in charge of registrations. They will be asking you to register before the convention. If you will register early it will save a lot of work at the last and will also save you money, as it will cost you just \$1.25 per person per day up to June 1 but \$1.50 after that. Northeast Florida are the hosts for the square dancers of Florida and, we hope, part of Georgia. We can make this a big event and have everyone glad that they came to Jacksonville.

We will be looking for all of you at the Association dance on March 30 at the Out-Board Club (out University to Edenfield Rd.) with Bob Rust of Daytona Beach calling at 8:00.

Paul Lane, Pres.

LAKE CITY SQUARES

M. L. and Pearl Bedenbaugh have taken the reins as Club President after stepping into the shoes of Thomas and Daisy Tramel. Last year was a busy year for the Lake City Squares with two classes and lots of square dancing for everyone. Other officers for 1963 are:

A. D. and Gordene DuBose - Vice Pres.
Wallace and Trudie Johns - Secretary
Johnny and Pauline Collins - Treas.

Our Christmas party on December 20 included Club and Class members and their children. After Bill Camp called several dances for the young folks, we could see we had one or two squares of promising young square dancers coming along.

All you readers mark this date on your calendar and pass the news on to non-subscribers. (I may say they are missing some good reading if they don't subscribe to the GRAPEVINE.)

MARCH 21, 1963

We want to invite ALL SQUARE DANCERS to Lake City to dance with us to the calls of MAX FORSYTH. That date, again, is March 21 at the new National Guard Armory in Lake City at 8:00 P.M. Admission will be \$1.00 per person. We hope everyone in reach of the GRAPEVINE will be with us.

J. B. and Elsie Hunter, Reporters

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ORANGE PARK PROMENADERS

Diplomas are going to be plentiful around the ORANGE PARK PROMENADERS Square Dance Club this month. We have a very large class ready for graduation on February 22. Floyd and Marge have done a wonderful job with this group; they are really in the swing. We begin a new class on February 26 at the Orange Park Lions Club.

PROMENADERS (Cont'd)

We sure enjoyed all our visitors this month from Star Lite Shufflers, Friendly Frolics and Wesconnett. You all come any old time. We also enjoyed the calling of Bill Camp and Hugh Patterson. We'll be looking forward to more visitors.

We have two buses chartered for our "Knothead" trip in March, which is really "gonna be a wing-ding," as Ella Mae would say. We are going to Sanford March 16.

Our children's class is also coming along to graduation. Hugh Patterson has done a very nice job with the kids. They chose a name for their club -- "The Orange Park Junior Promenaders."

We are also busy working on a float for the Mardi Gras parade in Orange Park. All proceeds go to the Orange Park High School band. The parade will be in the afternoon of March 2, and in the evening there will be the crowning of the Queen and the Mardi Gras Ball. Floyd Hazen will be calling, and also some combo will play for the jazz and jitterbug fans -- a little something for everybody.

Well, see you all next month.

Kaye Carroll, Reporter

FUN AND FROLIC

The February round-of-the-month at FUN AND FROLIC is "Mississippi Shuffle," a swiny two-step with a real "beat." We are also reviewing "Billy," "Alley Cat" and Chop Suey Polka." Rumor has it that "St. Louis Blues" may be next on the list. Jack says it's easy and doesn't even have a turning two-step in it. So come on out at 7:30 each Tuesday evening for our round-dance workshop prior to our regular dance at 8:00.

After the dance on February 12 a group went over to Faircloths to view movies taken at the wedding of Faith and Hugh Butner's daughter, Martha Jane. She made a lovely bride, and our FUN AND FROLICKERS sure looked "purty." We don't often see them so "partified."

There were two birthday boys this month -- Mark Fletcher and Marvin Green. Since they are both charter members of FUN AND FROLIC, President Charlie Head presented them with gifts(?). Ever-hungry Mark received a hot dog of castile soap (good eating, Mark) and Marvin some muchly decorated "bloomers" -- roses and all. Couldn't understand about the embroidery on the back -- "lard." How 'bout that, Marvin?

Our visitors continue to help us keep things humming to Jack's fine calling, with four or five different clubs being represented each night. We are especially grateful to Lois and Clyde Huston for coming all the way in from the Beach almost every Tuesday night to dance with us. We hope they'll arrive in time for our workshop some night. We were also very happy to have Mary and Charles Miller of Miami pay us another visit on the 12th. Come back, all of you!

Kate Washburn, March Reporter

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JUBILEERS

On January 26 two full squares from the Seaside Squares at Jacksonville Beach invaded the Fellowship Hall and stole the JUBILEER banner. Though it was a wet night, the hall was filled with visitors, and the 10-plus squares said it was a fine evening. One of these soon-to-be Wednesday evenings, the JUBILEERS will be heading for the Beach to recover their banner -- which couldn't have been taken by a nicer group.

