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"THE PREZ SEZ"

Another eventful month of square dancing has ended in the Northeast Florida area, and I trust that everyone has enjoyed all the square dancing they could physically take.

During the past month we in square dancing were shocked by one of our clubs' being assessed with a bill for State and County Occupational License in the amount of \$150.00. This license was supposedly for the operation of a dance hall, which is the same category that bottle clubs and professional dance studios, as well as all hotel ballrooms, etc., fall into. The order for assessment of license fees came from the State Comptroller's office in Tallahassee as a result of filing sales tax returns.

Thanks to Mary Kieffer, who, through a friend, found that square-dance clubs operating as non-profit organizations were specifically exempt by name in the Florida statutes covering Occupational Licenses, we were able to establish the fact that we were exempt with the local tax assessor and thereby closed the matter. However, there is some doubt as to the validity of imposing a State sales tax on the clubs, inasmuch as the law specifically states that square-dance clubs could solicit donations to dances from dancers to offset expenses. This matter will need further study.

Clara and I have visited some of the square-dance classes that are being held in the Jacksonville area and find much enthusiasm among these new potential dancers. One in particular is the class just started and sponsored by a group at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on the Southside. The first night's session was attended by four squares with more to enroll. Myron Samson is doing a grand job of teaching them with the help of experienced dancers, mainly from the Merry Mixers. Betty and Russ Osborn are to be congratulated for getting this group started. How about some of you other dancers getting your church interested in square dancing?

Clara and I both enjoyed very much visiting with the 441 Club in Gainesville

and dancing to the calling of Herschell Lee. Fine job, Herschell!

It is good to hear that our Association Treasurer, Clyde Huston, is out of the hospital and back in square dancing. Take it easy, Clyde; we don't want you going back.

See all of you at the Irv Elias dance at the Pythian Center in Jacksonville on February 29. Everyone come and enjoy the company of our many square-dancing friends and the calling of Irv.

Louis Olsen, President
N. E. Fla. Square Dancers Assn.

COMPLIMENTARY GRAPEVINES

Remember that the Northeast Florida Square Dancers Association gives three free issues of the GRAPEVINE to new graduates of beginners classes, so get their names and correct mailing addresses to Bill and Ruth Fleshman (Route 6 - Box 346, Jacksonville, Florida 32216). In case a beginner subscribes to the GRAPEVINE, his subscription will be extended by the unexpired term, if any, of the complimentary period.

LUCKY '7th' SAVANNAH SQUARE-UP

For a change this colorful event does not conflict with one of our 5th-Saturday Association dances, and promises a week-end of wonderful dancing opportunities. The program starts with a "Get Acquainted" dance on Friday night, March 20, followed by Saturday morning and afternoon round-dance workshops, hot hash, and squares, and topped off by a Grand Ball" Saturday evening featuring Bob Augustin from New Orleans -- all for \$1.50 per person!

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PAXON PRANCERS

"As newly elected president of the PAXON PRANCERS I am proud and honored to work with this fine group of dancers and our caller, Elwood Sexton. I was at a loss when our reporter asked me for a statement for the column this month. All I can say is this: you all know how the triple allemande works, when everyone is moving together to make fun and enjoyment for all dancers in their square; so, the entire club of PAXON PRANCERS is working and planning for club activities for the year of '64. With this kind of cooperation we are sure to have a mighty fine year of dancing pleasure. And at the same time each member will have that wonderful sense of fellowship that comes with being a square dancer."

Thanks for those words, Gerald. We're proud and honored, too. And we're especially proud of all our new leaders:

- President: Gerald and Mary Kieffer
- Vice Pres.: Billy and Marion Rolison
- Secretary: Dave and Rose Carpenter
- Treasurer: Barney and Cora Cheshire

At the candlelight installation, directed by Margaret and Joe Joyce, the four corners of the square were symbolic of friendliness, leadership, cooperation, and fun. It was a good beginning.

The graduating class of '63 is coming on fast and furiously, and in full strength. Time was when our hands grew ice cold at the thought of dancing with you folks who know your way around the square. But we're catching on, and we may just learn to be really good dancers yet! From all of us to all of you, thanks for your patience.

These new members are all for getting things done, and most of us managed to earn Kangaroo, Bug-N-A-Rug, and Idiot all in the same night. Our program chairman, Margaret Joyce, should be thanked again and again for her hospitality to the mob that evening. I hear she made all those yummy cakes "the old-fashioned way." The Idiots caught Laura Sexton greeting us in scarlet nightwear; fortunately, she managed to locate coffee and doughnuts for our reinforcement. Seen by those present: Wally Lightfoot's knobby knees showing under his nightshirt, and Norma Smith's embroidered bed ticking. The general reaction of the initiated to dancing in "sleeping garments": "You can't be serious!" We found out they were. We're proud of our youngest member, Kip Carpenter, for going along with us silly old folks, and for earning his badges, too.

The Jubileers were our gracious hosts for a Saturday-night visit. We enjoyed dancing with you -- won't you come see us, and bring your callers? Several clubs have been represented at our regular dances, plus callers Ray Baxter, Floyd Hazen, Bob Reynolds, and Herschell Lee. We were de-

lighted to have the Fleshmans join us one evening, too.

