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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I have been honored in the past few months in receiving compliments in your behalf. The friendliness and consideration of the dancers is one frequently heard. Some have been surprised at the amount of visiting and the co-operation between clubs. You have been supporting Bow & Swing more than any other Association in spite of our own Grapevine. We have been approached by several members and officers of the Brunswick, Georgia, Golden Isle Swingers in connection with joining the Association. They have shown by their wholehearted support of our dances that they enjoy being with us; although, I believe, no more than we enjoy their company. They have been asked to contribute a column to the Grapevine. The dancers of the Northeast can be proud of these compliments, although the reasons for them are and should be just normal actions.

Chet Vetter

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A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Our President's Column in the February issue of The Grapevine merits considerable attention and is an admirable presentation of personal viewpoints.

The classification into four groups seems novel as does the following excerpt --
"To those who dance 4 or 5 times a month, you are the future. You cause the club to function, you are the officers and do the work . . ."

Never having had other than temporary status as an officer I am not an authority but I hazard the opinion that all club members are necessary for the proper functioning of a club and the work is not performed in its entirety by the officers.

Jack Stevenson

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EDITORS NOTE

We would appreciate hearing your commits about the Grapevine and square dancing. However, due to limited space, we may not be able to print all of them. We will try to print all signed letters.

Thank you.

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WESTERN CUTTERS

Mike and Pauline Miklos of the Western Cutters have accepted the Chairmanship of the 5th. Saturday Dances to be held July 29th. and September 30. 2nd. & 4th. Saturdays - Mary Hammond Youth Center, Caller - Bobby Keefe, President - Andy Allen (764-1293)

We had almost a 100% turn-out of members for our business meeting January 19th., and this fine display of club interest and enthusiasm is greatly appreciated. Our Treasurer thinks we should charge admission and give a free dance later for good measure. Planning highlights were: Valentine Party, February 11th. (beginning with covered dish dinner and ending with no telling what); Easter Parade, March 25th. - Don't miss this one. Prizes will be awarded the best dressed (lady?); Tex Brownlee Dance, May 19th. - We were lucky to engage this fine national caller, thanks to our program chairman, Erma Blado, and her many and varied contacts. Details will be announced later, but, by all means, reserve this date for a very special

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Western Cutters, continued

dance sponsored by the Western Cutters at the Phillips Highway Plaza Community Center. And don't be late and miss the spectacular opening, as this will be something that has never been done in Jacksonville before. Tickets will be limited to 25 squares, so make your reservations early.

Among the visitors at our dance-January 28th. was a nice group of Paxon Prancers who pranced away with our banner. The prettiest sight there was Pauline and Mike Miklos in their new club outfits. The next week we decided to do a little banner lifting too - Tuesday to Fun and Frolics and captured theirs, and Thursday to Paxon Prancers and brought ours back home. Of course, we enjoyed visiting and dancing with all the friendly people, and really didn't need an excuse to go, but whoever thought of banner stealing deserves a letter of commendation from all square dancers. I can't think of a better way of promoting friendship and congeniality among the clubs.

Latest newcomers to our club are Shirley and Ron Brendle who hail all the way from San Diego. So, maybe we're not international but we're certainly transcontinental. Glad to have this fine young couple who are good dancers as well as good friends. Speaking of newcomers, we're all looking forward to Claudia and Marshall Carr's blessed event and wish them the best of luck. At press time, Mom and Dad were both doing fine!

Two very courageous couples, Larry and Ann Vanzant and Bob and Sue Robinson, accompanied by faithful boosters, Bill and Jenny Kirkland, earned the most coveted Diehard badges. The Kellys, Mayfields, and Tyres joined the Diehards for the last mile at the Grand Slammers on Saturday night and, believe it or not, they were still going strong. Some folks are plain inexhaustible!

Our Valentine Party February 11th., featured a covered dish dinner which was enjoyed by all, and I do mean all. In going down the roster, I can find only one or two couples who were not present. The food, decorations, and special entertainment were all outstanding, and it didn't take us long to get our broken hearts all matched and patched up. Couldn't tell whether those oah's and ah's at the dinner table were for Macie Byrd's cracklin' cornbread or Ada Kelly's sage dressing. Girls, you sure are good "cookers."

And thank you, Margaret and Gene Musselwhite and Claudia and Dave Fitzsimmons for arranging such fine fare of good food and Valentine surprises. We didn't have any trouble recognizing the chic madame's straight from Paris - only Phyllis Keefe has legs that pretty! Hope our visitors had a good time too, we sure enjoyed having them even though Fun and Frolics retrieved

their banner and Orange Park Promenaders made off with ours.

Will be so glad when daughter Pam graduates from Jax 'N Jills so we can join the class on Friday nights at Wesconnett Civic Center. I hear we have about 13 couples who are coming along nicely. Good luck, class, you have an excellent teacher. By the way, if anyone has pre-teens interested in taking lessons, get in touch with Tom and Marianne Hidding as they will be starting a new class soon. They do wonders with those boys and girls and seem to enjoy every minute of it.

Keep smiling, and remember - "A smile is a light in the window of the face that shows the heart is at home."

Be sure to watch the calendar next month for the Western Cutters dance nights. Some dates will be changed.