The Idiot Party, planned and carried out by graduates of the recent class, was a tremendous success. On Friday night, February 1, all 12 couples left en masse from the home of Nina and Harold Hodges and descended upon the sleeping Pillmores at the hour of 12:15 A.M. After two rousing tips called by Harold, and having consumed quantities of sandwiches, pickles, peanut butter, crackers and hot coffee,

Bill Fleshman

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If you want to know more about the Association, the best way to learn is to go to one of its regular meetings and see how many people are donating their time and energy to help promote square dancing in this area. The next meeting is Monday, March 18, at 8:00 P.M. in the Orange Park Lions Club.

Are you a BCW & SWING subscriber (Florida's Square- and Round-dance Magazine)?
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JUBILEERS (Continued)

ORANGE PARK JUNIOR PROMENADERS

the entire group, now including the Pillmores, proceeded to Southside Estates to visit the long-since-retired Griffithses. Let me state for the record that the most jubilant of all those participating in this event were the Pillmores, who could hardly contain their joy at the prospect of waking another caller. Considerable rattling of the mail box, pounding on windows and shaking of doors was necessary to get action at the Griffithses'. But believe me, when the door opened -- there was action. Upon the flash of the bulb in Harold Pillmore's camera, the lady answering the door became vocal as well as active. Soon there was dancing in the hall, parlor and on the patio at 1:15 A.M. As if some 30 people doing this was not enough, the aroma of bacon, eggs, grits, hot biscuits and coffee added to the party atmosphere. It was with much sadness sometime after 3:00 A.M. that goodnights were said. It is hoped that this was only the first of many such wonderful nights for all JUBILEERS and their callers.

How does the above name sound? The boys and girls of Hugh Patterson's square dancing class picked the above name for their club, and everyone is real pleased. Also this month we have a graduating class of about twenty children who have completed their lessons. From what I hear, they are very good dancers.

We will have a new class for beginners (children 8 to 14) commencing February 27 (Wednesday) from 7:00 to 8:30. Anyone interested please contact Gene McElroy or Vaughn Hatcher for further information.

Kaye Carroll

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WESTERN CUTTERS

New beginners class of some two or more squares is now under way and progressing so fast that the next idiot party is in the not-too-distant future. How about that, Jack and Harold and, who knows, (warmer weather), even Joe?

The WESTERN CUTTERS have moved! As was announced earlier, we are now dancing at the Normandy Civic Center, 1005 Cherbourg Avenue. We are pleased with our new home and certainly invite all of our friends to visit with us on each second and fourth Saturday at 8:00 P.M.

JUBILEERS wish to announce that on Saturday, April 27, they have invited Irv Elias of Waycross to call their dance. Irv is one fine caller, and for those who enjoy lots of fun, good calling and a right fine time, keep the date in mind. It will be a ticket dance at \$1.50 per couple. A limit of fifteen squares will be accomodated at Fellowship Hall, and any one wishing tickets should contact Bob Hackbert of the JUBILEERS promptly.

A good time was had by all at the Okefenokee Square-up in Waycross on January 18 and 19, and Jacksonville was very well represented. CUTTERS Leon and Bea Smith, Earle and Ruth Pierce, Charlie and Helen Humber, Paul and Jean Tate, and Marshall and Claudia Carr arrived on Friday for the full treatment. Joining the others on Saturday were Bill and Mary Leggett, Harney and Nancy Morrow, and Ralph and Gussie Vaughn. We enjoyed a very fine "home-cooked" meal at a restaurant just across the street from the jail -- that is, after chasing the Paxon gang away from the tables. Then there were five squares of CUTTERS and Paxon Francers who made "Jail Bird," thanks to the Waycross Police Department and Paxon caller Elwood Sexton.

On February 16, two squares of JUBILEERS invaded the Hobo Convention and returned full of stew, bread, coffee, and with the banner of Friendly Frolics.

Congratulations on January birthdays to Nancy Morrow and Bea Smith, who were honored at after parties; also to caller's taw, Marge Hazen. Naturally, the years are closely guarded secrets, but someone hinted that "Life Begins at ??????."

Tentative plans are under way to start a round-dance basics class (probably on Friday nights) provided there is sufficient interest. Anyone wishing to learn round-dance basics, please contact Onalea or Bob Hackbert (RA 4-6901).

Onalea Hackbert

NEFSDA SPRING JAMBREE

Dance to BOB RUST's fine calling at the Northeast Florida Square Dancers Association's regular fifth-Saturday dance on Saturday, March 30, at 8:00 P.M. to be held at the Jacksonville Outboard Club. Admission 75¢ per person. To get to the Outboard Club, take U.S. 1 Alt. (just across Matthews Bridge from town) to University Blvd. Turn north on University Blvd. to end; turn right on Edenfield and go to end. Standard Oil's map of Jacksonville and vicinity will be a big help to out-of-towners. SEE YOU AT THE DANCE!

On our regular dance night, January 26, we were very pleased to have several visitors with us, including Bill and Ruth Fleshman. They gave us a beautiful exhibition of round dancing which was enjoyed by all. Again, on February 9, we had almost a full house with a large number of visitors. Caller Floyd Hazen was in especially fine form with new patters and singing calls, which we all enjoyed.