Rose Carpenter and her committee gave us a Valentine Party to remember. It was a royal affair, with Joe and Margaret Joyce reigning as King and Queen. The Western Cutters were our guests and proved as friendly as we'd remembered. But just how did Bob Reynolds manage to get the door prize?! Observed: Shirley Ballowe with a cupid on her dress; a Western Cutter sporting a garter (!) above one knee; Jimmy Thomas' broken heart on the back of his shirt. Our thanks to Freda Sisson for making the prizes in her ceramic studio, and to the four callers for a super superior hot-hash!

The crowning event for the PAXON PRANCERS was the Knothead trip to a secret destination south of Daytona, arranged by Bob Rust. I hear Gerald almost resigned as president because Bob wouldn't tell. "Just meet me at the bus station," sez he. One group, including Elwood, almost didn't make it -- Melvin Prevatt's new car had a difficulty. More than twenty of us danced for Knothead in Allendale, before descending upon the Beachcombers -- by then we'd grown to more than fifty. The Beachcombers outdid themselves in friendliness and refreshments, and it was fun dancing with such a variety of transported Yankees and Canadians. Thanks, y'all, for letting us come. Won't you come north to Jax for a sample of our Southern hospitality? The word from the Burger King is that we're all Goons! (Heaven help the next group who go in there wearing red!)

Easter is early this year -- advance publicity for the theme party announces March 26 as the date to remember. "The works" include eggs and baskets, flowers and fun.

Our beginners class is closed now, and we expect good work from the group. A word to the wise: beginners learn more quickly when enthusiastic club members are there to show and help. The review won't hurt you either, y'know.

Congratulations are being received by the Sissons for successfully reaching another anniversary, and to Raymond Neal and Kay Holbrook for each growing a year older. We're glad to see Georgene Bussey out and among us after her lengthy stay in the hospital. We hope Kal Howlett will soon be kicking his heels on Thursday nights, too.

Y'all come -- we'd love to have you.

Kay and Jim Holbrook

Dance to the calls of Irv Elias (featured caller at Jekyll Jamboree and Okefenokee Square-up) at the NEFSDA Dance, Saturday, February 29, at Pythian Center.

U. S. 441

To start this month's news, we would like to say "thank you" to George Beazlie for making our club banner. It seems George has this friend in S. R. D. -- but our banner isn't really Federal property, even though it has a familiar size, shape, and made out of metal -- but at least it's painted white and says U. S. 441 Dance Club. You won't see anything like it on the highway, so come dance with us!

Our dances have all been just loads of fun for everyone. On January 11 we had Jack Griffiths with us. The Carters from Jacksonville and Joan Deuel were the guests.

Fred Rowe from Daytona Beach really kept us moving on January 25. The Bangers had refreshments for the evening. (By the way -- we forgot to mention that the club recently purchased a 75-cup coffee pot.) Mike and Blanch Milligan and Don and Carol Mimnich were our guests. This was the first time we have had Fred as our guest caller, and we hope that he will come back again.

February 8 we welcomed back Herschell Lee and his taw Rosa Lee. It was also nice to have the NEFSDA President, Louis Olsen, and his taw, Clara, with us. We hope they can come back again. Mike and Blanch Milligan were dancing with us again this week.

We are all looking forward to our next dance, February 22, when Eric Sohn will be our caller. We hear that something "special" is being planned, and that some Jacksonville dancers plan to come.

That's about it for this month. We enjoy having visitors -- so keep coming!

Jeri and John Moore

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ORANGE PARK JUNIOR PROMENADERS

As you all know, Eddie Millan is the caller for the JUNIOR PROMENADERS and doing a swell job.

Happy birthday to Linda Mayberry. Wow! What a birthday party with Eddie calling at the Gator Den, at the Naval Hospital on February 7. It really rained but didn't dampen Linda's spirits. She was one of the prettiest girls there, and need I say the happiest? Dianne and Sherman Day, Alethea Crutchfield, Ronnie and Patty McElroy, Mari Kough, Claire Davis, Terry Chojnacki, June Delp, Ronnie and Randy Mobley, Steve Ferguson, Chris Mayberry, Steve Houston and Allen Maus-

lein were having as much fun as Linda.

Graduation for the new class was Saturday, February 15. The old prospector, Patty McElroy, had such a thirsty (six-legged) jackass that he fell apart after the first act. Sheer determination and fast taping brought them out for the second act and last act because the jackass was in too many pieces to put together again. The head of the jackass was June Delp, the center was Eula Johnson, and the tail Terry Chojnacki. The bus skit was played by the driver, Eugene Nix; the dude, Gary Hyatt; the woman with the wet baby, Jimmy Green. Steve Houston spilled the groceries, Glenda Hyatt was Snuffy Smith, and Terry Rucks was the drunk. Ronnie McElroy was our lawyer who took the case to a higher court and lost his suit. He didn't find his suit for the last dance. Our thanks to Alethea Crutchfield, who picked the people for the skits, did the announcing, and was so helpful in every way. She also made the cute graduation hats.