Vivian Mayfield, Reporter

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Caller - Dick Gonzales

The Swinging Squares Valentine Dance was really a swinging party! The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The ladies really outdid themselves with the wide variety of goodies on the refreshment table. We had about 38 couples including our new graduating class. Door prizes were won by Virginia Rice, Roberta Cripe, Valerie Hipp, Wilhelmeina Bishop, and Julia Vetter. Prizes for folks visiting from farthest distance were given to Ramsey and Sadie Hammer and Johnnie and Ora Lee Milton, all

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Swinging Squares, continued

of Lake City. Graduation ceremonies were held in the middle of the evening for eleven couples, Jerry and Roberta Cripes, Ralph and Valerie Hipp, Jim and Linda Standish, Tebo and Ethel Loper, Ted and Deann Wyrick, Clifton and Ellen Beckham, James and Lavonne Hentges.

In addition to welcoming our new class into the club, we also want to welcome Paul and Florence Urone from Boulder, Colo. They will dance with us for six months while Paul is at the University on a fellowship.

We are all looking forward to the March 4th. Council dance with Hank Hancock of Eau Gallie calling. This will be at the Rec. Center at 8:00 P.M.

On February 25th., the Sunshine Twirlers and Swinging Squares will have a combined dance honoring the recent graduating classes. Scotty Thomas and Dick Gonzales will call. The Sunshine Twirlers class will graduate on February 18th. This dance will be at Howard Bishop Jr. High on NE 9th. Street.

The Swinging Squares will have their Fifth Friday dance on March 31st. with Bob Rust calling. This dance will also be held at Howard Bishop Jr. High and looks like it will be a real fine dance. so ya'll come!

It's a busy month as you can see with lots more real fine dancing on the calendar. Don't forget your tickets to the big "Spring Fling" in April!

Norma and Warner Weseman, Reporters

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2nd. & 4th. Mondays and 4th. Saturday - Veteran's Memorial Hall, Lake City, Fla. Caller - Bill Camp.

The Lake City Squares enjoyed a Valentine Day dance and refreshments February 13th.

We were happy to have our new class join our club en mass.

At long last we have retrieved our banner

from the Grand Slammers. Guess they thought we had forgotten where it was.

The Lake City Squares will hold their fourth Saturday dance (February 25th.) at Camp O'Leno. We are looking forward to this dance which has become an annual event. Visitors are always welcome.

March 23rd., Dave Taylor will call at the Lake City Armory. We are hoping that our many friends will attend this special dance.

April 10th., Bruce Johnson will call for the Lake City Squares at the Veteran's Memorial Hall.

Eugene and Lillian Gemmer, Reporters

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Hello again - Another month of good dancing has passed and we've enjoyed lots of visitors.

Friendly Frolics came calling in full force on January 27th. and took their long lost banner home. We enjoyed their visit and were glad to see so many of their new graduates getting the "thieving habit".

That same night the Grand Slammers retrieved their stolen banner. They seem like home folks and always add enthusiasm to a dance. We're glad to have any of you come anytime. Want to especially thank the Reeves for their "full-time" attendance. Also had a couple from Massachusetts that night.

Understand the Kaper Kutters really "cut a caper" and served out of this world refreshments at their Valentine Dance. Heard they had several novelty gimmicks to help mix the couples up and keep the dance lively. Sorry to have missed the affair but the good-looking one of this pair had pneumonia. We retrieved our little traveling banner and also have the big banner at home now. So y'all come!

We still have Y-Knots banner and plan to begin collecting banners again real soon.

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Our "brush-up" course on newer calls is going real well on Wednesday nights. Our class that graduates March 3rd. will be quite efficient so if you've been goofing off and are a little rusty, come on Wednesday nights and catch up.

Nice to have Bob Watkins visiting one night. We'd love to have him return as a steady dancer. Welcome back to the Hutts. Nola has recovered - also to Wilfords. We missed all of you. Mary Jane and Charlie Cleghorn are out for awhile. They were in a auto accident and banged up their legs and it's difficult to dance with banged up legs.

A number of our club plan to journey to Valdosta on February 25th. with Johnny Robbins and become Knotheads.

We dance every Friday Night and would love to have y'all come join us.

Squarely yours,
Joe and Clarice Greek, Reporters

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KAPER KUTTERS

1st. & 3rd. Saturdays, Union Hall, Jax.
Hygy., Palatka, Fla., Caller - Bill Camp,
President - Bud Steinmetz (325-5675)

A group from the Ancient City Squares visited us on January 21st. and retrieved their banner. We always enjoy having them with us.

On January 27th., caller, Hal Ham, was in St. Augustine and four couples from Palatka enjoyed his calling and the dance very much.

Our 2nd. Annual Valentines party was a great success. We had visitors from St.

Augustine, Mandarin, Indianapolis, Ind., and Gainesville. Six lucky people won door prizes and everyone enjoyed the variety of goodies served.

The merchants of Palatka have invited the Kaper Kutters to put on an exhibition dance at the opening of the Azalea Festival. This will be held March 2nd. at the Azalea Plaza Shopping Center. Starting time will be 8:00. This will be a street dance and there will be no admission charge. Bill Camp will be calling to the Jimmy Strickland live band. All Square Dancers are invited to attend.

Until next time, we hope to see you.

Leo and Glenna Andersen,
Reporters

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Tuesdays, Gainesville Recreation Center, 8:00 P.M., Callers - "Bart" Bartley and Bob Waites, Chief Squares - George and Sheila Beazlie.

