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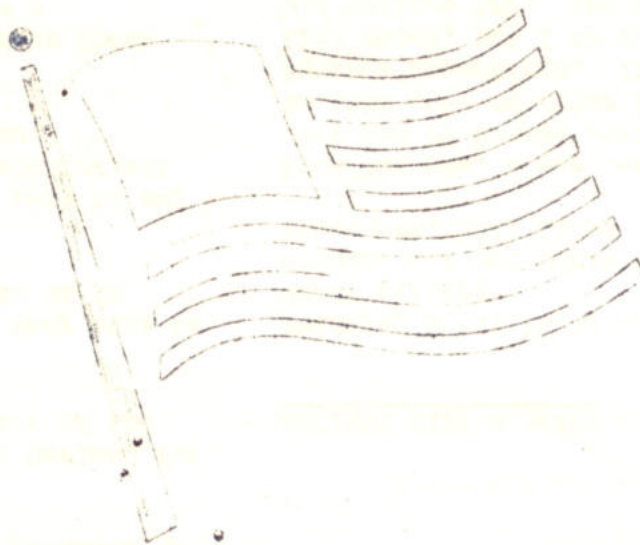
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MAY 1973



A SINCERE FAREWELL

May, 1973, will be another landmark in the life of your Grapevine. We mean "life" because this wonderful little paper is not being allowed to die out or even fade out. It took conscientious work, patience, and determination to have a wonderful end come to our story. After several people came forth we came up with what we think is the perfect couple for the job of Editor, George and Judy Garland. They live at the beaches, belong to the OCEAN WAVES and square dance many times a week so you will see them around.

As editors of your Grapevine for over 5 years we want to say "thank you" to all of you for helping make it a successful and informing publication. We know you will continue your support the same way with the Garlands. Goodness knows, the subscriptions only pay for 1/3 of publication expense and the other 2/3 has to come from ads and flyers with which clubs should always remember that it pays to advertise your special dances - by increased attendance. The editor's time is always donated free.

We tried to satisfy everyone's desires and ambitions but occasionally we could not do so because of several reasons. Sometimes editing material becomes a touchy situation because a reporter takes the time to write it and they expect the story to be printed. For instance, some social subjects which

can be taken many ways, non-square dancing subjects, lengthy lists of names in a news story, (of course, everyone likes to see their name in print) and many other minor subjects. It has been a great time for us and we feel sure that the Garlands will do a magnificent job putting in new ideas and giving it lots of oomph!

We would like to see all area clubs get behind them and make this the most important communicative magazine of square dancing in any part of the United States. We believe that to advertise not only gets your dance function before the dancer's eye but helps to let dancers know that the club is a progressive club. Everyone in the club should be aware of who the club reporter is and keep them informed of all happenings within the club because it is always possible that they cannot keep up with all the news. This is the contribution part of the Grapevine to all clubs - keep every club informed of other club news. So take advantage of this and callers too can give news of what is occurring in their field. And, above all, keep those subscriptions coming in and push getting new ones. We need a much greater circulation.

We say hello to 2 new and vigorous people who have certainly upheld square dancing to the fullest and now will forge ahead to make it progress all the more in our area.

Thank you all!

Ray & Marge

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Billy Bishop has kindly consented to finish our class for us.
 We've really been having the visitors lately; that's what keeps square dancing going.
 Our Miss Friendly Frolics contest was a success also. We had more contestants than in the past few years. There were 7 contestants -- here's the line-up:
 Mis Conduct--Ben Hightower, Starlight Shufflers, winner
 Mis Fire--Glen Lewis, Dixie Chain Gang, runner-up
 Other contestants:
 Mis Behave--Carl Fahlbusch, Friendly Frolics
 Mis Led--Lynn Lyons, Friendly Frolics
 Mis Mop and Bucket--Richard Henderson, Friendly Frolics
 Mis Guided--Ernie Deering, Western Cutters
 Mis Belief--Cowboy Coval, Paxon Prancers
 Don Smith, Mis Friendly Frolics of 1968, was Mistress of Ceremonies.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Open letter to square dancers of Northeast
 As all of you have known, we have been searching for an editor for our Grapevine for sometime.

I would at this time like for you to know we have found our next editor.

The committee's recommendation is George and Judy Garland of the Ocean Waves which will be submitted at our next business meeting of Sunday, May 6th and will be presided by George Ephrem in my absence.

I want to thank George and Judy Garland for accepting this position as editor of the Grapevine.

We will strive to help them in many ways as Our Grapevine is so essential to us in square dancing.

Also, on behalf of Northeast I want to say thanks to Ray and Margaret Wixson for all they have done for the Grapevine.

Sincerely,
 President Herman Ibach

FRIENDLY FROLICS

1st & 3rd Saturdays, Woodland Acres School
 8:00-11:00 Bowland Street
 President: Herman and Louise Ibach(641-0650)

Friendly Frolics have had another busy month with its eager beavers.
 First of all, I'd like to say what a real good dance the Ancient City Square up was. Everyone who attended really had a swinging good time dancing to Harry Lackey, Roger Chapman and, needless-to-say, Bobby Keefe outdid himself. Those of you who didn't make it missed out on lots of fun. I wonder if Doris Spivy found what she was looking for in the men's lounge!!
 We are real sorry that our caller Bobby Keefe is giving up calling; he is one of the best and will be real hard to replace. We'll have Wayne Brooke from Gainesville for our April 21st.

