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## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

### BADGES AND BANNERS

Knothead, Diehard, and Banner Stealing!!  
They all have something in common. You have to take a square and go to some other club to dance. Most of the host of other badges require that you dance at someplace other than your home floor. I would like to think the people who originated these badges had an idea in mind; this would promote visiting between clubs and keep dancers active. The next time you steal a banner, retrieve one or arrange for a Knothead trip think about this for a moment.

The club badge with your name is a very helpful part of Square Dancing. That stranger across the square isn't a stranger after you have learned his name. What better way to advertise your club and to learn a name than by a club badge pinned where it can be easily seen.

Soon there will be requests for couples to act as hosts and hostess; as square fillers, couples to fill in at the registration desk and watch the door at the State Convention. In order not to put too much burden on a few, this will require a large number of couples to make themselves available for an hour at some time during the convention. By adding your name to the list you will be helping others, meeting new people and enjoying a bit of relaxation.

Changes in the by-laws should be out to all delegates before next NEFSDA meeting on May 8th. Check these with your clubs so we may discuss them at that time.

The Exhibition Hall will be the site of the 5th. Saturday Dance on July 29th. Floyd Hazen and Bobby Keefe will be the callers.

Chet Vetter

## STATE CONVENTION REPORT

### SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION READY FOR RECORD CROWD.

By the time Grapevine goes to press, the Convention Program for the 14th. Annual Florida Square Dance Convention will be completed and on its way to Bow and Swing to be printed in the June Convention issue. Mel Clark, Chairman of the Florida Caller's Federation, and Program Chairman for the 14th. State Convention, has been working on the program since last year's Convention in Orlando. Square dance workshops will be featured during the daytime dancing, as a result of numerous requests received from the square dancers. The finest Florida callers have been selected to head up the evening Grand Ball in the Civic Auditorium, and the estimated 60 callers are ready to call for after-dances until the most enthusiastic square dancers have had enough. A round dance program has been provided by Bill and Ruth Fleshman, Round Dance Program Chairmen, which will please everyone from the novice round dancer to those whose specialty is rounds. Plans for the Saturday night after-party in the Civic Auditorium haven't been completed, but a fast moving, entertaining show is in the works.

Advance registrations and room reservations are coming in at a very satisfactory rate, as a result of advertising in Bow and Swing and direct mail advertisements sent to numerous square dancers, clubs and callers. Our greatest need now is for about 250 volunteers from the Northeast Florida clubs to handle host and hostess duties and to man the registration desks during the Convention. We are solicitating enough help so that no one will have to work over one hour at these jobs. Hosts and hostesses will be assigned to cover the doors to the various halls, to check for convention ribbons, and to assist our guests as needed. They will also act as square fillers - something new and desirable. We will station "square filler" couples around the Exhibition Hall

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State Convention Report, continued,


during the night dances to step in and fill a square which needs that one more couple, in order to cut down the time required to form squares. Those working on the registration desk will provide facilities for square dancers to register, issue them a Convention Ribbon which will serve as a ticket to dances, and collect the registration fee, which is so necessary to pay the many expenses incurred in putting on a Convention. If you would like to volunteer for one of these jobs, for only one hour during the Convention, please call Don and Bea Smith, Registration Chairmen, phone 725-1504, or Dick and Patsy Tomlinson, Host Committee Chairmen, phone 724-4761. At this stage of a convention they need your moral support, believe me. Register now.

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Carl Law, General Chairman

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GOLDEN ISLES SWINGERS

2nd., 3rd., & 4th. Saturdays, City Recreation Building, Brunswick, Ga., Caller - Dick Barker President - Gene Williams

On May 13th., a special dance is planned. It will be a Hatfield & McCoy dance.

On March 17th. the Golden Isles Swingers were asked to dance for the Christian Life Conference, Southeast District. A youth group sponsored by the Hi-Y and Tri Hi-Y Council. The conference was held at Epworth-by-the-Sea Strickland Auditorium, St. Simons Island. Jimmy Moore was the caller for the square dancers.

Thursday night, April 6th., over two squares from Golden Isles Swingers visited the Square Crackers in Jesup to hear caller C. O. Guest. Everyone seemed to have a nice time.

On Saturday, April 15th., the Golden Isles Swingers were asked to dance on Jekyll Island in the beautiful Aquarama for the Savannah Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. This privilege was enjoyed by everyone and our caller, Dick Barker, did a splendid job as usual.

We are sorry to be losing two of the best dancers on the floor over - Ken and Eulone Shoultz. They have been transferred to New Orleans. Eulone was presented a cookbook from the club.

Jean McRae, Reporter

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KAPER KUTTERS

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

The Kaper Kutters are getting ready to graduate their new class at the regular dance on May 7th. We have 12 couples and are anxious to have them join our club. So, Square Dancers, come to our graduation and welcome these newcomers. Skits are planned and refreshments will be served.

After graduation, a workshop on Thursday nights, is planned and we are hoping club members will participate. Bill Camp will teach advanced calls, plus a couple of favorite rounds.

John and Joyce Smith have been awarded our "should have danced all night" badge and will keep it until the middle of August. Congratulations to both.

Just a reminder -- our hall is air conditioned and we will be holding regular 1st. & 3rd. Saturday night dances all summer. Last year, it got quite hot while dancing, but those days are gone.

Our club reporters, Glenna and Leo Anderson, recently moved to Tampa. This couple has been active and faithful workers and will be missed by all. Looking forward to their coming to visit and dance with us.