Last but not least, Eddie, Annie and George Millan had many well planned surprises. There was a big scramble for candy when the bottom was pulled out of the heart Annie made. Thanks for a job well done. It was a graduation to be remembered.

Ann McElroy, Reporter

"TV STAR" BADGES

Leonard Saraga still has 14 "TV STAR" badges left. Any square dancer who has qualified for this badge can obtain a shingle at the Plaza Western Wear at 30¢ each (cost to Leonard). Get them before they're gone!

WESTERN CUTTERS

The WESTERN CUTTERS are proud to announce the arrival of their newest member, Melody Jo, new daughter of our caller and his taw; and just like a real dancer, she came in on our regular dance night. Congratulations to the family.

Visiting and being visited was high on our activities this month. Waycross still rides high in our mind. Two squares from our club went. We also enjoyed Paxon's Valentine Dance last week. Good to see Herschell and Rosa Lee there. The Sea-side Squares turned out in force at our last dance night. Glad to see everyone and enjoyed the calling of Joe Smith; also with us that night was a square from Orange Park, and caller Eddie Millan called a fine tip.

Plans are in the making for the WESTERN CUTTERS to have Ormond Beach caller Chuck Durant on May 21 at Annie Morgan. This reporter also hears big things are in the making for our regular dance which happens to fall on Washington's birthday. Big

WESTERN CUTTERS (Cont'd)

things are also the order of the day with our new class -- full house now every Friday night.

For all who knew Gussie and Ralph Vaughn, word comes back by way of our traveling man Bill Leggett that they are in "full swing" in Miami.

Can't close without saying that mumps, colds and flu have taken their toll on our members -- all will soon be better. Oh yes! Must tell you that Bea and Leon Smith have FOUR new additions to their family -- puppies, that is!

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S E A S I D E S Q U A R E S

Hello again. Well, since the last news deadline there has been a little bit of news from the SEASIDE SQUARES.

Our regular monthly meeting was held the 1st of February at the home of Pete and Alice Mendrinos. I will say one thing: the dinner served to the club was SCRUMPTIOUS, and our thanks to Alice and Pete for a very nice dinner and evening.

During the business part of our meeting the big news was the planning of the club's annual "COTTONTAIL" dance. The Cottontail dance will take place March 25 at the Jacksonville Beach Recreation Center. Your reporters, being newcomers to the square-dance circle, are anticipating quite an evening. There are a few rules that have to be followed in order to qualify for the COTTONTAIL BADGE, and they are as follows:

- 1. Each person attending the Cottontail dance, and I want to repeat, EACH person attending the dance who wants to qualify for the Cottontail Badge, has to make his or her own chapeau, bonnet, hat, or what have you.
- 2. The only other rule that must be observed is that each person attending this dance is to have FUN.

From reports of last year's dance, some of the creations were worthy of the Easter Parade itself. Each bonnet will be worn, and there will be prizes for the creations in a few categories. If you come to visit us and this dance, we know that you will really enjoy the entire evening. So here is the chance to use your hidden creative talents to compose an outstanding Easter bonnet.

Well, as promised, the SEASIDE SQUARES are on the move. During the past month we have managed to get around the area to a couple of clubs. We visited the Friendly Frolics and returned to the Beach with their flag. I might say that the members of the club who visited the Friendly Frolics had a wonderful time, and the club's thanks to the wonderful members of that club for showing us a good time. Only one thing yet, as of this time we still have their flag. Can we expect you all soon to reclaim it? The club also visited the Western Cutters and returned home with their flag. Though Margaret and I were unable to attend this time, we were told that the club enjoyed themselves and had a swell time. We are looking forward to a visit from the Western Cutters to reclaim their flag.

Some members of the SEASIDE SQUARES attended the Friendly Frolics "Hobo Convention" the 15th, and we want to say that the place was loaded with bums, but some nice bums. The get-ups used to designate themselves as hobos were outstanding. Our thanks for a swell evening.

The club is planning a business meeting next month, and Mary Lou and Pat Pattillo have invited the club to their home for this meeting. It is hoped that all the members of the SEASIDE SQUARES will attend this meeting. Time and date will be announced later.

We want to stress that the SEASIDE SQUARES "welcome Mat" is always out, so come on out and visit us. We can promise you a good time. Remember that we dance on Wednesdays at 8:00 P.M. at the Beach Recreation Center, Jacksonville Beach. See you soon.

Bob and Margaret Carney

W H O ?
All square dancers listen! Who do you think could do so much to help our hobby of square and round dancing in this area? Who takes a lot of time and work and money and gasoline, and most square dancers just sit back and take it for granted? They do not want nor expect any money for all this, yet I don't know of anyone who would do as much as they do, or do it any better. I say "Thank you" to BILL AND RUTH FLESHMAN, Editors of the GRAPEVINE.
Eddie Bowman
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EDITORS' NOTE: Thanks, Eddie, for the words of praise and appreciation. The frequent compliments we receive from dancers are very gratifying and make us aware that our efforts are of some value to the Northeast Florida square-dance movement.
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Some of the newer dancers may not know that Eddie Bowman is the "father" of the GRAPEVINE and published it free to square dancers under his own sponsorship for several years before the Association took it over. Eddie continued to put out the paper for the Association until we relieved him in November 1961, and he justly deserves the sincere thanks of all Grapevine readers for his "labor of love."