One of our oldest members, Bill Skiles, was 81 this month. Isn't it great how young he stays. Congratulations Bill and keep dancing!
 We're glad Barney Davis is feeling better; hope you get back to dancing soon, Barney. We miss you.
 Don't forget our annual bar-b-que, May 12. It's always been a fun time and Ummm! good food.
 Also, the first dance in May, we have our straw ballot and the second dance, we'll be voting; so come on out and vote for your favorite candidate.

Vera Edge
 Stand-in Reporter

ANCIENT CITY SQUARES - New Officers Take Over

Fridays, 8 til 10:30 - Welcome Center
 Guest callers St. Augustine
 Rounds, Our own Doris Shuler
 President, Bill Lloyd

Look out now, a new secretary has taken over and of course part of her duties is to take over reporter for Ancient City Squares'happenings. It will be hard to fill Liz' shoes, but I am going to give it the old college try. She and I together are responsible for my first try at a write up which is as follows:

A square of our members went visiting, but not for a Banner this time. They visited the Gilmer Nursing Home right here in St. Augustine. Those senior citizens and the folks who danced all had a gay time. Needless-to-say they have asked for a repeat performance which we will be doing real soon now. Fun to do something to make someone happy for just a little while.

The Westernaires came on the 30th of March and stole our Banner. A whole bus load of them. One of them did a guest call spot. Must get a square up and retrieve our Banner soon. Understand they are really racking up on Banners. That same night we had visitors from North Carolina. Was a busy night and fun!

Ancient City Square Up was enjoyed by all. Buzz brought his Boutique. The Saturday afternoon workshop was great and the things we learned new were called that night. Fun to get together with all different clubs and dance.

The N.E.F.S.D.A. 5th Sat. dance was a sell out. Haven't seen that many people turn out in a long time.

New club officers were elected April 6th and assumed their responsibilities immediately. They are: President, Bill Lloyd; Vice-President, Jerry and Lillian Hudgins; Secretary, Art and Louise Selbee; Treasurer, Jack and Doris Shuler. Our thanks to the out-going officers for their contribution to the good of our club. Our club is small, but we do have a good time and good officers such as we had last year help to make for a good time square dancing.

Friday the 13th was indeed an unlucky date for us as Bobby Keefe called for us the last time. He has to quit calling and I understand has also quit all his other clubs. This was indeed a shock and very very sad. We will miss him. We tried to make it festival with a big cake and some Western Cutters were on hand to help us. We all really enjoyed his last dance every bit as much as we have always enjoyed all his calling. I believe he has been our regular caller about 4 or 5 years. All the gals lined up to give him a goodbye kiss! Good luck Bobby in all your endeavors. We will miss you and your good callin!! Come by and visit us and dance with us anyway!

Yes, we will continue dancing...what is life without a square dance on the agenda? But we will be using guest callers for the summer. Y'all please do come and square up with us. We'd just love to have you!

- Guest callers:
- Apr. 20 James Maxie
 - Apr. 25 Gil Crosby (special dance for our Air-streamers who come visit us every year)
 - Apr. 27 Don Miller
 - May 4 Gil Crosby
 - May 11 Wayne Brooke

Louise Selbee
Reporter

PAXON PRANCERS - Spring Fever

Thursdays - Mary Hammond Youth Center
Caller - Bob Rust
Rounds - Helen Ruis
President - Lester & Patricia Coval
Phone - 786-0455

Spring fever, contagious or infectious? We don't know, anyway, the epidemic is here and affecting many clubs. Let's don't let it strike Paxon. After a rough day at work it is so easy to just sit and rock or watch TV. Instead of this, when dance night is due, let's go out and support our club. It is surprising how much fun you get and the relaxation you can have once you get into the swing. Besides Bob Rust is beginning to "let the hammer down" and we like it.

We have had a number of very nice special dances this month and it is good to know that the clubs are supporting them very well.

Always look in your Grapevine for "Special Coming Events" and note the schedule and plan ahead. Sometimes we miss them because we failed to see them or they were not announced at the clubs.

Lex Pettis, visiting chairman for Paxon, retired from the Post Office in April. He and Nancy visited the Westernaires' April Fools' dance where he had a big surprise. Cal Howlett presented him with a nice Western Belt and Buckle. He also got an electric saw from Friends at work. Lex is the second early retiree from the Post Office. Bronze Cagle has been retired a year now. Bronze and Virginia plan another long trip this summer in their camper and naturally will square dance along the way.

So far, five couples from Paxon Prancers have signed up for the Bahama Cruise for square dancers May 4th, 5th, & 6th. They are the Cagles, Pettis, Braddocks, Houghtons, and Bowies. We wish them Bon Voyage.