By the time this goes to press, we will have hosted two clubs from the Titusville-Cocoa area for a special "Knothead" dance. They both have graduated a class and were anxious to travel. A 5th. Saturday dance was arranged for April 29th.

Flossie Steinmetz, 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)

Another month of good dancing has gone by. We hope all of you had as much fun as we have this past month.

Floyd called a dance for the Orla Vista Firehouse Squares down in Orlando, so we took advantage of the situation and carried a square of Knotheads down, and enjoyed an

Orange Park Promenaders, continued

JUBILEERS

evening of dancing with those nice people there. They sure know how to show you a good time. Lots of good eats also. Thank you, Orla Vista Squares.

It seems our Young Folks have learned some of our stealing habits, as two squares of them went over and stole the Haystack Hoppers banner Saturday, April 8th. They reported a real nice time was had by all.

Sure hope Peggy Hynes will be able to dance to Jim Brower Tuesday, as she had to have stitches in her leg where she stuck scissors in them. But I believe the tetnus shot they gave her was worse than the injury. Anyway, hope she is feeling better real soon.

Some of our bunch sure can eat a lot of shrimp, even in the middle of the night after a dance. It has even been insinuated that some need a dump truck to haul their stomachs around in after eating so many. (Sure glad I'm one of the "metrical for lunch bunch" and stay slim and trim).

By the time this goes to press, we will have had a swinging time to the one and only "Keep Smilin" Jim Brower. Sure hope you didn't miss it. He gets better every time you hear him with his personality plus.

We enjoyed the Grand Slammers dancing with us when they came to retrieve their banner, even though it took two visits to get it back. The first time they didn't quite have a square, so we got to dance with them three times for one stolen banner. But we enjoyed all of it. Don't wait so long to come back, and make Johnny come back with you. We enjoyed his calling a tip for us.

See you next month. Until then, have fun on Fridays and come dance with us.

"The Square Dansons"  
Danny and Billie

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

O. K., you Jubileer followers, you can stop looking through the last Grapevine for our scintillating review of March. It just is not there and apologies are due all around. I would like to be able to say that this is the last time we will miss, but let's face it...We will, at this writing, try to bring you up-to-date.

Briefly, picking up at the end of February, the Jubileers and Starlite Shufflers made a quick exchange of flags. We picked off the Shufflers' flag on February 16th., and Walt Knight brought the crew over to pick it back up on the 25th. of February.

The beginning of March saw the Jubileers' ranks swelled with the graduation of Harold's class. What the class lacked in numbers, they more than made up in spirit. Their transfer into the full-fledged square dancing league was highlighted by each member suffering the rigors of a Kangaroo Court. After undergoing the intended indignities of such a court (with one W. Bishop as chief magistrate) we were most delighted to receive as one of us, Nellie and Frank Allen, Sherrod and Virginia Hill, Carl and Louise Moteley, Jo-Beth Pace, and Don and Pat Hammond.

It might be added, that upon conclusion of the ceremonies, Harold was presented with his Sergeant's stripes. That's O.K., Harold, with the number of "Boots" you have graduated over the years, you deserve something.

During the month, among our many visitors, we were glad to meet and dance with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fox from Milan, Michigan. We thank the folks from the Ancient City Squares who brought the Foxes with them. It is always nice to have out-of-town guests.

As often is the case, your reporter missed a real "gasser" on April 8th. I am told that Bobby Keefe and Harold Pillmore kept ten squares hopping with great gusto at a combined Western Cutter-Jubileer dance. You know folks, this stuff seems to pay off in great dividends, and more of you might want to think along these lines. We not only had a good turnout of Cutters, but also Fun and Frolic, Paxon Francers, Orange Park Promenaders, Ancient City Squares and Starlite Shufflers. The latter group was in a force strong enough to lift our flag. (Here we go again.)

From what I hear of this dance my long-time premise has been strengthened that Northeast Florida need not go two counties and three creeks away to get a caller; we are well endowed ourselves. Well, now, you hapless dancers who managed to miss this "wing ding" need weep no more (just recovered myself).

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Jubileers, continued,

We plan to cancel our dance on May 13th. and descend on the Western Cutters for a return engagement. Frankly, I am going to make that one, and if you have any sense, you will, too. It would be a shame to miss two in a row.

Looking ahead to May 27th., we have plans for putting on a Luau dance with grass skirts furnished for visiting taws. Men, you're supposed to make like a Polynesian, beach-comber or some such (I can picture it now).

Further, in the future, look for a four-club joint effort in July as a 4th. celebration. More on this next month.

Joyce and Bob Barker, Reporters

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President - Jack Stevenson,  
Information call 264-6367.

Well here we are starting the fourth year for Roundleers, which of course meant new officers to be elected. Taking over as President, we have Jack Stevenson, Vice-President - Pete and Barbara Peterson, Secretary-Treasurer - Theron and Bonnie Smith, Program Chairmen - Carl and Betty Graeff. Our thanks go to you folks for being so "willingly" drafted, to our outgoing officers we say Thanks for all of the hard work that you put in last year.

Last month, Jay tried to teach us the Cha Cha basics. Jack Griffiths has now taken over, and is teaching the Cha Cha Round. To be quite honest, some of us have got it, and some of us ain't. But don't despair Jack, we'll keep trying. If we keep on, you might at least make Go Go girls (and boys?) out of us.