Bill and Ruth Fleshman

M E R R Y S T E P P E R S
(Gainesville)

Since the start of the New Year, the MERRYSTEPPERS have had several special and enjoyable activities. We held our annual New Year's Eve party with the Allemanders and Bart's beginners class as guests. The main hall was decorated with streamers and a large horseshoe-shaped bag of balloons suspended from the ceiling. Clusters of balloons were placed around the walls.

Prior to midnight a program was presented between tips, with Marion Forsman as the M. C. We had some excellent talent. Tom Hutson and John Moore were those country characters "Homer and Jethro." Pauline Schuermant gave a monologue on "After-Christmas Sales," and Jim Duell showed us some real good magic tricks. Edna Hutson, Marilyn Barger and Jeri Moore, who played the uke, harmonized to two pieces. To close out the talent, we had some barber-shop harmony rendered by George Beazlie, Ben Barger, Harry Edwards, and Bart Bartley.

After bringing in the New Year, a covered-dish meal was held. Everything was just delicious, and as usual most of us ate too much. However, we still did lots of dancing. Our thanks go to Kathryn Walker, Helen Jane Mixson, Vera Brogdon, and Margaret Buckhannon for a wonderful New Year's Eve party.

The first two dances in January started the 1964 dancing year off in a big way. On January 7 we really enjoyed dancing to Frankie Lane. Next week, January 14, Harper Smith kept the floor hopping.

February 11 was our Valentine dance, with the Allemanders as our guests, and our favorite Valentine Bart Bartley, as caller. During the early part of the evening a game was played after each tip. Jim Brogdon did the explanations for these. The door prize was determined by passing out valentines cut in half. The valentines, when put back together, would be a couple. One couple had an "X" on theirs, and heart boxes of candy were presented to them. The refreshment table was highlighted by a compote dish made by Lucille Nelson of which the stem was cupid. A quiver and arrows were around his

shoulders. In the dish were pink camellias, redbud, and plum sprays. Two large sheet cakes were served, with a candy heart in the center of each piece.

This about brings us up to date. We welcome visitors, so come and dance with us.

Jeri and John Moore

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Planning is well under way for California to host the 13th National Square Dance Convention to be held in Long Beach next July 23rd, 24th and 25th. General Chairman, Norm and Joan Holloway, have gathered a staff of square dance leaders from various parts of the State to aid in the production of what is hoped will be a most enjoyable Convention. Noticeable among the group is the nationally known caller, Bob Van Antwerp, who will do the Square Dance programming. Working with a wealth of talent, Wes and Judy Hicks will direct the Round Dance activities. Guests will be treated to an extravaganza that should exemplify the truly national character of the Convention when the Special Events Committee "kick off" the affair on Wednesday evening with a Square Dance Parade. Ken and Marge Carney have a group of experts assisting with this very important event of fun and enjoyment. If you are interested in a float for your State, City, or Association, please let us know.

It is none too early to start your plans for a trip to California and the 13th National Square Dancers, wise in the ways of travel, advise that the more complete and the sooner the plans are made -- the more enjoyable the occasion. California is bending every effort to do its part in making this truly a National Convention.

Keep in close contact with your regular Square Dance publication, and you will be informed as details develop on the 13th National Square Dance Convention. For any information desired, please write: 5829 Oakbrook Street, Long Beach 15, California.

Ken Parker, Vice-Chairman Nat'l Publicity

JUBILEERS

Here we are - still - dancing every second and fourth Saturday nights of the month. It has been our pleasure to have enjoyed the presence of several members from other clubs. Last Saturday night approximately two squares from Paxon Prancers visited us, and had we had our banner at home, they would surely walked away with it. Come again, Paxon Prancers, or any other club, because we have now retrieved our banner from the Friendly Frolics when about two squares from our club went over the other night to the Hobo Convention. What fun!!! And we all survived it!!

Our square-dance lessons got off to a good start with about 12 couples seeming eager to learn how to "do si do" and "promenade." We welcome our own club members who come on Friday nights to help out and to make the new class members feel welcome. We hope to show them what fun can be had and encourage others in future classes, whether at the Jubileers or other clubs.

By the time this GRAPEVINE goes to press, we will have no doubt enjoyed a covered-dish supper (George Washington Pot Luck Supper) to be held on Saturday, February 22, at 6:30 P.M. We suppose that if the truth were known, the only thing that surpasses square dancing fun is eating! But why not??? That is an advantage of square dancing -- eat a lot and then dance off the calories!!

Our congratulations to Deloris and Jim Hanna on the birth of their son. We've missed you at the club. Get yourself a baby-sitter and come on back.