There were a number of CUTTERS, about three squares, who journeyed to the Valentine Dance sponsored by the Paxon Francers.

WESTERN CUTTERS (Continued)

Caller John Calhoun and our hosts made sure everyone there had a very enjoyable time.

All the members of our club wish to thank Phil and Gladys Grasser for the fine job rendered as "Grapevine" reporters during the past year.

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STAR LITE SHUFFLERS

FEBRUARY

LATE NEWS!

(So named because it reached the GRAPEVINE too late for publication. There'll be days like that -- then it will get worse!!!!---Betty Tool)

On December 19 we had graduation, along with a Christmas party and covered-dish dinner. The graduates are Barney Pashley, Barbara Petty, Margie and Bob Ross, Helen and Gus Ruser, Rhona and Herbert Williams, Inell and Don Winchester, Trudy and Richard Patrick, Violet and Gene Wallace, and Vada and Bruce Weldon. Also graduating were 13 STAR LITE JUNIORS: Sheila and Suzanne Addington, Karen and Tina Ruser, Diane Winchester, Kathy Patrick, David Wallace, Steve Tool, Richard and Gary Williams, Caroline and Brandon Yongue, and George Kemp. We are proud of our graduates and especially of the Juniors. We had a wonderful time that night and were even honored to witness Charlie Kemp's debut as a caller.

The older members of the club want to take this opportunity to say "Welcome" to the new members. Hope you will enjoy being one of the big, happy family.

Everyone had a squishing good time at the Club on December 22, as Walter skillfully maneuvered the squares under the mistletoe.

We were very pleased to have Herschell and Tan Lee come call for us and dance with us on December 26. The same night we had two fellows visit us from Key West Squares, as guests of Scotty Hayes. (Sorry I didn't get your names, fellows.)

There has been lots of visiting during the past month. Some of our members danced in the Wallaces' basement on December 29, and on January 11 some of us squared up at the Patricks' "Hog Calling." And I've lost track of the dates and number of times there has been dancing in the Rosses' trailer during the past month. Everyone is trying for "Mobile-Bug" and "Bug-in-a-Rug" badges at the Rosses'.

We had nearly 100% attendance at the Friendly Frolics New Year's Eve dance at Annie Lytle. We had a wonderful time dancing, eating, etc. The decorations were very nice. I hope to see a recipe for the Red Devil cake published in the GRAPEVINE soon. They tell me there were around 29 squares that night dancing at one time.

We visited Orange Park on January 4. The three squares of STAR LITE SHUFFLERS in attendance that night sure did enjoy the good hall, the nice refreshments, the friendly people, and the good calling, especially "Bill Bailey."

One square of STAR LITE SHUFFLERS went to Fernandina on January 8, and we had a very good time there. Walter did the calling, and we did the "goofing"! After the dance we goofed again, as we got lost looking for a coffee shop. We did finally find it though, and it was 9¢ coffee at that. How about that?

For a new angle on square dancing you should have been with us on January 9 when Bob Ross showed us Hula dancing and combined it with western music. Did I say new angle? There weren't many angles, mostly curves. Bob, we sure did enjoy the pictures you took of the graduation. That Bob is real talented -- did you know he wears ladies' boots?

Some "Idiots" went to Walt's after Trudy's "Hog Calling" on January 11. Walt and Dot were rather surprised, but the group almost surprised the wrong household when, through error, they nearly rang the wrong doorbell. One of the "Idiots" said, "Why do these dances seem so long when it is so late and you are so tired?" and the Cawler replied, "You asked for this, so just keep dancin'." Dottie sure did look pretty in her pink nighty!

On January 16 we had visitors from Paxon. They sure did liven up the place. Don't tell them we said so, but they sure are good dancers. We'll be out to see you soon, Paxon, to reclaim our banner. We had six squares dancing that night. Charlie Kemp was awarded his "Skunk" in honor of finding the live skunk in his tent on our camping trip last summer. Helen Ruser was honored that night, too; she received the "Goofer" badge.

So sorry to hear that Rocky Hamilton is sick. Do what the doctor tells you, Rocky, and hurry back; we miss you.

We have two new Diehards in the club -- Margie and Bob Ross. They danced every

STAR LITE SHUFFLERS (Cont'd)

night the week of January 7 - 11. We all couldn't go every night -- you know we have to stay home sometime and wash our pantaloons.

The STAR LITE SHUFFLERS' dance night is now every Wednesday, and we meet at Woodstock Park at 8:00 P.M. Come visit us and "dance along with Norman." Be sure to see Julie Yongue about badges, and call me about news any time of the day or NIGHT!