We've heard of cattle rustlers, but "Holy Smoke" Jack, did you have to go hunting for beef on the Expressway? Why if we gals had

known that you were that hungry for a steak, we'd have fixed you one. However, we're sorry to hear that your car got torn up. We were sure glad to know that that was the worst of your injuries. Just think, you could have been tucked up in bed with a pretty little nurse to take care of you!

Well seems like this has been the month for visitors. On March 29th., we were honored by a visit from Bill and Elsy Johnson, round dance instructors from Memphis, Tenn. They demonstrated the waltz "Dream Awhile" for us, and after watching them, we now know what's wrong with us - we have "3" left feet. They were so graceful, we could have watched all night. Then on April 12th., we had Marg and Ted Tannersly, who were visiting from Arkansas, along with Marg's mother and Ted's sister. As they planned to square dance while in town, we're sure that many of you must have met up with these nice people. We don't want to forget our local visitors. They were the Sullivans from the Rhythmaires who came over on the 5th. Visitors are always welcome, so come out and dance with us.

Rhona Williams, Reporter

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CLUB 441

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

On March 25th., Skeeter Charvin of Tampa called for us. We were joined by two squares from Zephyrhills who journeyed up to make Knothead.

Our long heralded "Spring-Fling" on April 21-22 will take the place of our late April meeting.

We danced to the fine calling of John Saunders, Daytona Beach on April 8th. It was so good to have some of our Ocala friends that night.

On May 13th., we will nominate officers for the coming year.

Y'all come!

Bill and Margaret Buckhannan,  
Reporters



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FRIENDLY FROLICS

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

Congratulations Miss Friendly Frolics 1967. April 1st. was the big night and Jim Sockwell was the "prettiest lady". Our Miss Friendly Frolics Contest was held April 1st. and there were 9 beauties on hand to entertain us. The entries were: Sherrod Hill, Carl Motley, Clyde Mixon, George Smith, Dick Brandt, Joe Brandt, Don Smith, Jim Sockwell and Eddie Bowman. Our reigning queen Miss Friendly Frolics 1966, Dexter Hughes (looking as lovely as ever) was on hand to crown this years winner. The runners up were: Eddie Bowman 3rd. runner-up; Sherrod Hill 2nd. runner-up; Don Smith 1st. runner-up and Jim Sockwell, Miss Friendly Frolics 1967. Jim looked lovely in his mini-skirt and knit shell and boots and did a perfect pantomime of "These Boots are made for Walkin". All of the contestants were terrific, for many of them it was their first appearance in the Miss Friendly Frolics Contest.

We sure hope they enjoyed participation as much as we did watching them and look forward to seeing them back next year. Don and Bea Smith deserve the credit for a well planned contest. Evelyn Smith did a good job as M. C.

The program got off to a swinging start with the performance by "The Lady with the Red Silk Stockings and the Green Perfume". She was none other than our own Herschell Lee. Have you ever seen so much talent in one man - caller, singer, dancer and comedian!!! All in all it was a great evening.

We were happy to have John and Mavis Austin from the Pea Pickers Club in Houston, Texas, dance with us March 18th. If you are in Houston call them at MI 94032. They would love to have you visit their club.

We were very sorry to hear that Rocky Hamilton's father passed away March 21st. in Colorado. Our deepest sympathy is with you and Martha at this time Rocky!

I really don't know where to start in reporting about our "Lee Brothers" Dance April 15th. It was one of the best dances of this year. Charlie, Tan & Herschell did a wonderful job. If you missed this dance, you really missed a good one. There were 24 squares representing almost every club in town.

Our many thanks to Grand Slammers for cancelling their dance to be with us. We enjoyed having all our visitors and hope they will come again real soon. Among our visitors were 3 couples from Charlie's club in Virginia and 2 couples from Tan's club in Goldsburg, North Carolina. From Virginia were Jud and Ruth Kidwell, Lloyd and Day Kirby and Don and Lois Randolph. From

North Carolina were Sherwood and Jewel Stanley, and Ray and Eloise Lanier. We also enjoyed meeting Lucy and Katie Lee, the wives of Tan and Charlie.

It was good to see Bob and Patsy Love at the Lee Brothers Dance. We've missed you both and hope you'll be dancing again real soon.

After the dance, everyone was treated to an after-party at the home of Dee Dee and Earl Brandt. The food was delicious and everyone had a wonderful time. Many of our new ladies and myself crossed the River Nile and Tan had us all puzzled with that Carolina Moon.

Our congratulations to Frank and Barbara Meyers on their 17th. Wedding Anniversary. We wish you many, many more.

ATTENTION FRIENDLY FROLICS - Please attend the May 6th. dance to cast your vote for your officers for the coming year. This will be the straw ballot. Elections of officers will be May 20th.

The dates of our outing at Camp O'Lena is May 27th.-28th. The plans will be completed at our business meeting, May 12th. This will be a covered-dish supper held at the Hogan Spring Glen Home Demonstration Club on Beach Boulevard (across the street from Patti's restaurant) at 7:00 P.M. Please attend this meeting.

Well, I hope I've covered everything that happened this month. Please forgive me if I've missed anything or anyone.

Arie Willis, Reporter

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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)

Monday, April 2nd., the Mandarin Promenaders had an Easter party. Everyone participated in an Easter Hat Contest. The winners were: Angela Flynn, The prettiest girl, Kevin Hodge, the prettiest boy, Amy Tillis, the funniest girl, David Rogers, the funniest boy, and the booby prize went to Mark Sterritt. I'm sure everyone had a wonderful time.