We'll see all of you, club members and visitors, on the second and fourth Saturdays.

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The Beatles are here, and neither the U. S., nor its teen-agers, will ever be quite the same. It looks as if Beatlemania will become a part of U. S. history -- but you can rest assured it will never replace SQUARE DANCING! By the way, have you seen George Smith's Beatle haircut?

The February business meeting of the

STAR LITE SHUFFLERS was held February 7 at the home of Gene and Violet Wallace. For those of you who were unable to attend, our Secretary gave this report:

"February..... It was raining cats and dogs. We started late and milled. A lot of hot air and much confusion. I missed the next part, my feet were cold -- Gene turned up heat. Thanks, Gene. Thought they would never stop. Delicious refreshments. Turned heat down. Meeting adjourned -- thank goodness. Late picking up girls. They were soaked. Cathy had sore throat. Wonderful time. Can't wait 'til next meeting. Respectfully submitted....."

The STAR LITE SHUFFLERS will be pleased to know that Frank Coker is doing fine after his operation on February 17, at the Baptist Hospital. Get well quick, Frank, so we can square 'em up soon. One of his "roommates" is Bill and Ruth Fleshman's son who had been involved in a motorcycle accident. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Angie Hayes is about to recover from her auto accident of January 16. We are very happy to receive this news, Angie. The Hayes cancelled their trip to the 2nd Annual Okefenokee Square-up on January 17, but since then Scotty has made a trip to Miami for Uncle Sam the week of February 10-14. He, Angie, and the Parkers have been travelling quite a bit this month, dancing at most every club in town. They even danced to a group of amateur callers one Saturday night recently at Englewood. Scotty said he has heard that Les Gotcher will be in town March 5. "Ain't that good news, man, ain't that news!"

Be sure to keep April 4 and 5 in mind and make plans to attend our Camp O'Leno Spring Hoedown. The committees are hard at work with arrangements to make it an enjoyable week-end for one and all (see flyer attached).

Birthday candles have been very bright at our club this month. On February 1 we celebrated the birthdays of "The Ground Hogs" -- Rocky, Julie and Betty -- and on February 8 we celebrated with Myrtle, Gene and Scotty.

Remember March 14, when we will celebrate our 2nd-year anniversary with a "Pot-Luck" supper, and officially graduate our present class.

On March 7 we are expecting a visit from Paxon's new class and will hear a teen-age group play and sing.

Our new class starts March 16, 8:00 P.M., at the Green Street Civic Center. Bring all your friends.

Our congratulations to Suzanne Addington on winning a Florida State Nursing (continued on page 7)

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scholarship. We are very proud of you, Suzanne.

All of you who would like a good buy on McGregor, Manhattan and Carnegie shirts, shop at Liner & Son Men's Shop, Orange Park. They are selling out their entire stock and are very anxious to close out so they will have more time for square dancing.

It seems a male popularity poll was made at our Monday-night class. The best dancers were determined to be Forrest and Rus (Rus Gusser).

The Friendly Frolics Hobo Dance on February 15 was wonderful. It was much bigger than last year, with 14 squares dancing at one time. There was a good representation from all the clubs, and all enjoyed the stew, cake and coffee. There were many good costumes. We thought Helen and Gus were good, and we loved Ellen Johnson's potato-sack blouse, but the real first-class Hobo was Rick Liner who tore his pants! It was nice to see Margaret Kemp at the Hobo Dance.

Our sympathy goes to Trudy Patrick and her family on the loss of her dear grandmother on February 13.

The STAR LITE JUNIORS have been very busy this month. On February 3 they danced at the Channel 4 Studio. This dance was taped and was presented on TV February 14, on Ranger Hal's program. They are now entitled to their "TV Star" badges. Ranger Hal had fun with their name. One time he called them "The Walt Knight Dancers," and another time, "The Moonlighters." We just called them "FOOD." The children and their parents greatly enjoyed the Gateway Girl Scout Hootenanny at the N.A.S. on February 8. The STAR LITE JUNIORS put on a good performance there also. The talent at this hootenanny was better than usually seen on the National TV Hootenanny. Their M.C. was Dr. Edward Fleming, who did an outstanding job.

Despite a chill in the air, more than 1,000 spectators saw the STAR LITE JUNIORS dance February 14 in Hamming Park. There was judging of floats, costumes, and home-made valentines. We were very happy to win a plaque for 1st place commercial entry in the Lilliputian Float Parade, and to place 4th in the costumes contest.

'Bye -- Betty Tool, Reporter

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GRAND SLAMMERS

We sure are pleased to hear the Merry Mixers and the Paxon Francers backing a Les Gotcher dance here in town. I'll bet it will be crowded.

We were fortunate enough to have Chuck and Bonnie Crowell with Jim and Joyce Shiver make it to Daytona for the Knot-head dance by Bob Rust. Many of our other members wanted to make this dance, but such short notice and many previous engagements by fellow members (working until midnight for this unfortunate reporter) kept us from being able to be there.