Two squares of SHUFFLERS attended the Annual Okefenokee Square-Up at Waycross on January 19. They all report that it was simply WONDERFUL. There were about 211 couples registered. Renovation of the city auditorium was just completed for this dance. Nice, huh? There was a nice report about the outstanding exhibit from Paxon, the Barn-Dance. Trudy, did you get there in time to get your serving of "Hot Hash"? If not, possibly dancing with Ed Merrick helped out. I understand a certain fellow looked so pretty in his new shirt that his wife was afraid to let him out. And I understand that on the way back the SHUFFLERS stopped at a restaurant and made another badge -- "GCON." It seems that the Jacksonville clubs turned out in great number and really made a good showing. TO WAYCROSS: We want to report that we had a wonderful time and want you to visit us sometime.

Our plans for February look very bright, and it looks like the big event will be the Knothead trip to Savannah on February 2.

M A R C H

On February 2, 1963, we made another Knothead trip. It was a very eventful evening and trip. Let me tell you about it. There were approximately 45 of us, and the ones who had already made Florida Knothead made National Knothead. We were greeted with open arms at Hunter Air Force Base, Savannah, Georgia, by the Hunter Hoodowners and their caller, Earl Anderson. The Hunter Hoodowners had just graduated a class on January 19, and they sure were an enthusiastic group. The club was a beautiful place to dance. We could have danced all night; but, since it was a long way home, we left at approximately 11:00 P.M. One fellow, Bruce Yongue, that is, was in such a rush to get away that he didn't stop for coffee with the rest of the group, nor to gas up. You guessed it -- he ran out of gas and lost more time in the long run.

One nice thing about being Reporter is that I don't have to write about myself making Goofer's badge, etc., but there is one thing I'd like to write about myself and two other ground hogs, Julie Yongue and Rocky Hamilton. We all had birthdays on Ground-hog Day and received a beautiful birthday cake while in Savannah, February 2, with "Ground Hog" badges for each of us

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built right into the decorations. Can you think of a nicer birthday gift than to have a badge designed especially to commemorate the day?

Hope everyone saw the Dixie Twirlers and Beaus 'n' Belles on "Here's How," on February 9. It was a very good program.

We had lots of favorable comments about our STAR LITE JUNIORS on our trip to Savannah. Even had requests for them to do a demonstration for the group.

On January 31 we visited Paxon to regain our banner. We just had to have that banner to take to Savannah with us. It was a very enjoyable evening. We had another enjoyable evening with Paxon on February 14 at their Valentine Dance, dancing to the calling of John Calhoun. I must say Paxon's red outfits were very appropriate for the event.

We did quite a bit of visiting during February: one night with the Jubileers, on February 16 with Friendly Frolics for their annual Hobo Dance, and several times with Orange Park. All of our outings have been most enjoyable. We've had lots of visitors during the month also, and we always love visitors. Y'all come again. One entry on our visitors' book which appeared quite a few times was simply "Mama and Me." After looking around for clues we discovered the new badges Herb and Anne Lawhorne are wearing which read "Mama" -- "and Me." Pretty clever!

Hugh Patterson called a new calypso number for us on February 13. We sure did enjoy it, Hugh.

We've had quite a few birthdays, anniversaries, etc., this month. Hope Rocky Hamilton is feeling better now. Also, Frank and Ruth, you sure have been missed recently. Glad you are better, Bruce.

A housewife said to a friend -- "For our anniversary he gave me some albums of mood music -- "Music to Iron by"...."Music to Wash by"....."Music to Scrub by"..... and then there was the lady who gave her husband GREEN STAMPS for his birthday. Trudy and Richard just had an anniversary. Margie and Bob Ross gave each other a new car for their anniversary; it seems they bought it right in the middle of their anniversary trip to Tennessee. Gene Wallace's birthday was February 18 -- were you 29 again, Gene? And February 2 was the first anniversary of the STAR LITE SHUFFLERS. There was also a wedding for the Kemp family. Margaret and Charlie gained a new daughter on February 9, and she is really a beauty. (Continued on page 6)

Everyone sure is dressing up for this square dancing. Gene Wallace got some new boots -- but it was a struggle from what I hear. Don Winchester has been looking mighty sporty in his new "Monkey Ward" shirts.

One night recently, after club, about a dozen of us gathered at a nearby restaurant. As luck would have it, a cute little girl was struggling through her first night as a waitress. Our talented Bob Ross decided he would put her at ease by ordering something simple, every-day and common, like "HUSH PUPPIES, FRENCH FRIES and BUTTERMILK." She took it very well and didn't even turn in her resignation.

Our new class has started as scheduled on Saturdays at our Cawler's home, 5231 Poppy Drive. We will be happy to have anyone who is interested in learning. Y'all come.

'Bye for now,

Betty Tool, Mrs. Secretary

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PAXON PRANCERS

January 17 was a big night at Paxon, as we were visited by Friendly Frolics. It was so nice to have them, especially such a large group. They came in force and captured our banner. Please come again as we always enjoy having you. After we had our dance, our regular business meeting was held. This being election night we had a good representation of the club present. Our new officers are:

- President - Cora and Barney Cheshire
- Vice Pres. - Hester and Ray Neal
- Secy. - Margaret and Curtis Thompson
- Treas. - Marion and Bill Rolison

Committee Chairmen are: Freida and Deskin Sisson, Refreshments; Patsy and Bob Love, Program; Mandy and Charlie Houghton, Representatives to the Association; Delores and Russell Smith, Hostess and Host. Most of these people are rather new to our club, so this year we should have newer and better ideas. Each one has been an excellent worker in the club last year, and we feel very fortunate to have them as our leaders this coming year.

