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RHYTHMAIRES CELEBRATED with Harvest Ball

Tuesdays, Southside Youth Center
7:30 Workshop, 8:00 dance.
Instructor - Helen Crout
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(576-5370)

A great time was had at our annual Harvest Ball on October 23rd. Our theme was "Harvest Time in the Country". The autumn leaves, corn shucks, pumpkins and green checked tablecloths enhanced the scene. Delicious pumpkin pies, cold apple cider

and coffee were served. Of course, what made the scene complete were the farmers and farmerettes. After the Yogi Mixer livened things up, everyone danced to "My Gal Countrystyle", "Rockin' Ida", "Rosita", "Silly Samba", "Champagne Time", "Crazy Kat", "Lollipop" and others.

Did everyone see Mrs. Johnson from the Harper Valley P.T.A. dressed in her Mini-Mini skirt, turtle neck sweater, net hose and Mod cap? Helen Crout, alias Mrs. Johnson, was the life of the ball with her pantomime.

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Thanks go to Bea Smith, Helen Crout, Grace Radvansky and Doris Shuler, chairman, for making the dance a success. Also, a special thanks to the Roundleers for the use of their building on their dance night.

Three of our members had exciting trips recently. Margaret and Lee Newton from St. Augustine, took separate vacations. Margaret went to Washington, C.C. to welcome a new grandson, and Tom went hunting in Wyoming. He will have proof of the story he is telling about killing a 900 lb. elk. It is to be mounted in his home.

Frances Upshaw took an airplane trip to Hawaii for seven fun-filled days. (Editors Note - Heard she made her "Rover" badge while in Hawaii). She has plenty to tell about it.

Bye, now. See you next month.

Eunice & Roger Johnson
Reporters

LAKE CITY SQUARES PARTICIPATED IN MOVIE WHICH WILL SOON APPEAR ON TV!

2nd & 4th Mondays, 4th Saturday, Veterans Memorial Hall, Lake City, Fla.
Caller - Bill Camp

The lovely Hamilton Country Club was the scene of a lively square dance followed by color movie making with sound effects. The film "Suwannee Adventure" sponsored by the Suwannee River Authority and the Stephen Foster Memorial Commission is being made largely in Hamilton County.

The story starts out with two young Miami girls who were looking for a different kind of vacation, deciding on a canoe trip down the Suwannee River. The trip begins at the Stephen Foster Memorial, travels down river stopping at the Suwannee State Park. While there they met two local boys who invite them to a square dance. Word of their trip spreads down the river and at Cedar Keys they were surprised with a fish fry in their honor.

The Lake City Squares were invited to participate in the film by supplying the square dance sequences. It took some doing on the part of Bill Camp and all the dancers to take in four non-dancers and put on a fast moving, realistic square dance (a half hour of dancing time). "Ride, Ride, Ride," the tune chosen for the dance was played and played for repeat shots, and never will be forgotten by those taking part in the dance.

One hundred copies of the film will be available to all TV Stations and Civic Clubs all over the entire United States, through the Florida Development Commission Film Library. Barton Film Company of Jacksonville made the film. Gene & Lillian Gemmer, Reporters

GRAND SLAMMERS having a great class.

1st & 4th Saturday, Minton Hall, 12th & St. Clair Streets (Paxon)
Caller - John Robbins
President - Bill Bailey (781-4609)

The Grand Slammers are tickled pink over the progress our new class is making. The club-members all deserve a big pat on the back for getting so many new people started in the fun of Square Dancing.

We sure didn't let any grass grow under our feet before dancing over to retrieve our banner from the Western Cutters. We all felt right at home when we walked in and found our own Johnny Robbins calling that night.

On Oct. 5th it was wonderful to have so many Jubileers and Orange Park Promenaders whooping it up with us. Come back real soon.

The highlight of this month was definately our trip to Lake Brooklyn with the Jubileers. Anyone who was unable to attend missed a marvelous time and lots of good food. For once the weatherman was on our side, we couldn't have asked for a more perfect weekend. A few people found out they didn't know all they should about sailing and had to be towed in, but everyone had fun. I'm all for making this an annual trip.

Everyone come and square up with us real soon!

Let us end this column on a serious note. We're sure that by now everyone is aware of the tragedy which struck the Allemandarins. Let's all play whatever part we can in helping this fine group of dedicated square dancers back on their feet.