After a long period of time we are back with you. We have had many special activities through the efforts of our chief squares, George and Sheila Beazlie, special events committee Leo and Christine Ward and Tom and Edna Hutson, and the chuck wagon crew headed by Lou and Eva Kuitert.

The Valentine - Anniversary Party on the 14th. was great fun. The delicious food quickly disappeared as everyone ate hearty. Valentine favors were given to all members present. Ruth and Bart and Bob Waites were presented individual gifts for their 10 years of faithful service to Merrysteppers.

The 14th. of March we will have Joe Lewis from Dallas, Texas. He is a great caller and a first-rate showman and musician. See the attached flyer for more details. We'd be so happy to have you'all come and join in the fun.

John and Jeri Moore, Reporters

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CLUB 441

2nd. & 4th. Saturdays, Gainesville
Recreation Center, Gainesville, Florida

February 11th. Dick Barker and Ed Newton
alternated calls for Valentine Dance.
Visitors from Orange Park, Ocala, Bellview,
Jacksonville and Boulder, Colo. joined us.

On February 25th. we will dance to the
calls of Frank Bedell -- fun, fun!

On March 4th. Hank Hancock, Eau Gallie,
will call a dance in the Recreation Center
to welcome graduates of Dick Gonzales and
Scotty Thomas's classes. Visitors welcome.

In March, 441 will dance to Scotty Thomas
on the 11th. and Skeeter Charvin, Tampa,
the 25th.

Come and see us!

Bill and Margaret Buckhannan,
Reporters

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MANDARIN PROMENADERS

Mondays, 7:00-8:30 P.M., Mandarin Athletic
Club, Brady Rd. Callers - Tom and Mariann
Hidding (744-0658)

Attention Square Dancers,
The Mandarin Promenaders have been on
vacation for a while, but now we're back in
action. I mean action.

We were lucky enough to have Tom and
Mariann Hidding as our callers. Our first
dance was held Monday the 13th. We are
dancing every Monday night at 7:00. Tom
Hidding will be calling for the beginners
and Mariann Hidding will be calling for
the club members.

The beginners class will start February 20th
and will be closed to new dancers on
February 27th. So join now for a real
swingin' time.

Amy Tillis, Reporter

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PAXON PRANCERS

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

Shortly after press time of the last Grape-
vine issue, we had our first business
meeting of 1967. Of course, we made busi-
ness short but found plenty of time for
dancing to tapes and enjoying snacks and
refreshments, as we always do. Approximately
forty people attended and were very excited
about plans for the coming year.

Have you noticed that cute little red and
white badge some of your square dancing
friends are wearing? If so, that's our
new Paxon P-P badge, for visitors only, if
not, come visit us and get details for yours.
As of this date the following people have
earned and are proudly wearing them: Mr.
Williams, Mr. Skiles, Louise Wallace,
Lucille Williams, Frances and Lawrence
Reeves, Mary and Emile Roth, Carl and Betty
Graeff and Dot and Dick Schaugency. I
think they'll agree they had fun earning
them too.

We sang "Happy Birthday" to two of our
members this past month; Jackie Horne and
Jim Shiver. The extra year didn't seem to
make them any older, as they seem to be
"kicking as high as ever" on the dance floor.

We have had visitors from most of the clubs
in Jacksonville and Lake City too. Even
the callers haven't learned that a visit
from them means a call for us. They should
know Bob Rust by now. We enjoyed the
visiting callers; Frank Clements, Marianne
and Tom Hidding and Bobby Keefe, so come
visit us anytime. We had one visitor who
danced out of her shoes, right Gracie? It
is nice to see Mrs. Roth (Emile's mother)
enjoying the dancing and music so much.

We have been visiting other clubs too. We
hardly get our banner on the wall and it's
gone again, but that's the way we like it,
as we always enjoy visiting and retrieving
it. We enjoyed our trip to Orange Park
even tho we didn't get their banner, but we
had better luck on our visit to the Jubileers.
About two and a half squares visited them
for their Valentine dance and enjoyed the
calling of Scotty Thomas. He sure called
lots of swinging figures and "Yellow rocks",
didn't he? We enjoyed it Jubileers!!!

I'm sorry to report our sick list is pretty
long: Margaret Thompson is looking "chipper"
and we're glad she's back to help us remem-
ber and send cards to those who are less
fortunate who are still sick. Cheer up and
hurry back, Margaret Joyce, Patsy Love,
Jake Smith and Glydia Goolsby.

All we Prancers need for a party is an excuse
and Valentines day was it for this month.
The decorations were just beautiful at the
beginning of our dance but it looked like

New Years by the time the dance was over. Thanks to the decorating and refreshment committee for the decorations and fancy "goodies". We never knew what Betty Poole and Patty Thomas were going to surprise us with next.

Our round dancers are progressing and, so far, Carl and Betty Graeff still have patience and haven't given up hope for us. Thanks Carl and Betty.

Our "honeymooners", Dot and Kal Howlette, won a weeks vacation at Fontana Village. So come May, they'll be off to North Carolina for some good dancing, eating and relaxing. It seems like they're always off on a square dance trip someplace. Have fun Dot and Kal.

Our March business meeting will be held at the Mary Hammond Youth Center on Saturday the 18th. It will be a combination business meeting and badge party. So you badge collectors be sure and come and earn more for your collection.

All you square dancers, get your calendars out and put a big "X" on March 10th. Johnny Creel from New Orleans will be calling at the Phillips Highway Community Center. We are pleased to sponsor him and I know everyone will enjoy his calling very much. So don't forget March 10th., Johnny Creel, sponsored by the Paxon Prancers. Check flyer for more info.