Our sympathy goes out to Genevieve Braddock whose mother and father passed away during the last few weeks.

We regret that our column is brief this month but it is due to the loss of a member of the writer's own family and we were unable to scout for news.

Mabel Pangle
Reporter

RHYTHMAIRES - Round Dance Club

Tuesdays - Southside Community Center
Early Workshop - 7:30
Dance - 8:00 - 10:00
Instructor - Helen Ruis
President - Vic Fake (772-7361)

Who did it? Who was it who started the rain dance on the night of our classes graduation. It may have been a gully washer, but it sure didn't dampen the spirits of our willing victims, honestly gang, we won't make you dance regularly with a book on your head or an orange between the knees, seems like Donna Robbins had a little trouble finding her knees under her crinoline, so Johnny naturally tried to be helpful, wonder what people passing by outside thought. To add to the entertainment two fountains came bubbling up from our underground stream. The big bold city only has one Friendship fountain, but we went one better and celebrated with two. After the giving of hats and diplomas, refreshments were served, how are we ever going to stay on a diet with all of those luscious goodies.

Seems like there are many crazy things going on in our club, but pearl diving! The week before graduation, Bee Smith swung her pearls right off of her neck and into the underground stream, luckily the water was low that night, but you have never seen the men move so fast to get that grate up and recover them.

What was the best thing about this past month, why having Thelma Nelson back with us, Thelma is sitting on the side lines for a while, but we're hoping that you will soon be up and dancing again. This past month has also seen Mike Miklos in hospital for surgery, we are all wishing you a speedy recovery Mike, and a quick return to round dancing.

This has also been a sad month for two of our members, our deepest sympathy goes to Pauline Miklos who lost an aunt, uncle, and grandson of same in a car wreck in Miami, and to Mabel Pangle whose mother passed away after a long illness.

To our retiring editors, Ray and Marge Wixson, may we say thank you for a job well done over these past years, and to George and Judy Garland, who will now be taking over, it's not an easy job, but we are sure that you are going to keep our local Grapevine just tops.

Phona Williams
Reporter

Graduates: Bill and Ethel Bell
John and Anna Chard
John and Donna Robbins
John and Inga Tyson
Ish and Marge Villalva

CALICO SWINGERS

1st & 3rd Sundays - 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Jacksonville Heights Elementary School
Callers - Tom and Mariann Hidding (771-6272)

The month of March was a busy one. We had fun entertaining the folks at the Pine Castle Barbeque and have been invited back next yr.

Then on the fifth Saturday afternoon the CALICO SWINGERS and the children from the OCEAN WAVES danced in front of the Childrens Museum. We were awarded a special certificate for our performance.

We also attended the fifth Saturday dance at Forrest High School and had a ball!

April 14th we joined with the WESTERNAIRES for the Knothead trip to Valdosta, Ga. Ten couples of CALICO SWINGERS made their KNOT-HEAD. Some of us camped and it was a lot of fun.

The next big event coming up is the State Convention in Tampa over the Memorial Day weekend, see you there.

George Rider
Reporter

ALLEMANDARINS ON THE GO

Fridays 8:00-10:30 - Wolfson High School
Callers - Dick Barker and Bill Bishop
Rounds - Edith Reisen, 2nd, 4th, & 5th
President - Carolyn and Hilton Lay (733-7597)

With help from Club Angels, our new graduates are being introduced to Club dancing, making real progress, too. The class gets

the basics. The club is where you learn to put it all together; you learn to dance by dancing, so graduates, attend all the dances possible.

A large group of Allemandarins visited Dick Barkers' Jesup Club April 7th. Dick was away, Bill called, good calling, good dancing, good hospitality. We love that Jesup Club.

A square of Allmandarins came away with knots on their hard heads. Oh yes, good refreshments, and plenty of rain too.

Election of new officers coming up. Jackie Pellum knows who the candidates are.

If you missed our 5th Friday dance in March you were the loser. Mark your calendar now for June 29th. We dance every Friday at 8:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

1st & 3rd Friday - Scoot A Plenty, Dick Barker
2nd & 4th Friday - Spin The Top Wrong-Side Out, Bill Bishop
2nd & 4th Friday - Rounds, Edith & Bud
Bud will square up if you twist his arm and callers on 5th Friday.

You all come. You'll like it - See you across the square.

Charlie

ROUNDALIERS

Wednesdays - Woodstock Community Center
Instructor - Helen Ruis

Here we are off to another big year with a new slate of officers. David Helmlly has started off in great fashion (his first and I hope the last mistake for his first term) by asking yours truly to write a short report for this month. Apparently, David is not aware of the old saying that the "pen" is mightier than the "sword".

Helen has been teaching us Southern Comfort at our early workshop - 7:30 to 8:00 and then during our regular workshop period she has been teaching a classic - In the Arms of Love. So all of you dancers come on out and enjoy dancing with us. Let me tell you Helen has the patience of "Job". I have three left feet and when I use them all at the same time, she smiles and compliments the club on how well they are dancing. (Naturally this includes me and my three left feet).