After our meeting several couples decided it would be a good time to make their Idiot badge, so we all went over to the Sextons' to wake up Elwood. We didn't arrive at the same time -- someone always has to have car trouble, and this time it was Billy Rolison. He looked adorable under the hood in his red and white striped PJ's -- with matching night cap. Laura must have heard we were coming over because she just happened to have lots of good, fresh doughnuts and a pot of coffee. We sure did enjoy the Idiot party -- thanks, Laura and Elwood, for being such nice people.

For those who did not make the trip to Waycross on January 19, you sure missed a swell dance. There was quite a large group from Jacksonville there, including most everyone from our club. While in Waycross we made our "Jailbird" badges, and on a voluntary basis! Some of the teen-agers were a little worried, though. There was a rumor around that they weren't going to be let out. The police in Waycross were most cooperative about letting us dance in the jail, and we certainly appreciated it.

While we were in Waycross, we found a fabulous place to eat. If anyone is planning a trip to Waycross, don't miss Carter's Boarding House for a good meal. All you can eat for \$1.00. If you don't believe us, just ask Bea Smith from the Western Cutters! If anyone knows, she does.

On January 24 we introduced our new officers and saw the old ones out of office (or what was left of them). The skit was cute as it could be. Each officer dressed the part, and I must say we had the best-dressed treasurers in town. Wonder if we have any money left in the bank?

On January 26 we visited the Star Lite Shufflers and captured their banner. On January 31 they visited us and took it back. This same night we were honored by a visit from the Western Cutters. Always good to have you folks visit us, too.

On February 2 we visited Friendly Frolics and reclaimed our banner.

On February 14 we held our Valentine Dance with guest caller John Calhoun from Birmingham, Alabama. We hope that everyone enjoyed the dance as much as we did, and we thank you for coming. John and Polly Calhoun are two of the nicest people we've ever met, and we certainly enjoyed John's calling. During the dance we crowned our caller, Elwood, as King of the Dance. Of course, Laura was the Queen. Elwood, we did like those RED boots to match your shirt. Just hope you never meet up with a big bull in that outfit. The door prize was a beautiful coconut cake with red candy hearts sprinkled on the top. It was won by Crystelle Stringer, and we know it was most delicious as it was baked and donated by our "First Rate" cake baker, Patsy Love. Thanks, Patsy, for the cake. We can always count on you in the bakery department.

Before we close for this month, we'd like to offer apologies. In honoring our teen-agers last month we overlooked two of our group -- Jean and Cindy Love. We're sorry, girls. We just don't understand how we could have missed you after all the entertaining you have done for us. These girls have put on several special dances, costume and all, and are very accomplished at both ballet and tap dancing. We're proud of you and your parents, Patsy and Bob Love.

That's all, folks.

Cora Cheshire and Margaret Joyce

On Tuesday, February 5, the MERRYSTEP-PERS celebrated their sixth birthday anniversary with another of our delicious covered-dish suppers. Food and merriment were abundant, and it's a hard decision whether to eat all you want and then be too uncomfortable to dance, or to cut down on calories and be able to "rip and snort" all evening. The lucky ones did their share of both.

One of our MERRYSTEPPER members, Wendell Kilpatrick, who is the principal of Stephen Foster Elementary School in Gainesville, brought along a group of his sixth-grade students who have become avid square dancers. This is the second appearance of this group before the club, as they danced for us at last spring's Graduation Party for the newer club members. There were four squares of boys and girls, with the girls in each set dressed alike but differently from the other squares -- one square in red, one in blue, one in lavender, and one in pink. The dresses were adorable, as were the children. Wendell is doing a marvelous job with them, and their parents have become so interested that some of them are in the beginners class at present.

At our regular session on February 12, valentines were the theme, and each dancer was given a valentine cut in half. Before the evening was over the men had to find the other half of their valentine, whose owner became his partner for the next tip, and a lively time was had by all.

Bart's better half, Ruth, was under the weather with a bad case of flu for more than a week. We missed her and hope she will be out with us again this week for good.

The beginning round-dance class held its final session on February 13. The latest dances taught were "Golden Gate Waltz" and "Tennessee Two-step." Now that the lessons are over, some of us feel we are just now beginning to catch on to them. Thick-headed people, huh?

Well, until we meet again next month, y'all come.