Amy Tillis, Reporter

ANCIENT CITY SQUARES

Fridays, 8:00 P.M., (Except 5th. Fridays)  
Chamber of Commerce, St. Augustine, Florida.  
Caller - Oscar Erwin  
President - Jack & Doris Shuler (VA 9-3079)

The Florida unit of the Wally Byam Caravan held their spring rally at the Fair grounds in St. Augustine during Easter week. Most of the members are enthusiastic square dancers and the Ancient City Squares enjoyed having them join us on March 24th. As part of the entertainment planned by the local unit, they had a big barbacue and square dance at the Fair grounds Saturday night April 1st. Oscar Erwin was caller and he brought a square from Daytona who entertained the group with their beautiful black light dance. Some of our local members joined in a hilarious square using mops for partners. Both numbers were enthusiastically received by the Caravan.

About a square and a half of our members joined the Friendly Frolics for the Lee Brothers dance on April 15th. They reported a grand time.

Florence and Clark Moore joined the Beach-combers at Daytona on Saturday night, April 8th.

Our new class that meets on Monday nights, is catching on fast. Counting some of the club members who joined them Monday night, we had 8 squares. The "joint" was really jumping.

Our club voted to have a out of town caller from this area once a quarter. Our very first one will be May 26th. with Frank Clements from the Dixie Chain Gang calling. So you all come!

Margaret and Lee Newlon, Reporters

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ALLEMANDARINS

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

Spring has sprung and Allemandarins have been springing up everywhere, ready to swing the corner.

On March 24th., almost two squares visited the Ancient City Squares and brought their banner home. Several couples from our last class attended and truly enjoyed the calling of Oscar Irwin. We only had their banner one week as some Ancient City folks joined us for the Rod Blaylock dance and claimed their flag that night.

Speaking of the Blaylock dance, we'd like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make it a success. Appreciate all the guest supporting us with their attendance.

We really do have a club full of Knotheads now. On April 7th., Grand Slammers joined us in force and all "Knotheads" making the trip to Valdosta in February were presented "Genuine Knots" (made of rope) and their Knothead badges. Steve and Janice Fulton made the rope knots but I can't get anyone to admit making the "knothead punch". Every one was blindfolded and given a cup of "punch"?? and initiated in a most unique way. All in all it was lots of laughs and now it's official.

John Saunders called to a full house on April 21st. We enjoyed visitors from Western Cutters, Jubileers, Fun and Frolics, Jax 'N Jills, Starlite Shufflers and of all people, you'd never expect thieves from such a nice group as the Friendly Frolics but they sure stole our banner.

Sorry to have missed the Lee Brothers dance. We heard it was very good.

We'll have Bobby Keefe calling for us on April 28th. We're looking anxiously to a good dance that night. We hear lots of complimentary comments on Bobby.

The Greeks and Braaschs joined two couples from the Western Cutters for an exhibition dance at the Jewish Center. It was fun and we hope to see lots of square dancers come from that group.

Our banner's back home so y'all come visit us.

Clarice Greek, Reporter

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President - Alette Register (764-1147)

We've had another busy month, with quite a few visitors and pretty fair club attendance too. Those who still aren't coming just don't know what they're missing! The Hiddings have been with us twice this past month and we always enjoy their calling and

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Fun and Frolic, continued,

dancing. Bill and Nora Camp have also been with us several times and one night brought out-of-state visitors who were very good dancers and very friendly folks. Jack has, as usual, kept us busy with old and new figures. He's been work-shopping "Blow Your Top" and "Who's On First?" and several other interesting calls.

On April 4th., we were privileged to wish "Happy Birthday" to Bill Skiles who is 75 years young. Keep dancing, Bill, and old Father Time just won't be able to catch up with you!

Our banner stealing chairman, Top Cat Coleman, has been busy this month. He is really a go-getter. We now have banners from Merry Mixers and Y-Knots still on hand and "thieves" will be roaming again this weekend, so everybody look out -- we might be after yours. The club owes Top Cat and Lois a vote of thanks - as well as their hard dancing square. They have really been on the go and I'm sure they are making alot of friends for the club.

We noticed a square (and more) of Fun and Frolicers in attendance at the Bruce Johnson dance in Lake City. It was nice dancing with some of the ones we haven't seen for awhile. Also enjoyed seeing and dancing with Jim and Bunny Whiteman and Bob and Marshall Wigglesworth. It's always a pleasure to run in to such nice people.

The next big event on our calendar will be a Hawaiian Luau on May 9th., in honor of Fun and Frolic's 11th. Anniversary. We hope we'll have lots of visitors from other clubs, as well as all our own members on hand. It should be great fun -- good eating and good dancing. The Calverts and the Mollenhours are in charge of the party, so if you have any questions or suggestions please contact them. Somebody suggested that since Jake can't dance, we might as well stuff an apple in his mouth and roast him. Bet he'd be good and juicy -- and spicy too! So y'all come on out and help us celebrate and enjoy the party. That might be a good time for some of the clubs whose banners we have, to come and retrieve them.