The Valentine dances (unfortunately both on the same night) were enjoyed by our club. This reporter made the Merry Mixers dance -- a very nice dance. Other members report the Paxon's dance was equally as enjoyable. Congratulations to both clubs on swell dances!

Ray Baxter's new class, though small, is doing very nicely and looks as if there will be some wonderful new blood for Jacksonville square dancing. From news overheard, all the classes going here in Jax are doing nicely and will be enlarging our square dance population. Congratulations again to all our wonderful teachers.

We did it!! Almost all the club members made "Idiot" -- only what a job! We couldn't scare our caller out of bed, and he hid his car in the garage -- of all places. Everybody knows you don't keep automobiles in houses built for them! Anyway, we found out our caller has a contract with Purina (his pajamas gave him away!). Due to the lateness of the hour (Ray doesn't hear his doorbell, and Rosina sleeps with a pillow over her head), we didn't keep the party going too long. It was fun, and Ray has promised us a "Cuckoo" party. Dancers beware!

We were real pleased to have Bill and Anne Turner, recently transferred from Argentia, Newfoundland, dancing with us. This reporter, plus Jim and June Carroll, learned how to square dance with Bill and Anne, and it really felt like ol' home week!

On the Okefenokee Square-up, a real good time was had by all. Although many dancers from Jacksonville were there (a (continued on page 8)

GRAND SLAMMERS (Cont'd)

very impressive showing I thought), we sure were glad there weren't many more there or we never would have found room for dancing. Seriously, though, thank you to the many couples we were able to dance with, and sorry we didn't get to dance with everyone there. It was a good dance, and you just can't beat those one-dollar-and-three-cent meals.

We can't conceal the fact that we are dancing on Friday night at the Normandy Civic Center, so I guess we might as well own up to the mixed-up mess on Friday evening from 8:00 P.M. until Ray tires, and just ask any and all who would like to, to come join us. We have a good time and hope to be able to show fellow Jax dancers how much fun Ray can provide on the dance floor.

Hope to see all of you at the February 29 Association Leap-Year Dance.

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FUN AND FROLIC

Are you in a rut with your square dancing? Come see us -- we have so much fun! One person paid \$20 to dance one evening. Well, anyway there was a \$20 bill found in the box. We insisted this grateful dancer take his change.

We enjoyed a delightful treat from Fred and Erma Blado this month. They arrived loaded with sandwiches that were delicious.

Our round for the month is "Devil Woman." No -- think the correct title is "Under Her Spell." Believe that one dancer was just overheard muttering, "Devil Woman."

We are losing Bert Leighton, who is being transferred to Pensacola. Jessie is staying here for a while. Have you seen those two do the "Bossa Nova"? They are terrific!

Thanks to our many, many visitors. We have had the following out-of-towners too: Ed and Ruby Varick from Tarpon Springs, Nick and Alice Mosier from Waldwick, New Jersey, and friends of theirs, Billie and Fred Mallison, from North Bergen, New Jersey. The Mosiers were here last year and danced with us at Woodstock Park. They even subscribe to the GRAPEVINE. How about that? This just further proves our point -- you ought to come dance with us and have fun. It was nice to have the Connallys from Birmingham too. They recently moved here.

Have you ever tried to follow the instructions of your caller, and the dance just wouldn't come out right?-- We did, over and over, and it never did come out right until Jack discovered we were doing two different dances. Darn that record -- another goof!

Hope we see all of you at the Fifth-Saturday dance. In the meantime, come see us. Rounds start at 7:30, and we square up at 8:00 every Tuesday evening at Southside Youth Center.

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MERRY - MIXERS

The MERRY-MIXERS have enjoyed a very active month since the last issue of the GRAPEVINE. We're happy to report that attendance at our dances has been very good -- attesting to the popularity of our caller, Myron Samson, and, I hope, reflecting on our hospitality. We've also enjoyed having our former caller, Herschell Lee, come back to visit us several times.

We were a week late in getting our class (co-sponsored by the club and church) started due to a schedule conflict on the use of the church parish hall. However, we were quite pleased with the turn-out at the initial lesson on February 7. The second lesson attracted still more people, and we are looking forward to an even greater turn-out the 21st, which will be our closing date for registration in the class. This appears to be an enthusiastic group, and they are responding well to Myron's instructions.

Our Valentine dance, Thursday the 13th, drew a large crowd, including a number of visitors. Our thanks to the Blados, Lanes, Barbara, Rose, and others whose work with the decorations and refreshments contributed so much to the success of the party. As usual, Myron called a real good dance, and everyone seemed to have a real good time. Although I was without taw (Bettie had a bad cold), I managed to dance just about every tip (Leap Year, you know), although one was with a rather strange partner -- a life-sized rag doll which I understand was created by Barbara Samson. Plans are to start this doll on toward the National Convention by presenting it to out-of-town visitors who in turn will pass it

MERRY-MIXERS (Cont'd)

on to others. Who knows, maybe you'll see her in Long Beach next summer!

We were glad to welcome back the Cor-drays at the Valentine dance after a month's absence due to T. W.'s illness. We've been missing Bill Skiles the past couple of weeks too but understand he is back on the square-dance beat again.