See you at Mary Hammond Center on Thursdays and Phillips Highway on March 10. Everyone welcome to visit and have fun with us.

Virginia Ayers, Reporter

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ORANGE PARK PROMENADERS

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

We had a combination graduation and Valentine Party Friday night, February 10th. and what a ball we had, and those graduates sure made us proud of them, as they are real good dancers. You should have

seen them going through the "teacup chain". We would like to congratulate and welcome the following into the club: Bud and Doris Carr, Harry and Ruth Chadwell, Larry and Adeline Cooke, Curtis and Grace Grant, Tom, Betty, Michael, Harry and Jane Ball, Mac and Eunice Magee, Ed and Gina Prince, Bob and Mary Routh, G. W. Reeder and Olah Walther, Ron and Pat McElroy, Steve, June and W. L. Jr. Carmichael, Jeannette Bussey, David Martin, Mike Hynes, Dee Dee Miklos, Cindy Sides, Ken Copeland, Mike Beaver, Ray Golden and Denise Felts. We hope all of you will be with us regularly on Fridays, as the fun is just beginning after you graduate, and you will get just as much out of square dancing as you put into it, and the main thing is to have FUN.

Would like to thank the Runkles, Shapiros, Petersons, Tyres, and Hilbrants for the good job they did in putting on such a good party. Those four beautiful dolls that got into that square while the men were blindfolded were almost as pretty as the partner Mike Hynes had in one square. You had to be there to really know what I'm talking about.

Speaking of the Hilbrants, we sure are glad to have Elmer and Margaret back dancing with us after a long absence, as we have missed them.

A bunch of us did some banner stealing at the Western Cutters Saturday, February 11th. Even a couple of our graduates helped us the night after graduation. Thanks Larry and Adeline, and thanks to the Cutters for showing us a good time and letting us share their Valentine party.

Quite a few Promenaders showed up for the Starlite Shufflers "Ron Schneider Dance", and all agree he is a real good caller. We felt real sorry for Liz Voelker at the Ron Schneider dance, as she wanted to dance so bad, but forgot her crutches and couldn't quite keep up without them. She said her doctor has been cracking her back and tying her into knots. No wonder her back is giving her so much trouble. But all joking aside, hope you get well quick, Liz.

We have been missing C. M. and Big badge Harward, hope they will come back soon as Camp O'lono weekend is coming up on March 11th. and 12th. Floyd will be calling again this time too, and I don't know who will keep us up all night, as it is going to be to cold to sleep. So start getting ready C. M. and Big Badge.

We have a class starting February 21st. (It will already be started when this goes to press). Eddie Millan will be teaching this class on Tuesdays from 8:00 til 10:00. New pupils will be admitted until March 7th. So if anyone has any prospects, they will be welcome.

Orange Park Promenaders, continued

Mark your calendars for Tuesday night, April 18th. as "Keep Smiling" Jim Brower will be out here at Orange Park that night. This is an open dance, so don't worry about tickets. Jim is one of the best (for those who haven't heard him).

By the way, if any of you men happen to find some chewed chewing gum in your pocket after a tip, you probably have been in a square with Virginia Tyre, so be careful men.

Most of Our Young Folks are sporting their miniature 441 badges, as they have been making quite a few trips to Gainesville lately.

Since the paragraph about stealing the Western Cutters banner, their President in charge of Vice, Bill Kirkland, brought a bunch out and took it back, but we sure were glad to have them. So, come back soon.

Come and dance with us on Fridays.

The Square Dancers,
Danny and Billie

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

First of all, I want to congratulate Chet Vetter, our Association President, on his fine article in last month's Grapevine. Surely hope all the beginners read it and it would be a good "refresher" for some of the other dancers too. All too often, we are inclined to drift away from the basic purposes of square dancing, and a few reminders now and then are in order.

We have had a busy month, with quite a few visitors enjoying our dancing with us and several of our members returning to the fold too. Sure good to see you back, friends -- just keep coming. Our covered dish supper on Valentine's Day was enjoyed by all and as usual drew quite a good crowd. That good old home cookin' just can't be beat. The ladies had a field day with their pretty Valentine desserts and molded salads, but we still managed to have a balanced meal with more than enough meat

dishes to fill everybody's plates. The red punch with heart-shaped ice cubes was just the finishing touch!! Wish more of our beginners had been able to attend that night. They just don't know what they missed. Harold and Ellen will tell them all about it next week, I'll bet.

Visiting with us on February 14th. was Janet King, all the way from Puerto Rico. We enjoyed having her very much and surely hope she comes back again. Also enjoyed our Friendly Frolic and Orange Park visitors and hope to see them again real soon.

We are missing Jake and Louise Smith these days. Jake was unfortunate enough to break his ankle (at work - not dancing) so will probably be out for some time. He spent almost two weeks in the hospital but is home now and probably giving poor Louise a fit. Jake had many square dancers visit him in the hospital and extends his thanks to all as they certainly helped him pass some of the long hours. Fun & Frolic really misses you, Jake, and we'll be looking for you to come "hobbling" in soon, even if you can't dance.