Several Fun & Frolic couples are going to Gainesville for the "Spring Fling". It should be a good outing and we hope to see many more Jacksonville dancers there supporting the NEFSDA affair. Probably all the regular club dances will be cancelled for that week-end in order to help the Association with their attendance, so we'll see you there, Jacksonville dancers! Remember, it doesn't take any longer to drive to Gainesville than it does to some of the local dances - depending, of course, on which side of town you live on.

By the way, does anybody know what all the excitement was about the other night in a certain square up at the front of the hall? Could it be that somebody forgot something??? If you're curious about it, just ask Gladys.

That's all for now. See you next month. Be sure to come to our Luau. Hawaiian type costumes are optional, so let yourself go - let your hair down - kick off your shoes - and have fun!

Marge Parker, Reporter

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WESTERN CUTTERS

2nd. & 4th. Saturdays, Mary Hammond Youth Center, Caller - Bobby Keefe, President - Andy Allan (764-1293)

Since our fiscal month began March 20th., some of this will be old news, but that's the way it has to be. On Friday, March 24th., the Blados', Mayfields, Fretwells, Kellys, and Robinsons visited Merry Mixers and retrieved our flag. James Maxey did such a fine job calling, I understand they decided to engage him as their regular caller. In addition to lots of delicious food, the refreshment table featured some very clever and attractive Easter decorations.

We had a good crowd at our dance March 25th. in spite of Easter vacations and all the Easter-egging that had to be done. Mike and Pauline Miklos and Ed and Cathy Tyre conjured up some mighty good things to eat, and Erma had us work up an appetite with all those crazy games. It was a toss-up between Fred and Ernie for best dressed woman, but without a doubt Erma was best dressed man. Johnny Robbins and James Maxey called a tip or two and Bobby was in fine style all evening. One of our visitors, Dot Roller from Cleveland, Ohio, mentioned she and husband Bob liked dancing to live calling. I hurriedly glanced up front to see if Bobby was all right, and she explained that she meant live music too. It seems their club sometimes has an orchestra instead of records. We also had visitors from Grand Slammers, Orange Park, and the group from Paxon Francers took our flag again (they must think it's pretty). We have been missing Warren and Louise Lewis at the dances, and haven't seen enough of Matt and Jo Ann Encinosa lately either.

Thirteen couples of Western Cutters danced with the Jubileers at their lovely fellowship hall Saturday, April 8th., and really enjoyed their wonderful hospitality. Harold Fillmore and Bobby Keefe shared the calling, and each tip was called to a floor filled to capacity with enthusiastic dancers. On this same evening, a group from St. Augustine came to visit the Western Cutters and found no one at home. Sorry, gang, but we know you had fun visiting and dancing with the Dixie Chain Gang and they enjoyed having you.

Western Cutters, continued,

Your reporter and spouse plumb forgot to attend the business meeting April 11th, and I just don't know how they got along without us. So sorry we missed it, especially Russell's presiding which he did because Andy had to work and Bill was late. Shame on you, Mr. Vice-President! I guess you didn't grow up in the Navy.

The Allans, Zietlows, Chapmans and Keefes visited Paxon Prancers April 13th, but didn't get our flag because callers don't count. How about that, Bobby? Bob Rust makes people forget about flags and banners anyway.

Marshall and Claudia Carr showed up at class April 14th, and both looked wonderful. Claudia just happened to have a couple of pictures of the new baby, and Marshall just happened to have a couple of dozen. She is a little doll! Ernie, you'd better hurry and stock up on film.

They tell me the covered dish dinner and dance April 15th, at Wesconnett Civic Center was really great. We always did enjoy dancing on that old wooden floor. From all reports, the skit put on by Bob and Sue Robinson, Jim and Doris Butler, Dave and Claudia Fitzsimmons, and Bill and Jenny Kirkland was hilarious. They were dressed as hill-billies, and really acted out (literally) those crazy calls. You who missed it will have another opportunity May 5th, when we go to hear Al Tipton at Phillips Highway Plaza. The Robinsons, Fretwells, and Butlers hosted this extra-special affair, and we appreciate their extra work in cleaning and decorating the hall.

COMING EVENTS: Roaring 20's party, May 13th, and you who don't have a thing to wear, start dreaming up something as everyone is urged to come in costume. We're planning a Knothead trip to Orla Vista in July; and State Convention June 16-17 is just around the corner.

Vivian Mayfield, Reporter

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### PAXON PRANCERS

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

Whew!! The news deadline sure rolls around fast these days. I guess it seems that way because we "Prancers" are so busy visiting and enjoying dancing with so many different clubs in the area, including St. Augustine and Orange Park.

Our combination business meeting and badge party on March 18th, turned out to be fun for all. Several games were played and badges earned. Frank Clements called for

us. We had some tapes of "our" Rob and Roy Hill added to the pleasures by calling some of his singing calls. Plans are under way for a fish fry, cook out, etc., during the summer months. Plans to decorate the stage for dances were discussed. Hubert, is busy making tables and "Emily & Co." will be busy making covers for them. So all you members, who didn't attend, be sure and come to our next meeting for more details.

We have had lots of local visitors and are always glad to have them. There have been so many good dances here, it is hard to visit all of them. But there is always a few "die hards" who try real hard.

Thanks to Emily and Jean for "pinch hitting" for Nadine and Judy for Easter refreshments. Joe and Judy are busy "getting educated" and "Uncle Sam" has had Bob busy lately.

Bob was surprised some of us visited the Ancient City Squares. They sure are a friendly group of dancers and the trip is worthwhile even tho it is a short distance to drive.