We have really appreciated the large number of visitors we've enjoyed this past month and hope they continue to come. We look forward to meeting old and new friends this way. Hope to see you all at the NEFSDA Leap-Year Dance on the 29th.

Russ Osborn, Reporter

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FRIENDLY FROLICS

Say hey, you Bums, say how you is, how you wuz? "Snewpy Skoop" here, co-reporting with Marie Anderson this month, and wishing each and every one of you had been at our annual Hobo Dance, February 15! New York's famed "Bowery" had nothing on us -- I mean we were really bummy! The evening got under way at 7:00 P.M. with the "Bum's Rush" for a taste-treatin' pot of mulligan stew, enjoyed by a crowd of over 100 starving hobos. A feeble attempt at "elegance" was detected in the broken bits of candles ingratiating the floor, which served as our dining spot, while the table manners displayed that evening would have done Emily Post proud! Did y'all notice Pat Johnson, in particular, "daintily" devouring a hunk of bread? Never knew that little gal had such a big mouth! Herschell was at his usual calling best, and we were mighty pleased to dance to the beat of guest callers Harold Pillmore, Joe Smith, Walt Knight, Myron Samson, and a rising young caller from the Junior Promenaders of Orange Park, Eddie Millan. We think Eddie is headed for great things some day.

FRIENDLY FROLICS was glad to welcome a large number of folks from Herschell's class at San Souci, as well as visitors from Myron's and Roy's classes, and club members from Seaside Squares, Merry Mixers, Grand Slammers, Jubileers, Western Cutters, Fun and Frolic, Paxon Francers, Promenaders and, of course, the Star Lite Shufflers, who cancelled their own dance that evening. A good group turned out from Jubileers, enabling them to recapture their club flag, but not for long! You can expect us back again any time soon, y'all!

Thanks go to Pat Johnson and Arie Willis for the entertaining dance and hobo skit,

as well as for the "Bum's Pack" which, incidentally, was won by Bill Wooten, a member of Herschell's class. Bill was judged the most "likely-looking" freight-hopper by, I guess, them that knows!

We are most happy to welcome Paul and Mary Lane into FRIENDLY FROLICS. So glad you've joined us, Paul and Mary, and hope you'll be dancing with us muchly!

An important reminder to all FRIENDLY FROLICS members -- our next business meeting will be held on Friday, March 13, at the Englewood Club House! We'll assemble at 7:00 P.M. for one of our marvelous "low calorie" covered-dish suppers, followed by the meeting at 8:00 P.M. A bit of dancing usually winds up the evening, so c'm'on, FRIENDLY FROLICS, let's have a real fine turn-out on Friday, March 13! All right, so it is Friday, the 13th! So what could happen?

Another date to remember -- Saturday, March 21! We invite members and guests alike to join us at Annie Lytle for our regular dance and the graduation of Herschell's class of 20 members. As in the past, this will be a dignified, reverent occasion, and we need a few volunteers to supply a gallon of worms, 25 pounds of mud, a sack of goose feathers, and a pound of glue for the initiation bit!! Y'all come, and watch the feathers fly!

"Snewpy Skoop" saying, see you around -- and around -- and around!!

Lois Stanton

FRIENDLY FROLICS is cancelling its April 4 dance in order to go to Camp O'Leno Spring Hoedown with the Star Lite Shufflers. From past reports we know it's great fun, and we are eagerly looking forward to a fun-filled week-end with lots of "Squares."

Condolences go out to Bill Skiles on the recent loss of his sister. We missed you while you were out of town and during the illness that followed, Bill.

We would like to say we appreciate President Louis Olsen's kind invitation to the single girls to attend the Leap-Year Dance at the Pythian Center on February 29. Are you fixing up a "Hitching Post," Louis? Just for the dance, that is. We think it would help the shy ones.

With so many classes in progress throughout the city, it will mean a great increase in regular square dancers in the near future. Let's all make them feel welcome. It's so easy to discourage a new dancer by a thoughtless word or deed.

We are happy to report at this time that we no longer have in our possession a flag belonging to another club, which means a lot of folks have been to visit and dance with us these past few weeks. As a matter of fact, we no longer have a
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FRIENDLY FROLICS (Cont'd)

flag belonging to FRIENDLY FROLICS, which means we need to be returning some visits, which we will be doing as soon as possible. Keep coming, folks -- glad to have you.

Marie Anderson

NEW ARRIVALS ?

Not blessed events -- just square dancers who have recently moved into our area. Please send us their names and addresses and we shall be glad to mail them a complimentary copy of the GRAPE-VINE to let them know what square dancing opportunities are available in our area.

Ruth and Bill Fleshman

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Here is another delicious pound-cake recipe from one of Gainesville's best cooks, Julia Vetter. Enjoy it!

BUTTERMILK POUND CAKE

1/2 Lb. Butter } Cream together well
2 Cups Sugar }
3 Eggs - beat in one at a time
1/4 tsp. salt) Sift together and
1/2 tsp. soda) add alternately
3 Cups flour, sifted) with
1 Cup buttermilk
1 tsp. vanilla
Grease tube pan and put wax paper on the bottom. Bake in 300° oven for 1 hour.