"Top Cat" Coleman, our visitation chairman, took a group of our dancers to Western Cutters recently to retrieve our banner. We are glad to have it on our wall again, but extend an invitation to any club to come and take it away again. We're always glad to see it go because that means we must get it back and in the process enjoy a good dance and the opportunity to meet and dance with some nice people. So y'all come soon - we'll be looking for you!

Marge Parker, Reporter

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JUBILEERS

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

The last week of January and the first three weeks of February have been extremely active weeks for the whole area, and for the Jubileers, it was no exception. I suppose the place to start is at the beginning. Grace and Keith Haid represented the Jubileers at the Al Aderente dance, sponsored by the Swinging Squares the last week of January. We understand it was an outstanding dance. On January 26th., the Roberts, Fipps, Bishops, and the Rabons (Freeman and Emma) collected the Paxon Prancers flag. This lasted until the 28th. when Paxon picked it up and took it home again. Meanwhile, somewhere along the line, the Grand Slammers grabbed off our flag, and the situation was becoming extremely complex for this poor 'ole reporter. Harvey Chambers cleared the air somewhat by announcing that we picked up our flag on February 4th. from the Grand Slammers at their graduation dance. The Nulls, Fipps, Bishops,

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Jubileers, continued

Rabons, Chambers and Harold Pillmore accomplished the deed. Harvey just bubbled over describing this dance, stoutly maintaining that it was one of the best dances he has ever attended. Well, with the "Slammers", Johnny Robbins, the Dixie Chain Gangs', Frank Clements, and our own Harold all at their best, how could you go wrong? They all had a swell evening, and enjoyed the opportunity of renewing old friendships and extending to them our invitation to dance with us in the near future.

This brings us up to February 11th, and our Valentine's Dance. I think I have all the flags in the right places; at least, when I showed up for the Dance, the Paxon Prancers flag and ours were hanging there.

Now, like we said last month, we are really sorry for those of you that must be content with reading about this dance, for it was truly a good one. I must say, however, we would have had trouble fitting in many more squares. We consistently sustained 16 squares on the floor. Sarah Ashley and her staff of decorators had the place looking real bright. Everyone had the Valentine spirit by the time they left. Scotty Thomas was superb, keeping us all on our toes with little wrinkles in the normal patterns all night long. This made the dance interesting but not purely a challenge effort. In fact, this writer found, if the sequence was repeated enough in a tip, even he made it. However, I must concede, by the time the evening was over, I was being referred to as "ole one in three." Regardless of the degree of proficiency, Scotty provided something for everyone there.

In a brief swing on the floor, checking name tags, no less than 10 clubs, 8 knot-heads and various unnamed representatives at large were observed, including some members of Scotty's club, the Sunshine Twirlers from Gainesville. It should be noted that Frank Clements and his Dixie Chain Gang, arrived "en masse" as did Johnny Robbins and his Grand Slammers. The Paxon Prancers showed up in force to collect their flag and it was good to see such a fine turn out.

You know, just as a side comment here, this ecumenical feeling within the scope of the Northeast Florida Square Dance Association, is a good one. Regardless of the caller, national or local, the success of any dance is wholly dependent upon the people attending. I have never seen an unsuccessful dance with a full hall. By the same token, how many successful dances have there been with two, three or four squares? Speaking for our club, the Jubileers would not only like to see this trend continued, but broadened out in the future.

In line with the above, the Jubileers are going to start new classes on March 10th,

with Harold Pillmore teaching. If you know someone who would like to dance, but the timing does not coincide with your clubs lessons, send them over, let's get people when they're hot, we'll give them back, and might even send you some the next time around.

Joyce and Bob Barker, Reporters

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FRIENDLY FROLICS

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

We are glad to have the new graduating class join our regular dance group. Georgia and Charlie Johnson, Jeanette and Eugene Barnette, Evelyn and George Smith, Wilma and Doug Bracey, Louise and Carl Motley, Virginia and Sherod Hill, Janese and Herman Ibach, Margueritte and Joe Brandt, Jr., Marsha and Dick Brandt, Edna and Johnny Deakin, and Billie Skipper are now full-fledged Friendly Frolics members having survived the graduation exercises and drink of the potion which entitles them to so proclaim themselves as such. The graduation exercise was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. We had many visitors from other clubs to help us have a good time.

A good representation from our club attended the Valentines dance at the Jubileers. All enjoyed their hospitality and will long remember a very pleasant evening and get together. The Jubileers sure know how to put on a shindig.

Again we want to say the Friendly Frolics never do anything ordinary. The HOBO convention February 18th., made the desire for the life of the open road seem to be a thing much to be desired. Many of those participating could have been easily mistaken for the "real McCoy". The stew was out of this world and in fact I am not quite sure that some of the ingredients did not come from some other planet. It would take a Mark Twain to fully do justice to a discription of this affair. The only thing I can say is "you should of been there, if you were not." The cute little rat perched upon the delicious chocolate cake was heard to say "Boy, I am going to follow these Hobos." We hope that this rats decision will also be that of our many visitors which included dancers from Savannah, Waycross, Hines, Georgia, and British Columbia. If you have not danced to calling in Japanese, you have a treat in store. We were favored by a call by a caller who spent some time in Japan. This was the second time he has visited our club and may he return soon and often.

GIRLS! GIRLS! GIRLS! Don't pick up any fancy dressed men. They are only practicing for the Miss Friendly Frolics Contest and we want them to appear at the contest on April 1st.