Edna and Tom Hutson

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"Hey, you Bums!" And a gentler "Hey" to you who missed the fun at our annual Hobo Convention, when on February 16 Annie Lytle became a "Jungle" for the shabbiest bunch of freight-hoppers ever assembled under one roof! The evening got under way at 7:00 P.M. with the entree of Mulligan stew most graciously served in tin cans! A couple of half-burned candles and a flowered fly swatter adorned the otherwise messy refreshment table, but then, we like it that way! That is, most of us do! Of course, there are always a few in every bunch who try to rise above it! Pat Johnson, for one, bedecked in jewels and a real "gone" gown! Pete Piszczek, for another, in ruffled overalls with the "convenience" of a "dropped seat"! (I believe Pete's costume was inspired by the birth of a grandson on January 22 when Marge and Pete proudly weighed in little Raymond Lee Wiley at a mere 10 lbs. 11 oz.! Congratulations!) Meanwhile -- back at the ranch -- after a lively tip called by our own Herschell Lee (looking very "unlike" Herschell Lee that evening), dancers lined up for the Grand March, during which the traditional "Hobo Bundle" was awarded to costume winners Don and Addie (Raggedy Ann 'n' Andy) Hull, new Friendly Frolics members! Incidentally, you two "Bums" -- that was a fine trick, your "sugar spoon that wasn't"!

We were mighty glad to have so many visitors from the Jubileers (who captured our flag so triumphantly), as well as dancers from Seaside Squares, Paxon, Fun and Frolic, Merry Mixers, Star Lite Shufflers, and Western Cutters. We enjoyed tips called by guest callers Elwood Sexton and Tommy Thompson! Come back, y'all.

Highlighting the evening's entertainment was first a square consisting of Randy King, Bill Fleshman, Bob Pringle, Frank Clements and -- "Partners," who fought a losing battle during Herschell's "Daisy Chain"!! The "gals" were worn out -- floor mops, that is, so give those fellas an A for effort.

We then witnessed a spine-tingling whip exhibition, deftly performed by George Stanton, as he lashed to pieces several small strips of paper held by a very courageous volunteer, our co-editor, Ruth Fleshman! Nothing daunted Ruth -- not even George's request for a doctor, together with a supply of bandages, "just in case." Well, now y'all know who cracks the whip in the Stanton family!

Say, here's a "Snewpy Skoop" exclusive! April 20 marks a real FRIENDLY FROLICS first, so jot down the date on your calendar of Krazy Kapers, and be sure to attend our "Miss FRIENDLY FROLICS '63" Beauty Contest! Contestants will be judged upon beauty, talent, charm, and "poison poison-ality." All those male members of FRIENDLY FROLICS who think they have what it takes, are invited to enter the contest! "Miss

FRIENDLY FROLICS (Cont'd)

FRIENDLY FROLICS '63" will receive a bevy of fabulous prizes, including an all-expense-paid trip, dinner for two at a famous restaurant, "wall-to-wall" in the color of "her" choice, and many other gifts too numerous to mention at this time! Further details of the Beauty Pageant will be announced at our next dance, March 2, at Annie Lytle! So, you guys with the gorgeous gams -- sign up with "Snewpy" -- and enter the contest of a lifetime!

Speaking of our March 2 dance, Herschell and Rosa Lee are planning an enjoyable time for all, in honor of Herschell's latest class, which will be graduating that evening. So, y'all come! Join the festivities and be on hand to officially welcome these new grads into square dancing.

On behalf of the officers and members of FRIENDLY FROLICS, we'd like to extend a very hearty welcome to the following dancers who have recently joined our club: Dan and Sarah Whitmire, Orson and Marilyn Fussell, Lois Baden, Walt and Virginia Wilkens, and Carl and Marilyn Ballasso! We're so glad to have you as club members.

To all FROLICKERS -- Len Saraga, of "Plaza Western Wear" announces that he has a complete stock of FRIENDLY FROLICS doxy towels, so come get 'em! (A cheery hello to Frieda and our best wishes for a speedy recovery.) Speaking of recoveries, it's great to see Rocky Hamilton back dancing with us after his illness.

Group visitations to neighboring clubs are really on the march in Jacksonville, and we're glad to see it happening! Paxon Prancers visited us at our February 2 dance and, numbering well over a square, recaptured their club flag. FRIENDLY FROLICS enjoyed an evening at Seaside Squares on February 6 with caller Joe Smith doing the honors. Club President Boats Ackerman and taw Betty made us feel right at home. Margaret Smith's sour-cream cake was so delicious that her recipe would be much appreciated for the GRAPEVINE. Thanks, Seaside Squares, for a truly enjoyable evening. Scheduled by FRIENDLY FROLICS for Wednesday, March 6, is a visit to Star Lite Shufflers!

Another "Snewpy Skoop" -- FRIENDLY FROLICS members will be interested in knowing that from here on in the club will furnish refreshments at our regular dances. In conjunction with this, it was voted at our business meeting of February 9 to raise club-member admission from 75¢ to \$1.00 per couple. Our new club president, Frank Clements, presided over the meeting, at which time Irvin Johnson was elected Vice President. President Clements has recently organized an Executive Board of Directors consisting of the following club members: Jack Pomerantz, Roy McDonald, George Stanton, Helen Corley and Eddie Bowman. Doug and Helen Crout (past-president and taw) were given a standing ovation and a round of applause for the fine and tedious efforts they have put forth on behalf of FRIENDLY FROLICS!