Cathy and Chuck Heiss were house guests of the Fleshmans following the Spring Festival of Rounds at Eau Gallie --- so they were invited to come and dance with us. Unfortunately Chuck was under the weather and couldn't make it, but Cathy was there. It has been some time since all of the Roundaliers have had an opportunity to visit with Cathy so you can just imagine all the "gabbing" that went on. We missed seeing Chuck and hope that he will be up to visiting us the next time he gets to Jacksonville.

I am very sorry to report that Doris and Ray Crowe have resigned from the Roundaliers. All of us will miss their companionship (especially Ray's beaming and contagious smile).

On the other hand I am very glad to report that Uncle Sam has at last recognized round dancing and has taken steps to alleviate any difficulties or obstacles that may prevent a person from round dancing. I am talking about the closing of NAS Glenco. You see one of our round dancers (Gene Wythe) had to drive back and forth to Brunswick, now (we hope - keeping our fingers crossed) Gene may be coming back to Jacksonville.

Jim Kavin
Reporter

SUNSHINE TWIRLERS

Gainesville - East Side Recreation Center
Thursdays -

If any of you missed the Sunshine Twirler's Spring Fling, you missed a great dance! Unfortunately Bill Volner, the scheduled caller couldn't make it, but George Henkle was a more than adequate substitute. The hall was beautifully decorated, thanks to the effort of some hardworking Sunshine Twirlers. It was a beautiful affair, with almost more people than the dance hall could hold! We owe a deep debt of thanks to Gil Crosby for making the dance what it was.

After all the fun of Spring Fling, we had some bad news. Our regular caller, Bobby Keefe, is quitting calling. He was one of the best callers we've ever heard, and he'll be sorely missed. It hasn't been decided yet who'll try to fill in the big shoes he's leaving.

The Sunshine Twirler's annual camping trip Aquaduck, has just about been fixed on the calendar. Between the hustle and bustle of graduation, 441 dances, and weddings the date has been tentatively set as the third-week-end in May. Everyone is really looking forward to a weekend of camping, swimming and dancing.

Our regular Thursday night dances will continue and everyone is welcome!

Dorothy McCawley
Reporter

GOLDEN ISLES SWINGERS

2nd, 3rd, 4th Saturday
City Recreation Bldg., Brunswick, Ga.
Caller - Dick Barker
President - Vernon Banks 912/256-2522

No sooner do we get new Club Officers than we lose one. Lum and Grace Edwards will be moving to Macon when school is out at the end of May. We congratulate Lum on his promotion with Georgia Power Co., but we do hate to lose such fine people.

Secretary to replace Grace.

Our dancers joined many others at Waycross for a Friday 13th dance on that date in April. We understand that it was a fine turnout. Of course, anytime Dick Barker is involved the dancing is tops.

Our April 21 dance will be a special Easter Dance with several prizes available for various things, best costume being one - come see what the others are!

The April 28 dance will be cancelled in favor of Camp O'lono. Hope all of you have a wonderful, and safe time.

Charlie Major has his Class back at the Dance Studio and is holding forth every Thursday evening. There is still room for a few more couples.

How many do not know that the Golden Isles Swingers now have a Clogger Group? Yes sir! Some very young, and some not so young but all very good and improving. Some of them will be on exhibition at Camp O'lono, and I suspect they will be seen in July at the Jekyll Fun Fest.

Information about our sick and ailing members is slim this time. The absence of definite information, we hope, indicates that all is well and satisfactory recovery progress is still being made.

We understand that Pat Dill is out west - at Las Vegas. Not sure how many "games" will be played but wish her well. Sure you know -- Pat is quite a Bowler!

Hope you had a happy Easter!

Gene Williams
Reporter

GATEWAY CALLERS ASSN.

There were 6 Callers present at our April meeting. We had another new Caller working under Tom & Mariann Hidding join Gateway. He is Dean McIntyre and he brought his lovely wife, Ellen to the meeting, a very nice couple. They are certainly a welcomed addition to our Assn.

Virgil Greene visited with us as a representative of the Dancers Assn. He solicited for more unity between the N.E.F.S.D.A. & G.C.A. and requested our support of the Fall Round-Up. We will support his efforts in unifying for more fellowship in square dancing.

Donna Robbins
Secretary



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ROCKIN' ROBINS

1st & 3rd Saturday - Southside Rec. Center
Caller - John Robbins 398-1301

By the time you read this, we will have graduated and at the same time inaugurated our new Club! If you missed the event, you missed a lot of fun. As planned, we had the unique "written exam" - and even though several had planned to show (typical final exam jitters), like true blue square dancers they did. One couple received an "honorary mention" award for having accumulated much material on the subject of square dancing. and though they studied deligently they failed to find answers such as a square thru meaning "a person square thru & thru" or a daisy chain meaning a "chain of girlfriends named Daisy." No one had any trouble with the last question of "write a 1,000 word essay on why you like the Caller" To sum it up unanimously, "he's a nice guy & oh, so tolerant!"