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MERRY MIXERS

Friendly Frolics, continued

EVERYONE! EVERYONE! EVERYONE! Don't miss the Lee Brothers Dance April 15th. Everyone who has danced to these fine callers can tell you how much fun this can be. Tickets are two dollars per couple.

Betty Dickinson, Reporter

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SEASIDE SQUARES

Wednesday night - Jax. Beach Community Center, Caller - Joe Smith (249-5051)

Out in front of the rapidly approaching spring season is the fifth annual Cotton Tail dance to be held at the Jax. Beach Community Center, Wednesday, March 22nd. at 8:00 P.M. As with all the previous Cotton Tail dances, all square dancers everywhere are invited. The usual fee of one dollar per couple will be charged -- but there will be prizes as described in the flyer included with this paper. The judges for the costumes will be decided on by all the area callers that will attend. The lady folks of this club are using all their resources in preparation for this event. If you miss it, you will miss one of THE events of the year.

Speaking of the resources of our ladies -- one cannot adequately put into words an accurate description of just how tasty were the sweet and sour spare-ribs so delicately prepared by our own Margaret Smith for our last cook-out held at Bob and Kay Johnsons the 5th. of February. Besides all her other attributes, that lady is certainly blessed with a heavenly culinary talent. It is without doubt that the folks of this club consider our monthly cook-out one of the highlights of their respective social calendars. It is through the efforts of Margaret and the other ladies who fix all the goodies that consistently assure a resounding success at these get-togethers.

With respect to this past cook-out, as was expected, Bob Johnson did give lessons on the finer arts of horseshoe pitching! Well, we won't go into that topic any further. The results of that game will remain a club secret. However, at the next outing, we will use full weight shoes on a regulation size court.

Incidentally, our next cook-out will be hosted by John and Jeannette Todd and will feature fried chicken prepared by four of our finest cooks. Jeannette says she will take adequate protection against the phantom party crasher.

John and Bertie Wilder, Reporters

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TRADE OR BUY OLD COINS
724-9424 -- "BOW"

2nd. & 4th. Fridays - Phillips Highway Plaza, Caller - Johnny Robbins

The Merry Mixers have started a new class of square dancers beginning Monday night, February 20th. at St. Paul's Parish Hall - \$1.50 per couple. Johnny Robbins teaching. We ask your support!

Several weeks ago a group of Grand Slammers visited our Phillips Plaza Hideaway and made away with our flag. Saturday night, February 18th., a group of Merry Mixers visited the Grand Slammer's Hideaway and took away our flag, and away we went. We had a pleasant evening dancing with the friendly people over there and also had the opportunity of singing Happy Birthday to Nella and sharing her cake.

D. J. and Scotty Lawrence, former Merry Mixers, have been transferred to Boston. We hope they will not forget that "Square Dancing is Fun".

Ann and Bux Washburn returned from a trip to Alabama where they attended the Marti Gras in Montgomery.

The Steeves have a new granddaughter and are letting everyone know there are two more little ones on the way.

The Merry Mixers will not have a dance the 2nd. Friday in March. We have cancelled our dance to let the Paxon Prancers use our hall for their Johnny Crout special dance.

Our 2nd. Annual May Day Dance will be held at the Phillips Highway Plaza the first Friday in May. Allen Tipton from Knoxville, Tennessee will be our caller for the evening. He comes highly recommended. This will be a ticket dance. We will be visiting between now and then with our pockets full of tickets. Watch for us.

Our sympathy is extended to Dwight Perkins in the death of his mother.

Marjorie Steeves

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JAX 'N JILLS

Fridays, Arlington Community Club, Callers - Tom and Mariann Hidding, President - Glenn Crout

We had a Valentine Party on February 10th. Sandra Maxey and Lena Snell gave out Valentines. Mrs. Maxey made cupcakes. We all had fun. On February 17th., Steve Clements, Glynn Crout, Susie Pugh, and Sandra Maxey made Shirt Snatcher. We decided to have elections on March 3rd. We learned to Load the Boat. Mr. Maxey came home from Michigan, and called a tip for us.

Susie Pugh, Reporter

ANCIENT CITY SQUARES

Fridays, 8:00 P.M., (except 5th. Fridays)
Chamber of Commerce, St. Augustine, Florida,
Caller - Oscar Erwin, President -
Bill & Lynn Priestor (Va 9-3945)

All our fellow square dancers please note -
we will not be dancing on the 5th. Fridays.
This way we will get a chance to visit the
other clubs who dance on that night.

Chub and Carolyn Robshaw had the club out
for a hamburger cook-out and hay-ride on
the 29th. The ones in back almost froze
to death. They sang songs and tried to
cover up with hay to keep warm. Guess who
sat up front with a heater and hot coffee
to keep warm??? Chub and Carolyn, you
better keep your eyes open when those mem-
bers thaw out. Everyone had a good time
and that bond fire sure felt good after
the chilling ride.

Two squares of Ancient City Squares enjoyed
the Valentine Dance in Palatka with the
Kaper Kutters on February 4th. There are
some people that can't get enough dancing
and have the caller call just one more.
Thanks Bill for "Pickle Up a Doodle".
Thanks Kaper Kutters for a grand time.

Two couples, the Germaines and Moores, at-
tended the Second Annual Sweetheart Ball
in Eau Gallie on February 11th. Jay
Fennamore and Frank Bedell were the callers
that kept us moving.

The Ron Schneider dance in Jacksonville
was enjoyed by the Priestors and Pinkhams.