Next month -- more news of "Miss FRIENDLY FROLICS '63"! See you then.

Lois (Snewpy) Stanton

REMEMBER THE ASSOCIATION FIFTH-SATURDAY DANCE, SATURDAY, MARCH 30, AT 8:00 PM JACKSONVILLE OUTBOARD CLUB FEATURING BOB RUST 75¢ PER PERSON

MERRY MIXERS

Each week seems to see our club growing by leaps and bounds. On Thursday, January 24, we added to our roster new members Lorraine and Tommy Thompson (and a very good caller, by the way) as well as welcoming recently-joined members Hattie and Ernest Fulton and Marilyn and Carl Ballasso. We certainly are enjoying the good crowds we've been having recently. Visitors are always welcome. If you come once, I know you'll come again.

January, on the whole, seems to be a real "down" month, but our own MERRY MIXERS seem to be taking this literally. Now perhaps you've seen a call in square dancing, namely, "Hit the Deck," but have you ever seen one called "Flop the Floor"? Well, Richard Steeves and Doris Howle demonstrated such a "trick" the last Thursday in January by really giving their posteriors a jolt and never missing a step. How 'bout that for some fancy foot(?)-work. The rest of the evening went in the usual manner -- chaotic but fun.

We upped our supper night from the second to the first Thursday in February and had a wonderful time as usual, eating and dancing. I haven't yet decided which I'd rather do, eat or dance; but I know which of the two I do better! Well, we were back to the usual "tricks" again. Louie Hadden started the night off with a great big "plop." From all that's been going on lately, I don't rightly know if it's the floor or what, but it couldn't be the dancers!

The MERRY MIXERS voted in January to visit Paxon Prancers' John Calhoun dance on February 14. If you weren't there, you really missed a great dance. The Prancers really "did it up brown" that night, and I know that the more-than-fifteen squares there had a terrific time in the beautiful new Brad Treddinick Youth Center. We were sorry to hear of the sudden, serious operation of President Russ and Bettie Osborn's daughter the night before this dance. Our thoughts are with you in your prayer for a speedy recovery, Russ and Bettie.

I know the entire club is wishing for warm weather and a little let-up from the flu-bug and his complications. Measles, mumps, and chicken-pox have kept mamas' and daddies home recently, but, cheer up, gang, and remember it can only get better!

Here's a little something to ponder, if you haven't anything: (Continued page 9)

MERRY MIXERS (Continued)

Thirty days hath September,
April, June, and November.
All the rest have peanut butter,
Except Grandma; she drives a Buick.

Kay Johns, Reporter

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WOODSTOCK WAGON WHEELERS

Bet you didn't know that three or four squares of teen-agers, under the tutelage and calling of Edith Ford, have been "dancing up a storm" from 7:00 to 9:00 on Monday evenings at the Woodstock Community Center. They have formed a club -- The Woodstock Wagon Wheelers (now isn't that a cool name?) -- have elected officers, and we hope that next month they will have a reporter who will send monthly news items to the GRAPEVINE. They have already had a covered-dish supper, a Valentine's party, and are just full of clever ideas for more fun. Sounds like these young folks really "dig" this dancing. Congratulations, 3 W's!

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NEW BEGINNERS CLASSES

Many of these classes are still open. Let's get ALL our friends square dancing. Don't just tell them, TAKE them to one of these nine classes -- at least one available every night except Sunday.

MONDAY - HERSCHELL LEE - Starts March 4 at Englewood Home Demonstration Club. Club, at 8:00.

JOE SMITH - Started February 18, at Band Shell, Jacksonville Beach. Sponsored by Seaside Squares. 8:00 P.M.

TUESDAY - FLOYD HAZEN - Orange Park Lions Club, 8:00. Starts February 26. Sponsored by PROMENADERS.

MYRON SAMSON - Started January 22 at Englewood Home Demonstr. Club at 8:00.

WEDNESDAY - HUGH PATTERSON - Starts February 27 at Orange Park Lions Club from 7:00 to 8:30, for children ages 8 to 14. Sponsored by Orange Park Promenaders.

THURSDAY - HUGH PATTERSON - Started January 10 at Switzerland Community Club.

FRIDAY - RAY BAXTER - Started January 4 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 103rd Street. For teen-agers. 7:30 to 10:00. Sponsored by Beaus 'n' Belles.

HAROLD FILLMORE - Started February 1 at Arlington Congreg. Church. 8:00. Sponsored by Jubileers.

SATURDAY - WALTER KNIGHT - Started February 9 at 5231 Poppy Drive, 8:00. Sponsored by Star Lite Shufflers.

Space permitting, we like to include a requested recipe from the files of some of our wonderful cooks. We believe this is the one referred to by Betty Tool. If not, will someone please send in the recipe to the "Red Devil" cake Betty sampled at the New Year's Eve dance? Margaret Smith's Sour-Cream Cake will be next.