All passed with flying colors and here are their names: (New Graduates)

- Frank & Connie Beltes
- Tom & Rona Flippo
- John & Pat Gaskins ("special award")
- Jim & Betty Haywood
- Jim & Lucille Hinton
- Dough & Melanie Kin dred
- Bob & Ann Korycick
- Chuck & Betty Leichter
- Reggie & Joan Pate
- Herb & Betty White

We regret that Jim Hinton was in the hospital andhe and Lucille were unable to make the graduation exercises - Speedy recovery, Jim.

Be looking for us at your Club Dances, for we plan to visit all of you. Come out and dance with us - you'll enjoy the fun & fellowship. Our first club dance will be May 5th.

Our new class will be starting May 4th, if you know any interested persons, send them over to Gregory Drive Elementary School. Remember, we were originated by the N.E.F.S.D.A.

Also, we plan our first knothead trip to Orlando--May 19th. Our own Caller John will be calling that week-end. Anyone interested in going, call us at 398-1301.

Donna Robbins

WESTERNAIRES - Banner Stealing Champs & Camper Club too!

1st & 3rd Saturday, Jacksonville Heights
Elementary School
Callers - Tom & Mariann Hidding 771-6272

By the time you read this Grapevine, the Westernaires hope to be a chapter of the National Square Dance Campers Assn. Inc. We have more than the minimum required

so it should be just a formality to get our chapter. Our club will operate as always minimum requirements of our members with the maximum fun. Any square dancers that would like to get in on our program call Mariann & Tom Hidding 771-6272 for more information.

Our first camping trip is set for the second weekend in June at Phillips Holiday Heaven at Fernandina Beach. This is an outstanding place to camp and we expect to have alot of fun, so we will see you in Heaven.

Westernaires Banner Stealing Champs.. The Westernaires challenge any club to beat us if they can. We collected thirteen banners in five weeks, we missed a few but we will be around to get them before the year is out.

We had an outstanding "April Fools Dance", about seventeen squares. Harley & Rosalie Privette won the grand prize. The Ocean Waves won a prize for traveling the furthest distance to our dance. Alot of other real valuable prizes were also awarded. The Fun & Frolics and Gator Prominaders had the most dancers with fifteen each. Some of the banners were picked up at the April Fools dance, but we still have alot left. Come and get them while they are still hot.

The Westernaires and the Calico Swingers had a real good time at Pinecastle and thebest part of it is when you can have a good time and help your fellow man at the same time, you have really accomplished something. The Westernaires and Calico Swingers received a very nice letter from Pinecastle and were invited back next year. We will be there, you can count on it. Bill Skiles you better be there too because the kids will miss you. You sure kept those kids in the cake walk. Thanks Bill.

Our Knothead trip to the Belles & Beaux of Valdosta was a ver' successful trip. We had alot of fun. The Belles & Beaux of Valdosta were outstanding hosts, thank you.

The Westernaires invite the Fun & Frolics and the Ocean Waves to be our special guests in May. By the way, our special guests don't pay. The Fun & Frolics on May 5th, and the Ocean Waves on May 19th. See at the dance - special guests.

Our new members are Roy & Doris Crowe, John & Anna Chare, Wes & Elva McLaughlin, Lenora Thompson & John Newsome, and Willie & Vera Nelson. Welcome to the Westernaires.

We extend our sincerest sympathy to Tom & Linda Murray in the passing of Linda's father.

It looks like there is going to be some "Hot Pink" in Tampa this year at the State Convention.

That's all folks, I'll see you around the old square dance hall.

John Reese
Reporter

Mondays-Southside Recreation Center
 Callers-Billy Bishop, Dick Goedert,
 James Maxey
 President-Gary Maxey 725-4828

We moved back to our old hall and now we are dancing every week. So plan ahead to be with us every Monday at Southside Rec. on Hendricks Ave.

We'd like to welcome our new members: Mike Helme, Lauri Blackford, and Teresa Hickey. They are good dancers and we are glad to have them with us. Our class is moving along fast and soon our club will be bigger than ever.

We retrieved our banner from the Allemanders. We enjoyed the good calling by Mr. Bishop and the friendly people.

We had a bit of trouble recently when we discovered ourselves locked out. But we finally found our way through the men's room. We had a good time even though we had a late start.

We would like to thank Kim and Eddie DuBray, Wanda and Larry Maxey, Judy and Randy Smith, and Eli Zelusky for doing an exhibition dance at Hope Haven's Childrens' Hospital. We would also like to thank Mr. Hightower for dancing with us. The dance was part of the festivities at the carnival to raise money to fight cerebral palsy.

We would also like to give our many thanks to our callers--James Maxey, Billy Bishop, and Dick Goedert. They give us their Monday nights just to call for us. Thanks again.

And while we are thanking people we would also like to thank Shelby Bishop for taking over the responsibility of being our refreshment chairman. She is doing a good job. But doesn't she seem to be putting on a little weight?

We are happy to see that Larry Maxey's leg is out of his cast and fit for dancing. Larry broke his foot in a motorcycle accident. What a clutz!!

We sure do miss Lenora and Joe Thompson, John Newsome, Patty Smith, Jo Sloan, Lafawn Mock, and Lisa and Robert Barry.