On January 27th., we had two couples
visiting from the Fun and Frolic. We are
always happy to have you.

Clarke and Florence Moore, Reporters

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GRAND SIAMMERS

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

It sure has been fun dancing with so many
of our friends this past month. On January
21st., the "fun bunch" of Allemendarins
stole our banner - but didn't get to keep
it very long. The "Slammers" in full force
retrieved it on January 27th.

A group of Slammers traveled to Lake City
on January 28th. and enjoyed dancing with
Bill Camp and his Kaper Kutters. Sorry
we didn't get to take your banner, but
we'll be back.

On February 4th., Johnnie graduated our
class and we welcome into our club the
following new members: Jim and Evelyn
Beckham; Jeanette Clements; Bruce Fulwood;

Leonard and Claire Newsome; Eddie and Shirley
Roberts; Gladys Taylor and Kenny Ward. They
all worked very hard, but we had to do some
fast talking to convince them they don't
always dance with "swimming fins". Our
thanks to Johnnie for a job well done. Also
to Jerry and Doris Pope and Dick and Wanda
Goedert who did such a fine job as co-host
and hostess for the class. We were glad to
welcome so many visitors at our graduation.
I think we counted 11 squares on the floor.
The Dixie Chain Gang came out in full force
to steal our banner along with the Western
Cutters. We tried to give the Western
Cutters Johnnie's shirt but he wouldn't give
it up. The Jubileers and Starlite Shufflers
retrieved their banners. Our neighbors the
Paxon Princers also danced with us that night.
But the night wouldn't have been complete
without Jerry and Doris Pope. They traveled
from Atlanta, Georgia to be with us that
night. I think they will always be Grand
Slammers know matter how far away they are.
We really enjoyed dancing with all of you
and hope that you will be back to visit us
real soon.

That "Bouncing Bunch of Banner Snitching
Slammers" strike again. On February 8th.,
we enjoyed dancing with Joe Smith and The
Seaside Squares and of course stole their
banner. We all were glad to see Margaret
again. On February 17th., we stole the
Allemendarins banner. We sure are proud of
our president, Bill Bailey, he became the
first honorary member of the Allemendarins
on that night.

About 2 squares of Slammers danced to Scotty
Thomas at the Jubileers Valentine Dance.
Believe it or not we all saw "red". We had
a wonderful time. Just one word from one who
knows, don't try to dance sitting down, that
floor is hard to sit on! Sorry Wanda Goedert
wasn't feeling well that evening. We are
glad to report that she is much better but
will have to take it a little slow for awhile.
Hurry back, Wanda.

Sure am glad to have Martha Pugh and Tommy
Bailey and Charlie and Bobbie Fulwood back
dancing with us again.

On February 15th., we started our new class
and had a big turnout. If anyone has a
prospect for this class, please call T. J.
and Betty Ward (781-7606).

On February 18th., we tried out a new idea
for square dancers. The entire female mem-
bership had a rummage sale and I am glad to
report that it was a "Howling Success". Our
thanks to everyone especially Johnnie Robbins,
Louie Perdue, and Hugh Bruce who spent all
morning with that bunch of females. At our
dance that night, we enjoyed dancing with the
Jubileers, Allemendarins, Merry Mixers, Sea-
side Squares, and visiting callers, D. J.
Lynch, Jim Maxey, Joe Smith and taws. To
those of you who retrieved your banners -
beware - we'll see you again shortly.

Grand Slammers, continued

At this writing, we are planning a Knothead trip to Valdosta on February 25th. Johnnie Robbins is calling for the Kat Kickers -- more next month.

Reminder! It's the last chance to circle March 31st. on your calendar. Tickets for our co-sponsored Grand Slammers - Allemandarins, Rod Blaylock dance are available from members of the respective clubs or Johnnie Robbins and John Saunders. Remember that's Friday, March 31st. at Phillips Highway Plaza. Don't forget - if you do you'll miss a great dance and some great refreshments.

See you all at our next dance.

Wayne and Barbara Blackford,
Reporters

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STARLITE SHUFFLERS

Thursdays (except 5th. Thursdays), Brad Tredinnick Youth Center, 41st. Street and Perry, Caller - Walt Knight, President - Richard Patrick (724-1386)

If practice can make one perfect, G. W. Reeder will be a perfectionist. He decided going through 4 classes wasn't enough so now he is attending a workshop with the Allemandarins with Bill Camp teaching. Which must mean that Bill has finally found a dancer qualified to teach himself.

Thursday, January 26th. - Our visitors were Bill and Nora Camp. Nora came so Bill wouldn't feel lonesome and Bill came for a lesson. He says he now knows how to left allemande. Now I wonder who's going to teach Walt. I guess "turn about is fair play". We enjoyed having them and hope they come again soon.

This night just did not start off like any other dance night. Dot Knight brought 2 magazines to read. Trudy Patrick brought her knitting and almost finished a sweater. Julia Yongue said she was sorry she did not bring her knitting. We missed Lorene Hill (ole faithful) who was out, and Evelyn, because Dover came alone.

Thursday, February 2nd. - This was the second time the Lake City Squares came for their banner. The first time was a night we did not dance. "Out of the goodness of our hearts" we gave them their banner because they traveled such a long distance twice. There was Johnnie and Ora Lee Milton, Hughie and Virginia Boyette, Edsel and Shirley Tyre. We were glad to have you and hope you come again.