The Poole's celebrated an anniversary this month. Mr. Skiles had his 75th. birthday but is still a faithful dancing visitor most every week. Lester McDonald and Joe Johns also gained another year. If any one has any birthdays they don't want, give them to Hubert, he likes those "extras" that go with them.

We're sorry to know Margaret Joyce is still on our sick list; also Jean Horne. We hope they'll be back with us soon. We've missed the Barnhardts too, as Lauren has been sick. We're glad our "Mrs. President" is okay again.

Dot and Kal have been on another square dance spree to the Alabama Jubilee in Birmingham. They always report lots of fun and enjoyment on their trips.

We enjoyed our visit from the Western Cutters and their caller, Bobby Keefe, on April 6th. Bobby and Bob Rust have teamed up for a week-end of square dancing in August, and I know it will be worth planning and waiting for. There will be more details as time gets nearer for the dance. Bobby, be sure and give Bob complete details on the place the dance will be held, as he's inclined to get mixed-up once in a while. I understand he was five minutes late for a dance, as he went to the wrong place in Gainesville.

On April 8th, we visited the combined dance of the Western Cutters and the Jubileers. We also learned a new dance figure "Dig the Bucket", originated by Bobby Keefe.

The Lee Brothers dance was most enjoyable. Never a dull moment, and was I surprised when I won one of the door prizes. I wonder if "8" is my lucky number now. The oranges were delicious, Rosa Lee.

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Paxon Francers, continued,

There aren't enough words to describe the "Miss Friendly Frolics Contest". Everyone will just have to see for themselves to really appreciate it. It's a yearly affair, you know.

Our P-F badge earners for this month -- Andy and Le Jene Allan, Jessie and Bill Bishop, Russell and Ada Kelly, and Lucy Stewart. We have more badges, so come on visitors.

Orange Park sure had a good caller for their dance on April 18th. Jim Brower of Texas, a good name to remember for future dances.

Another reminder - The NEFDSA 5th. Saturday night dance on July 29th. will be at the Civic Auditorium. The callers will be Floyd Hazen of Orange Park Promenaders and Bobby Keefe of Western Cutters. So be sure and don't forget this one. There will be more details later.

See you all later. Come on over and visit us anytime any of you get a chance.

Virginia Ayers, Reporter

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GRAND SLAMMERS

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

This month has been a busy one for the Slammers.

To those of you who did not attend our March 31st. Red Blaylock dance, we can only offer you our sympathy. The calling was terrific, the dancing lively and the refreshments were fattening. We enjoyed dancing with so many of our friends on that night and we join with the Allemandarins in saying thanks to all of you -- you made our first "annual" April Fool dance one of the finest dances we have ever had. Almost every club in Jacksonville was well represented along with folks from St. Augustine, Palatka and Lake City. I believe we counted 25 squares in all. We do want to say thanks to Red for doing such a wonderful job.

With the warm spring days upon us the Slammers have been on the go. On April 8th. we had our second annual club fish fry, -- and believe it or not, the men did all the cooking. It was held at the Ward's trailer park and was an evening enjoyed by young and old. We ate "fish n' fixings" until we popped. Then Johnnie, along with D. J. Lynch and Dick Goedert, called a very fine dance and about 9:30 we were all ready to eat again.

On April 14th., we visited with the Orange Park Promenaders to retrieve our "long lost banner" and this time we had our square "plus". One thing did confuse us all for a while. Floyd called "1 and 3 to the center" and we had eight people rushing at once. Someone forgot to tell us they had moved the callers platform. Well, after finally getting ourselves straightened out, we had a great night dancing with you folks at Orange Park.

Our April 15th. dance was cancelled so that we could dance with the Friendly Frolics and the Lee Brothers. I know everyone who was there will join us in saying it was a wonderful dance. It was great dancing with Herschell again and of course, the "Yankee" part of his family. It was a night that we'll all remember for a long time to come.

Bill and Mary Bailey celebrated their 20th. wedding anniversary this past month, and we wish them another 20 years of happiness together. One thing bothered Bill, he wanted to know how to dance the anniversary waltz in a "square".

Our class is progressing right along and Johnnie says we will have a fine bunch of new dancers on the floor around the middle of June. So be on the look-out!!!

Our walls are almost bare - beware!!!!!!!!!!

Have you registered for the 14th. annual Florida Square Dance Convention? Don't forget - we understand there will be over 60 callers to make this the ultimate in square dancing.

That's about all the news for now --

See you all at our next dance.

Wayne and Barbara Blackford, Reporters

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JAX 'N JILLS

Fridays, Arlington Community Club, Caller - "Big" Tom Hidding, President - Mary Lee Haselton

We had a come as you are party the 14th. and had a real nice time.

We are planning on going to the Fun and Frolic this Tuesday night, the 25th. of April.

We had a real nice time dancing with the Starlite Shufflers and hope to be invited to come back again.

Lena Snell, Reporter

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A NOTE OF THANKS

We would like to thank our Square Dance friends for their many kind and thoughtful deeds since Jake's accident. The phone calls, cards, and visits are greatly appreciated. He is getting along fine but will not be able to "Square Up" for a while yet.

Louise and Jake Smith

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HAYSTACK HOPPERS

2nd. & 4th. Saturdays, Y. W. C. A.,  
Caller - "Lil" Tom Hidding,  
President - Tommy Bailey (781-4609)

We were very pleased to have the Orange Park Promenaders come to dance with us. We hope they enjoyed themselves and that they will return.