And now for the gossip! Hicky, put up the ice next time or not only will there be a pool upstairs but downstairs too! Does Terry like Mike or is it Kathy and Billy? Talking about mixed relations, Rosebud-n-Pol! Mr. Bishop, how does that go again? Are Shelby, Wanda, and Kim changing from chicks to hicks-or were they like that to begin with? Girls, the ladies room is on the other side of the hall! Mr. Goedert is a papa-again!

Well that's all for now. Don't forget, Southside Rec., Monday night, 7:30-10:00. Let's square 'em up!

Kim DuBray
 Standin Report

Thursdays-7:30-10:00-Jax Beach Community Center

Guest Callers
 President-Allen & Jean Hairston 246-7712

Another busy month has gone by and this reporter finds it increasingly difficult to keep up with all the news, plans, and ideas. We have enjoyed dancing to all our guest callers and having many visitors and banner-stealing parties. An Executive Board meeting was held at the Hairstons, April 8th, and plans were made for the Ocean Waves to participate in the Beaches Opening Day Parade, April 29th. That evening at 6:30 a free dance will be held at the Community Center with Tom and Marianne Hidding calling. Hopefully, many area clubs will come out and join in the fun.

We have missed Judy Bost, who was in the hospital for surgery, and is now recuperating at home and getting the best tan of anyone in town. We're looking forward to having her square up with us real soon.

The Westernaires and Calico Swingers visited us on March 22nd. The Jubileers and Allemandarins visited us on April 12th, so it's been great having 6 or 7 squares at many of our dances. Billy Bishop and Eddie Millan were our callers for April. On March 31st Betty King took a carload of our younger set to the Children's Museum to join the Calico Swingers for an exhibition dance. That evening most of the club members went to Forrest High for the 5th Saturday dance. Several couples went to the Westernaires April Fools Dance and were awarded the comode, to go with last year's "prize seat".

The first week of each month we have a "birthday night" with a special cake, to celebrate all the members' birthdays for that month. Our April celebrity was Bill Skiles, who at 81 years young, usually puts the rest of us to shame with his energy and enthusiasm.

Wouldn't you like to have a Seahorse? Three visits to the Ocean Waves, within three months, will earn you this badge. Something extra special for the first receiver of our Seahorse.

In May our caller will be Johnny Robbins on the 3rd and 10th and Bill Camp on the 17th and 24th. So you know we'll have some mighty fine dancing and we'd love to have you come out and square up with us!!

Gloria Gregg

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A FEW THOUGHTS ON SQUARE DANCING

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First I want to express my own personal thanks and very best wishes to Ray and Margaret Wixson for a job well done on the Grapevine during their years as editors. They have done a thankless job very well and they deserve the appreciation of every dancer for their efforts.

To our new editors, George and Judy Garland our best wishes for success with the Grapevine. I hope all square dancers in the area will give them their complete and unselfish backing in a difficult job. They will need our help in every possible way.

This is the time of the year when many new dancers are being added to the clubs from the many classes that already have or are about to graduate. Hopefully most of them will find a warm welcome in the club of their choice. I also hope that all of the older dancers will lean over backwards to make them welcome and to help prove most of their fears of club dancing are groundless. They are the new blood that furnishes a much needed "Shot in the Arm" to square dancing and without whom there would be no square dancing for any of us. Let us keep them with us.

Many of these newer dancers were very much in evidence at the last Fifth Saturday Dance on March 30th and they were a very welcome sight to me. To all of them "Thanks" for coming and I hope you were able to enjoy it. I hope you were not too concerned with whatever difficulties you may have encountered in dancing to a different caller than you have been used to hearing. The sound was a problem which can and should be vastly improved at future dances. Some of you may have had trouble understanding the caller. This is only natural for new dancers because you are used to hearing your teacher-caller. After dancing to several different callers you will become more accustomed to adjusting to the new voice. All of us have gone through this particular problem and most have gotten over it after a few months of dancing. All callers put their material together in different patterns but this too will shortly not be a problem as you gain experience and confidence. Don't let the goofs bother you or you will still be bothered years from now as you will never get over goofing. Do not assume that some older dancer is frowning at you when the square breaks down as there is a very good chance that he is annoyed at himself for his own mistakes.

I have heard some of the older dancers complain that the caller for the Fifth Saturday Dance did not call a high enough level dance. By the way just what is "High Level"? Have you forgotten your first big dance? Most of us stumbled around all over the square so give the new people a chance. Let the caller help them along because if they do come to an Association dance and get badly clobbered, you can bet most of them will not be back. If our area dances are to be successful, we need the participation of all dancers not just the experienced ones. A truly "High Level" dancer will adjust to any level dance and have a good time with the people in his

square. This does not mean that there should not be Challenge or Experimental level dancing but it does not have a place at an open dance and must be confined to clubs dedicated to that one purpose except of course when there is a hall available for Challenge Dancing. If it is not available, forget it and have a ball with everyone else.