Saturday, February 4th. - Two squares of Starlite Shufflers danced with the Grand Slammers to retrieve our banner. There were the Rusers, Voelkers, Yongues, Sinns,

Ebersoles, Winderwoodles, Padgetts, (Betty and Becky) and Don Ussery. A grand time was had by all.

Johnny Robbins did a good job of calling considering the fact Nella had not fed him a bite to eat all day. So-o after the dance, about 40 of us went to Tony's Pizza Palace to eat. There were about 30 people at our table and our end was served last. Before our food came, poor Johnny was so hungry, his stomach thought his throat had been cut. He was walking around the table trying to inhale the vapors from the others' food to fill his poor aching stomach. By the time we were served, Bill Bailey, at the other end, was hungry again and was going around looking to see if there were any leftovers. He couldn't talk because he had hollered so much at the dance.

I must have danced too much or kicked too high because this was the last time I was able to dance. I woke up a few days later with a pinched nerve in my back that still goes screaming to my foot when I walk. However, I visit Walt's doctor almost every day and he says if I behave myself, I'll be dancing again soon. I hope this will dispel those rumors going around that I am getting decrepit with old age or that Ossie Kicked me.

Monday, February 13th. - This was our Ron Schneider dance and everyone had such a good time, we booked him for next year. We had visitors from the Orange Park Promenaders, Friendly Frolics, Fun and Frolics, Western Cutters, Paxon Prancers, St. Augustine, Merry Mixers, Y Knots, and Gay 90's and Barbara and Al Deloid from Wareham, Mass. who received our miniature star for being from another state. We want to thank Ron for calling for us and hope he comes again.

Thursday, February 16th. - We enjoyed having the Jubileers with us although they came for our banner. The highlight of this dance was the initiation of our new members.

David Ebersole could not find a partner, so he had to dance with Yvonne's friend Miss Rags Dummy and that's exactly what she looked like at the end of the dance - just Rags strung across the floor.

Elizabeth Voelker, Reporter

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DIXIE CHAIN GANG

2nd. & 4th. Saturdays, Phillips Highway Plaza
Caller - Frank Clements, President -
Bill Bridgen (724-5994)

Three squares from the Dixie Chain Gang visited the Grand Slammers on the first Saturday night in February. While they were there they decided to take their flag and keep it for a while. We still have it too. Our gang was invited to Roy and Alene Hill's after the dance and everyone really had a nice time.

Our regular dance for the second Saturday night was canceled so that we all might be able to attend the Jubileers Valentine Dance.

The third Saturday night, eight couples of our gang plus a (prospective couple) took a caravan to Orlando to make Knothead. Everyone was enjoying a nice leisurely ride

except for the car that Maxine Yuilee was in. They stopped so much that the driver was a nervous wreck. He was so afraid that they would not make it in time for the dance. They did make it and now we have some new knotheads.

We would like to extend a very cordial invitation to all of you to visit us on the 2nd. and 4th. Saturdays of each month at 8:00 P. M. We meet at the Phillips Highway Plaza. We would love to have you share our evening of fun. We especially want to invite one couple to be sure to visit our next club dance. So from all the gang, "Betty and Charlie, we will be looking for you to be there with us."

Don't forget our classes each Friday night at 8:00 P.M. at the Englewood Home Demonstration Club. You better come early because some of the club are learning to "clog" and they go at 7:00 P. M. and take up all the parking places. So just come early and learn the clog too.

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- Mar. 14 - Joe Lewis - Gainesville Recreation Center - Sponsored by The Merrysteppers of Gainesville, Florida.
- Mar. 17 - Frannie Heintz calling for Challengers. Members Only.
- Mar. 22 - 5th. Annual Cotton Tail Dance - Jax. Beach Community Center - Sponsored by the Seaside Squares.
- Mar. 23 - Dave Taylor - Lake City Armory - Sponsored by Lake City Squares.
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- Mar. 31 - Rod Blaylock - Phillips Highway Plaza - Sponsored by Allemandarins and Grand Slammers.
- Mar. 31 - Bob Rust - Howard Bishop Jr. High, Gainesville - Sponsored by Swinging Squares, Gainesville, Florida.
- Apr. 10 - Bruce Johnson - Veteran's Memorial Hall, Lake City - Sponsored by Lake City Squares, Lake City, Florida.
- Apr. 15 - The Lee Brothers - Phillips Highway Plaza - Sponsored by Friendly Frolics.
- Apr. 18 - Jim Brower - Orange Park Lions Club - Sponsored by Orange Park Promenaders - \$2.00 per couple.
- Apr. 21-22 - Spring Fling - Gainesville, Florida - Ramada Inn.
- May 5 - Allen Tipton - 2nd. Annual May Day Dance - Phillips Highway Plaza - Sponsored by Merry Mixers.
- May 19 - Tex Brownlee - Phillips Highway Plaza - Sponsored by Western Cutters.
- June 16-17 - 14th. Annual Florida Square and Round Dance Convention - Jacksonville.
- Oct. 13-14 - Ancient City Square-up - St. Augustine. Callers - Allen Tipton, Jack Lasry, John Saunders, Oscar Erwin and Ed and Kay Mack.

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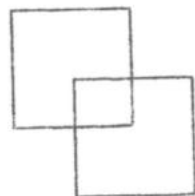
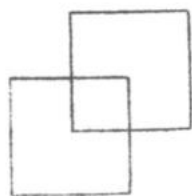
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