We are sorry to say that we will be losing our president, Tommy Bailey, soon. He will be leaving for bootcamp on May 10th.

Pam Bailey, Reporter

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MERRY MIXERS

Fridays, Phillips Highway Plaza,  
Caller - James Maxey

The Merry Mixers are proud to announce that we have a new caller - James Maxey. He and his wife, Helen and family live at the beach. Many of you know them already as they called for the Jax 'N Jills and several of their children dance with the Jax 'N Jills. We would like to show them off to you any Friday night at the Phillips Highway Plaza.

Speaking of callers, the Merry Mixers want to extend their thanks to Johnnie Robbins for staying with us until we could select a permanent caller. We enjoyed dancing to his good calling and hope he and Nella will still visit with us whenever they have a free Friday night.

It is almost May 5th. and our May Day Dance with Allen Tipton calling. We will be looking for YOU!

March 24th., the Western Cutters sent a square after their flag - they didn't let us keep it very long. April 14th., two squares from Fun and Frolic carried away our banner. They were all fun company and we hope they will return soon.

Our monthly covered dish supper with Dwight and Ruth Perkins was a big success, as always - many Merry Mixers and much good food. Thank you Ruth and Dwight.

We have done some visiting ourselves - the Red Blaylock dance, the Chain Gang and the Lee Brothers.

After our dance last Friday, all the Merry Mixers went to the Robbins home with a surprise gift for Johnnie and Nella in appreciation of their help in calling for our club and also for starting our class. What kind of a place would this old world be without folks like them?

Sorry to hear that Joe Smith had a heart attack and is in bed at his beach home. We pray for his speedy recovery. Take care of that ticker Joe, so you can be up and around again before too long.

The Merry Mixer taws are again enjoying their weekly sewing luncheons. We have sewed at the Steeves', Blado's, Samson's, and Washburn's. One morning last month we even had a surprise housewarming for Barbara Samson at her new home in Colonial Park.

Marjorie Steeves, Reporter

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DIXIE CHAIN GANG

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

For those of you who may have missed our Easter Dance, I would like to give you some of the gay highlights. These included the crowning of "Mrs. Bunny Rabbit - Dixie Chain Gang, 1967", the very stunning, precious and vivacious Aileen Hill. Needless to say, when she was picked for this great honor, Aileen was totally speechless. Following the "crowning" ceremonies, everyone joined in the big egg hunt which included several prizes.

Our dance following the Easter Dance, turned out to be quite a lively affair. More lively perhaps for some than others because I do recall one of our members losing a car, of all things - would you believe it? After spending most of his evening looking for it, Bill Fridgen finally found it parked behind the cans in the Community Hall. I think everything was in place except for the front seat. If anyone finds a Volkswagen front seat please contact Billy Johnson. He will see that it is returned to Mr. Fridgen.

Don't forget our special dance May 1, 1967. Frank Bodell will be here to call for us.

"Twinkle Toes"  
R. A. Harris

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

"Y" KNOTS

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

We have been having some good times dancing  
each Thursday night at the Southside Com-  
munity Center. Besides being a nice place  
to dance (plenty of air conditioning and  
ice water) the hospitality of the Community  
Center makes us feel so good.

We have had a number of visitors within the  
past few weeks and we always welcome them.

During the past month, we have been active  
organizing a new class which has grown to  
almost three squares. With the capable in-  
struction of our caller, D. J. Lynch, and  
his able assistant, Ann, I'm sure the new-  
comers to square dancing will learn with the  
greatest of ease and speed. It is always  
good news to hear that another couple has  
taken up square dancing for we who have been  
at it for a while know there is no greater  
recreation. It has brought joy (and exercise)  
to many a person who may never have known  
such pleasure had someone not encouraged  
them to join a square dancing class.

Our club had a successful "Candlelight  
Dance" this past month. This was something  
quite different for those who participated  
and quite a number of Candlelight Badges  
were earned by our members and visitors.

It was nice having a group from Fun and  
Frolics dance with us recently. They can  
expect a return visit from us soon, as they  
took our banner and we must retrieve it.

Sorry to hear that Tina Ebbersole had emer-  
gency surgery at St. Vincent's Hospital  
(Room 561) this past week. We understand  
she is progressing nicely and hope she will  
soon be back with us.

We are happy to have Trudy and Tony Reeves  
back regularly after Trudy's illness.

Remember, there is always a standing in-  
vitation for any and all to come visit us  
any Thursday evening.

Bessie Allen, Reporter

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STARLITE SHUFFLERS

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

First of all, I'd like to make some an-  
nouncements.

We're having Bill Volner to call for us at  
our regular dance night on August 3rd.

Our dance of June 15th. will be cancelled  
because of the convention.

The fifth Saturday dance will be July 29th.  
with Big Daddy, Floyd Hazen and Little Bobby  
Keefe doing the calling at the Civic Audi-  
torium. Helen Crout will do the rounds.

Lorene and Bill Hill and Ossie and I have  
just celebrated our Silver Wedding Anniver-  
sary.

Thursday, March 23rd. - We thought we had been  
invaded by the little people from Mars but it  
turned out to be 2½ squares of kids from the  
Jax 'N Jills plus their Mama's and Daddy's  
from the following clubs: Betty Adams of the  
Friendly Frolics, Helen Maxey - Seaside Squares,  
Russell Kelly - Western Cutters, Bill and  
Mary Bailey - Grand Slammers, Betty De Angelis -  
Merry Mixers and last but not least their  
callers - Big Tom, Lil Tom and Middle size  
Mariann Hidding. They've really done wonders  
with those kids.