RED VELVET CAKE

- 1 Cup butter
- 2 Cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 Cup buttermilk
- 2 1/2 Cups cake flour
- 2 1-oz. bottles red food coloring
- 1 Teaspoon salt
- 1 Teaspoon vanilla
- 1 Tablespoon vinegar
- 3/4 Teaspoon soda
- 2 Tablespoons cocoa

Cream sugar and butter until fluffy. Add eggs and beat one minute. Add vanilla and flour alternately with buttermilk. Make a paste of coloring and cocoa. Add salt. Add vinegar and soda last, mixed together. Bake at 350° for 35-40 minutes in two greased 9-inch pans. When cool, split each layer, and frost the four layers with the following:

FROSTING

- 1 Cup Milk
- 3 Tablespoons flour
- 1 Cup sugar
- 1 Cup margarine
- 1 Teaspoon vanilla

Cook flour and milk in double boiler until thick, stirring constantly. Cool. Cream sugar, margarine and vanilla until fluffy as possible. Blend the cooked mixture with the creamed mixture. Don't beat; put in mixer at low speed. Spread on cake.

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TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR SQUARE DANCING

I. Thou shalt square dance only for the fun which thee will find in it.

II. Thou shalt not be a snob, considering thyself too good to dance with any other, sitting out the mixers, or leaving a square lest thou be required to dance with those whom thou deemest unworthy of thy talents, for the Gods of retribution are zealous Gods and will visit their mischief upon thee, and thou wilt be the one to goof the square.

III. Thou shalt not forget that thou were once a beginner.

IV. Thou shalt be exuberant, but shalt act thy age. Do not offend others by thy high-flung legs and out-flared skirts.

V. Thou shalt go abroad and dance with other callers so that thy opinions expressed as to the merit of this one and that one are based on fact.

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VI. Thou shalt not let the stranger in thy midst sit on the side lines and cool his heels, nor fail to speak to him.

VII. Thou shalt bathe diligently that the sweet aroma of soap and shaving lotion may assail the nostrils of thy associates, leaving the more earthly smells to the farmyard.

VIII. Thou shalt take care that the works of thy mouth are not scented with garlic or beer.

IX. Thou shalt honor thy club and give it thy loyalty, for if you canst not do this, it were better to separate thyself from it and join thyself to another whose methods, members and callers are more to thy liking.

X. Thou shalt not kill thy club with bickering and fault-finding.

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RE M I N D E R S

- February 23 - Saturday. FRANK LANE dance, sponsored by Western Cutters, by ticket only
- March 2 - Saturday. Afternoon parade and evening dance, benefit Orange Park H.S. Band.
- March 7 - Thursday. LES GOTCHER dance at Waycross Civic Auditorium.
- March 14 - Thursday. Regular MERRY MIXERS Covered-Dish Supper and Dance. 7:00. Arlington Community Center. Herschell Lee calling.
- March 16 - Saturday. KNOTHEAD trip to Sanford Civic Center. Sponsored by Orange Park Promenaders.
- March 18 - Monday. NEFSDA Meeting. Orange Park Lions Club, 8:00 P.M. Presidents and delegates from all clubs are requested to be present. All dancers are invited to attend.
- March 21 - Thursday. MAX FORSYTH dance, sponsored by LAKE CITY SQUARES, at the new National Guard armory, Lake City, at 8:00. Admission \$1 per person.
- March 22 - Friday. ED GILMORE dance at Waycross Civic Auditorium.
- March 30 - 5th Saturday. NEFSDA SPRING JAMBOREE with BOB RUST calling. At Jacksonville Outboard Club (out University Blvd. to Edenfield) at 8:00 P.M.
- April 3 - Wednesday - EARL JOHNSTON dance at Waycross Civic Auditorium.
- April 12 - Friday - BOB RUST dance at Waycross Civic Auditorium.
- April 20 - "MISS FRIENDLY FROLICS '63" Beauty Pageant and Dance. Annie Lytle.
- April 27 - Saturday. IRV ELLAS dance, sponsored by JUBILEERS, at Arlington Congreg. Church. Admission \$1.50/couple, by ticket only.
- May 22 - Wednesday - JIM BROWER dance. Waycross Civic Auditorium.
- June 13 - Thursday - Free TRAIL DANCE at Hotel George Washington, 8:00, prior to Florida State Square Dance Convention. State callers.
- June 14-16 - Friday and Saturday. 10TH FLORIDA STATE SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION. Civic Auditorium, Mayflower Hotel and George Washington Hotel, Jacksonville. Admission \$1.25 per person per day (pre-registration) prior to June 1; \$1.50 per person per day thereafter.
- June 20-22 - Thursday, Friday and Saturday. 12TH NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION. St. Paul, Minnesota
- June 29 - 5th Saturday. NORTHEAST FLORIDA SQUARE DANCERS ASSN. Summer Hoedown. Details will appear in later issues of the GRAPEVINE.