A word to both old and new dancers. Your club needs your help in a great many ways other than just your attendance and your fees at the door. All too often we hear, "I don't want to get involved", "I square dance for fun" (Don't we all?), "I don't have time", and a thousand other excuses for letting someone else do all the work. If all of us adopted this attitude it would soon be goodbye Square Dancing. So join the "Clique", you know that "Clique" that runs the club as people say. Of course there is a clique in most every club; it is made up of a few dedicated individuals that go on year after year getting the job done and seeing to it that the club does not fall apart. They simply love Square Dancing so much that they are willing to spend many hours helping to provide a good time for the others who only want to dance. Do not hesitate to join the "Clique" as you will be most welcome addition to the committees, clean up details or club officer staff. To me the dancer that habitually avoids committee work, shuns club offices, and always comes late and leaves early so that he does not even have a hand in the pre-dance or post-dance housekeeping duties is really a parasite having a good time and lots of fun at the expense of those who are doing their share of the work. They are constantly taking from square dancing but seldom if ever put anything back.

By the way, when was the last time you took time to thank your caller or round dance instructor for a good program. They probably spent several hours preparing for the dance so it won't hurt to take a few seconds to smile and say thanks. To most callers a kind word and a pat on the back are as important as their small fee for calling dance.

In closing just let me say "Have Fun", but pitch in and help make it fun. Avoid the frown and accent the smile, skip the pat squares that seem to be cropping up from time to time. Most of these type dancers are really unhappy anyway so band together in their misery and inability to like the other dancers. It has been said that Square Dancing is simply Friendship set to music so let us keep it that way.

Virgil Green

This is our first issue
As you can plainly guess,
So please excuse a few mistakes
And overlook the rest,
We'll try harder as time goes by,
Just give us your understanding
So our Grapevine won't die!



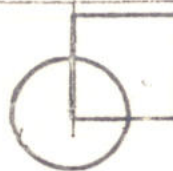
George & Judy

SPECIAL COMING EVENTS

- Apr. 28-May 6 .. Fontana Village Swap Shop
- May 4 .. Jim Taylor sponsored by the Challengers
- May 6-13 .. Fontana Village Rebel Roundup
- May 12 .. Roaring 20's Dance sponsored by Western Cutters
- May 18 .. Charles Hill sponsored by the Challengers
- May 18 .. Learners Hoodown sponsored by Gator Promenaders (see flyer)
- May 20-27 .. Fontana Village Accent on Rounds
- May 26-27 .. State Convention, Tampa, Florida
- May 26-June 3 .. Fontana Village Fun Fest
- June 1 .. Elmer Sheffield sponsored by the Challengers
- June 30 .. NEFSDA Fifth Saturday Dance-Louis Calhoun (see flyer)



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Betty & Bill Talbert
Reporters

GATOR PROMENADERS

Fridays, 8 p.m., Forrest High School
Caller-Bill Camp
President-Orville & Maxine Jones 771-2620

Most of the Gator activity this period centered around gaining and losing the banner. The gator on our banner is the fastest one in Florida.

Saturday, April 8th, we took a square plus to the Westernaires April Fowls Dance and--along with many other Jax clubs--regained our banner. It was well planned and enjoyable dance and we thank the Hiddings and the Westernaires for their hospitality.

The Starlight Shufflers were our guests at the Friday the 13th Dance, once more capturing our elusive saurian. We also had several new graduates of various classes.

It is time for thinking about new club officers, so let's all be thinking about a slate for the coming year. After Easter, the president will appoint a nominating committee and you can make your wishes known to the committee.

Maxine Jones
Reporter

WESTERN CUTTERS

2nd & 4th Saturday, Gregory Drive School
Guest callers
President-Sally & Ernie Doering 264-5122

A good time was had by all at our Easter Parade Dance. A special thanks to our decorating committee for doing a beautiful job. Helen and Vic Fake won the contest for the loveliest Easter bonnets and Jim Panipinto for the most original. We had a large crowd and appreciate our many visitors.

Even though our president, Ernie Doering, didn't capture the title of Miss Friendly Frolics, he was certainly outstanding! All the contestants made for a great time. We regret Bobby Keefe's decision to discontinue calling. It was always a pleasure to attend one of his dances.

Anyone interested in learning rounds is invited to join us at 7:00 p.m., 2nd and 4th Saturdays as Helen Ruis is beginning a class. It will last an hour prior to our regular dance and promises to be a lot of fun.

Reservations are being taken for our Knot-head week-end at Cocoa. Don't miss out on the good times ahead...See Dot Roberts for details.

We're having some fine guest callers. Oscar Erwin from Daytona will be calling for us on April 28th and Phil DeFoe on May 12th for our Roaring 20's Dance.

BELLES AND BEAUX

Wednesday nights, Joseph Lee Center
Callers-Eddie Millan and Bill Camp
President-Frank Smith

It is great to be back and be able to get into the swing of things. I want to thank Alice Fahlbusch for filling in for me while I was incapacitated.

Many of you have already heard about our 27 new students that Bill camp graduated Wednesday, April 4th. A great time was had by all, not only for the initiation fun but also as it was our first night at our new quarters at Joseph E. Lee Center. Even though we had an open class, we still had 22 of the students to join our club. It's a good thing we were able to get our new quarters, as we couldn't have made it at the old location.