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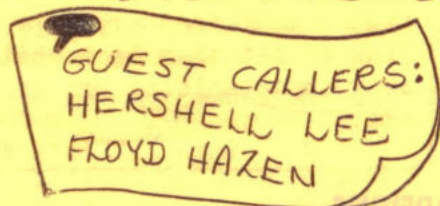
- February 17 - MONDAY - Roy McDonald's new class started at Englewood Home Demonstration Club House - 8:00 P.M. Class closes March 2.
- February 29 - SATURDAY - NEFSDA 5th SATURDAY LEAP-YEAR DANCE. IRV ELIAS calling. Pythian Center, 819 Kipp Ave., Jacksonville. \$1 per person. 8:00.
- March 5 - THURSDAY. MERRY MIXERS regular dance cancelled.
- March 5 - THURSDAY. LES GOTCHER calling at combined PAXON PRANCER - MERRY MIXER Dance, Mary Hammond Youth Center. Due to limited size of dance floor, admission will be by ticket only.
- March 13 - FRIDAY - FRIENDLY FROLICS business meeting, with covered-dish supper at 7:00. Englewood Club House.
- March 14 - SATURDAY - STAR LITE SHUFFLERS Anniversary Dance (Pot-Luck Supper) and Graduation of Beginners Class.
- March 15 - SUNDAY - NEFSDA Meeting - 3:00 P.M. in the Puritan Room, Hotel Mayflower
- March 16 - MONDAY - STAR LITE SHUFFLERS new beginners class starts at Green Street Civic Center, 8:00.
- March 16 - MONDAY - MAX FORSYTH calling in Jesup, Georgia (Wayne County Rec. Center) 8:00; Admission \$2 per couple. Sponsored by JESUP SQUARE CRACKERS.
- March 19 - THURSDAY - MAX FORSYTH calling in Lake City (Armory). Sponsored by TRI-CITY.
- March 20-21 - FRIDAY-SATURDAY - "LUCKY 7TH" SAVANNAH SQUARE-UP (S. Ga. Fed. of Sq. Dance Clubs), featuring local and area callers and BOB AUGUSTIN of New Orleans. \$1.50 per person (Teens and sub-teens 75¢ each). Squares at Sports Center, Rounds at 117th Armory, Intermediate Road, Savannah)
- March 21 - SATURDAY - FRIENDLY FROLICS Dance and Beginners Graduation. Annie Lytle
- March 25 - WEDNESDAY - COTTONTAIL DANCE, Jax Beach. See page 4 for details.
- March 26 - THURSDAY - PAXON PRANCERS Easter Party.
- April 4-5 - SATURDAY-SUNDAY. CAMP O'LENO SPRING HOEDOWN. See attached flyer.
- May 19 - TUESDAY - BOB PAGE at Brantley County Recreation Center, Nahunta, Georgia. 8:00-11:00. \$2 per couple. Sponsored by TOBACCO TRAIL SQUARES.
- May 21 - THURSDAY - CHUCK DURANT calling at Annie Morgan School, by WESTERN CUTTERS
- June 19-20 - FRIDAY-SATURDAY. 11th ANNUAL FLORIDA STATE SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION at Miami Beach.
- July 10 - FRIDAY - ANDY ANDRUS calling at Waycross Civic Audit. SWAMP STOMPERS.
- July 23-25 - THURSDAY, FRI., SAT. 13th NATL. SQ. DANCE CONV. Long Beach, Calif.



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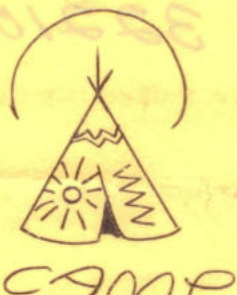
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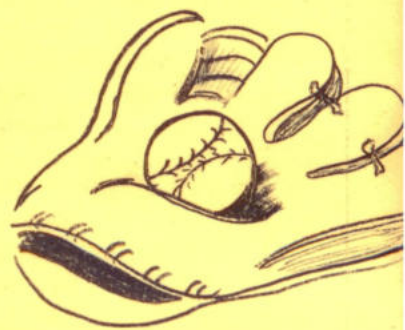
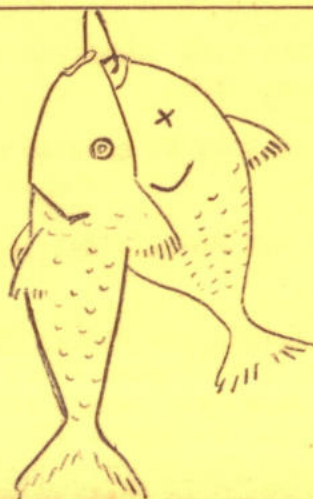
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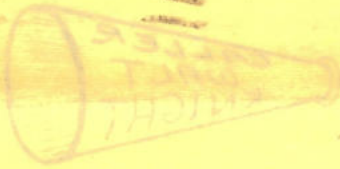
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