When Lil Tom started to call Wardback Urches  
they were the first on the floor. Boy!  
that's a crazy mixed up dance and there were  
only a few of us that were brave enough to  
get out there and try it.

Friday, March 31st. - A square of Starlite  
Shufflers were among the 20 that attended  
the Rod Blaylock dance at the Phillips High-  
way Plaza and learned a new call - wheel  
chain thru.

April 1st. - More than a square of us danced  
with the Friendly Frolics and saw their famous  
beauty contest.

While the beauty queens were getting ready,  
Herschell Lee entertained us by dancing to  
the tune of "The Red Silk Stockings and the  
Green Perfume". You guessed it, he was  
dressed for the part with red stockings, gold  
shoes, black skirt and spraying green perfume.

The queens were: Miss Treat, Miss Judged,  
Miss Behave, Miss Conduct, Miss Cued, Miss  
Fortune, Miss Hap, Miss Heard and Miss Fit.

The winner was Miss Heard and I won't mention  
his name as he is having a hard time living  
this down. He was so cute, when he looked in  
the mirror at rehearsal, he fell in love with  
himself.

There were nine contestants and after they did  
their act, I heard one man in the Audience  
remark to another, "How would you like for  
one of them to do your housework"?

Saturday, April 8th. - 2½ squares of us danced  
at the co-sponsored dance of the Jubileors  
and the Western Cutters and walked off with  
the biggest banner you ever laid eyes on. We  
had a wonderful time.

Saturday, April 15th. - This was my birthday  
and I want to thank Herschell Lee for inviting  
his caller brothers Charlie and Tan down here

Starlite Shufflers, continued,

SEASIDE SQUARES

to celebrate it. We really enjoyed the calling of the three Lee Brothers and the after party was hilarious. Thanks again for announcing my 29th. birthday and silver wedding anniversary which occurred the same week.

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

Tuesday, April 18th. - We went to the Jim Brower dance at the Orange Park Promenaders and what a wonderful caller. When he started calling, he never stopped until he saw everybodys skin leaking.

With a note of sincere regret, it saddens our spirit to announce that our caller was recently taken ill with a heart attack, and is recuperating at home. Needless to say, his absence at this weeks dance was felt by all. We all join hands in wishing Joe a "hurry up and get well".

We heard so much new stuff, I don't know how we'd have made it with out Bill Camp in that last tip.

In Joe's absence, our capable Jim Maxey is gracious enough to fill in, and is doing a splendid job in keeping us dancing.

Don Hunt runs a telephone answering service but couldn't even find our phone number to remind us to come to the dance. Don it wouldn't do for your girls to find out about that.

Two weeks ago the club had their regular cook-out at the Wilders house - and while the crowd was small, the food was good. The horseshoe tournament is still growing - some of our people just won't give up. We were doing very well until some character turned up with a chess board. Well, it takes all kinds to make a square dance club. We found out rather quickly that those who can't pitch horseshoes are equally as poor at other games. Anyone for Tennis?

Ernie Solarno has been swamped with ironing and wishes for me to say he can't take any more.

It always gives us a great deal of pleasure to have guests visit our small group on Wednesday nights. This past Wednesday, Tom and Mariann Hidding were our guests, and we enjoyed very much the dances they called for us.

Notice to the Starlite Shufflers: We must go May 13th. to the Roaring 20's dance at the Western Cutters to retrieve Walt's shirt.

Elizabeth Voelker, Reporter

John and Bertie Wilder, Reporters

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SPECIAL EVENTS

- May 1 - Frank Bedell - Phillips Highway Plaza - Sponsored by Dixie Chain Gang.
- May 5 - Allen Tipton - 2nd. Annual May Day Dance - Phillips Highway Plaza - Sponsored by Merry Mixers.
- May 9 - Luau - 11th. Anniversary Dance - Sponsored by Fun and Frolic.
- May 13 - Roaring 20's Dance - Mary Hammond Youth Center - Sponsored by Western Cutters.
- May 13 - Combined Western Cutters - Jubileers Dance - Mary Hammond Youth Center.
- May 13 - Hatfield & McCoy Dance - Sponsored by Golden Isles Swingers, Brunswick, Ga.
- May 27 - Luau - Sponsored by Jubileers.
- June 16-17 - 14th. Annual Florida Square and Round Dance Convention - Jacksonville.
- July 29 - NEFSDA 5th. Saturday Dance - City Auditorium - Callers - Floyd Hazen and Bobby Keefe.
- 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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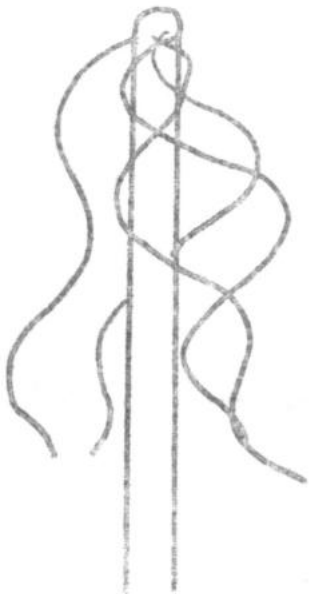
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