We congratulate and welcome the following into the club:

- Barbara and Domenico Giordano
- Herman and Winola Hunt
- Libby and Robert Lowery
- Mary M. Moore
- Marsha E. Niolan
- Jim and Mary Pickard
- Frances and Fat Saunders
- Ancel and Leona Woods
- Laverne and Ressie Waters
- Marian and Ray Mixon
- Wilson and Jewel Arnett
- Carolyn and Dale Dodd

We had a bad scare thrown at us on Wednesday, April 11th. We were advised that we had lost Joseph E. Lee as our dance location and that we would have to go back to Southside Youth Center. Well, Bill Camp knew something was wrong, so the next day he got things straightened out with the City Recreation Department. So all that would like to dance Wednesday nights are welcome and you will find us at JOSEPH E. LEE CENTER.

Plans are under way for our annual picnic. Last year it was held at Goldhead and we liked it so well, we are going back this year. It will be on Sunday, June 3rd and will be all day long.

Visit us when you can.

Sid Callahan
Reporter

ALL REPORTERS

Please have your news for June issue to us no later than May 15, as we are going to Fontana!

George and Judy

LATE NEWS

FUN & FROLIC

Mondays, Woodstock Community Center
Caller-Jack Griffiths

I have just been appointed reporter for our club and everyone has cooperated by giving me many activities to write about.

We had an event of great importance in the lives of two of our members since the beginning of the year. Jeff Penington became a man of leisure when he retired in January. He and his wife Gussie are on the road in their Airstream Travel Trailer, fortified with mementoes from the club so they won't forget us during their ten months absence. The last we heard they were having a wonderful time in Mexico. Following Jeff's example, Hugh Butner decided he had worked long enough and it was high time to rest. He retired in March and he and Faith are now hooking the old trailer to the car and taking off on the open road whenever the fancy strikes. This time they will be away for two months. We sure miss all these folks while they are away but are always looking forward to their return.

We had lots of visitors lately and enjoy seeing all of them. Just prior to their April Fool's Dance the Westernaires descended upon us, banner stealing. I think their whole club must have been there and our hall resounded to a marvelous time. Jack did his usual fine job of calling a great dance and Mariann and Tom Hidding joined in calling a tip for us, which is always a treat.

Fifteen of us went to the April Fool's Dance to retrieve our banner and ended up splitting the attendance prize with the Gator Promenaders. You should see some of the goofy prizes that were given away throughout the evening. Some old toilet bowl is floating around at the beach with a big Fun & Frolic autograph on its side. As part of the prize for the largest visiting group was a return visit from the Westernaires, we did not keep our banner very long. They came to dance with us on Monday the 16th and took it back with them. Now we are looking forward to going after it again. So all you Westernaires look for us soon.

We were very pleased to hear that Jack and Gladys Griffiths little Grand Daughter is home after a stay of almost a week in the hospital. Parents and Grandparents can now relax.

All prospective visitors take heed. We are still at the old stand, Woodstock Community Center, every Monday night. We always enjoy seeing familiar faces and meeting new friends. So come on and we will do our best to make you welcome. See you all next month.

Aliette Register
Reporter

SHUFFLE SHUFFLERS--Spring Fever

Thursday, Joseph Lee Youth Center
Caller-James Maxey
President-Bob and Mary Pamer 733-0714

Spring--the time to commune with nature and learn the lesson of rebirth. We communed at the Trail Boss Campground in Welaka with everybody doing their thing; fishing, horse-shoes, shuffleboard, walking in the rain, sitting around the campfire, you name it. Just about the best part was everyone getting together for a spaghetti dinner "on the grounds".

A big bunch of FRIENDLY FROLICS came by to steal our banner. Result: one banner stolen and lots of fun (they lived up to their name).

We certainly are proud of our "Miss Conduct" (Carmen Miranda) the winner of the 1973 Miss Friendly Frolics contest, the crown going to Ben Hightower. Ben stole the show--there was a whole lot of shakin' goin' on and plenty of sweets for the sweet.

Enjoyed a fun night with the GATOR PROMENADERS and Bill Camp. We were able to steal their banner and look forward to seeing them again when they come to get it back. Don't know that we will have as clever a centerpiece on the refreshment table; they had baby rabbits, touchable rabbits, and edible rabbits. It was really cute.

We are learning the beneficial lesson of rebirth through working with one of the greatest classes we have ever had. They are a swell group and doing so well so fast. We are all looking forward to the Learner's Hoedown on May 18th at Forrest High School.

Helen Maxey had foot surgery but hasn't missed coming to any dances even though, at this time, she just comes and isn't dancing yet.

Mary and Bob Pamer have expressed their thanks for our prayers and thoughtfulness during the recent death of Mary's mother.

Well it's getting down to the wire on Camp O'Leno and we have made plans to insure everyone having a good time. Have great expectations of seeing all of you there.

Happy Birthday to all the Taurus people celebratin' birthdays this month.

Jackie Brinkley
Reporter

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