Larry and Harriette Dickerson
Reporters

GOLDEN ISLES SWINGERS progress report

2nd, 3rd, 4th Saturdays, City Recreation Building, Brunswick, Georgia
Caller - Dick Barker
President - Gene Williams (912/265-8432)

As was reported last month, we have two square dance classes in session. One is being taught by Club Caller Dick Barker at the Recreation Center. The other one is being taught by Jimmy Moore at Brunswick Junior College. We are hoping to harvest a fine crop of dancers from these classes.

On October 12, almost four squares showed up for a fine exhibition dance held in the entrance of the J.M. Fields Store. The surrounding area was jammed with interested people and Dick Barker was an overjoyed caller to enthusiastic dancers.

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Club attendance is improving with cooler weather as we collected six squares for the October 12 dance night. Lets hope this continues.

Dick Barker wishes everyone to know that he enjoyed working with the overflowing crowd at Olena on September 28th. Cecil and Christine Tankersly journeyed to Olena to enjoy this dance. He also wishes to thank Lucius Nelson for calling our club dance in his absence.

The Beachcomber weekend at Daytona was attended by the Dees, Sadler, Warrens, Williams and Moores. They report that a fine time was had by all. Other travelers this month were J.B. and Jeanette Dill to the Ancient City Square Up.

We wish to welcome our new members, Fred and Eileen Lundgren. Also, guests for the past month were Lee and Man Major, Eustace and Willie Mae Fitchet, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice England.

On Saturday, October 19th, Dick Barker was one of the Guest Callers for the Walterboro, S.C. Cross Trailers 3rd Annual Promenade at that city. We are proud to admit that our caller is gaining speedily in demand for Special Events.

While Dick was away Jimmy Moore called the club dance on October 19th.

Our club is proud of being invited to entertain for the Housing Authorities of Georgia Convention to be held at Jekyll Island during the last week of October. On Tuesday night, October 29th, we will entertain these folks with a participation type dance. Several skits are being prepared for their enjoyment. This should be a gala three hours for everyone.

It is with deep sincerity that we express our concern for the Allemandarins on the fire loss of their clubhouse. We would like to extend an open invitation for their members to visit Brunswick and dance with us.

We remind everyone that our dance nights for November have been changed to the first, second, and third Saturday nights from 8 to 11.

I am feeling much better and hope to be dancing again soon.

Louise Bowers
Reporter

ALLEMANDARINS club house burns to ground!

Fridays, Church of Our Saviour, Episcopal Church, Mandarin Road
Callers - 1st, 3rd, 5th Fridays, John Robbins
2nd and 4th, John Saunders
President - Bill & Barbara Lucas (733-3770)

We Allemandarins have probably the saddest news to report this month than we have ever had. As you all may know by now on Sunday

morning, October 13th, in the daybreak hours our Allemandarins Hall on Brady Road burned to the ground. The firemen found no apparent reason causing the fire so we feel sure it was just a matter of fate.

This of course brings us to the change of address in our heading. The Church of Our Saviour is located on Mandarin Road on the right hand side BEFORE you would get to Brady Road. Ivan McGill has moved our Allemandarin sign up to the church driveway and in order for it to point in the right direction he had to turn it upside down but Ivan said people would understand that with our hall burning down we are a bit upside down ourselves.

So much for the sad news. We do have some very good, good news. On Friday, October 4, Bronze Cagle and Virginia Ayers were married. No wonder they weren't at the dance that Friday night!!

We really painted St. Augustine yellow at the Ancient City Square Up. We turned out in real numbers enough to bring home the 50 miler banner again. This is our third year in a row, and we really did have a good time. You would think though that Bill Lucas would know which way "THIS WAY" is, though wouldn't you? He just can't seem to follow directions very good.

Our class is progressing so nicely. Johnnie is doing a great job. As always.

Oh yes, our Steak Dinner November 15th and 16th is still on. Only the place has been changed from our burned down hall to the Church of Our Saviour hall. Remember the amount of tickets sold is definitely limited so you had better get tickets soon from any Allemandarin Club member.

By the time this edition reaches you our benefit dance will have already taken place. We would like to thank Marshal and Marcie Catlin for the place and for all those of you who attended.

In the near future we will be having several fund raising events to help us rebuild. The next attraction is of course, our Steak Dinner and Dance and coming very soon will be a Sad Sack Dance. We will give you more details next month.

In the meantime you all come on out and dance with us. We need the cheering up.

Ronnie and Harriet Braasch
Reporters

441 CLUB are featuring a variety of good Callers

2nd and 4th Saturdays, Recreation Center,
N. E. 2nd Ave., Gainesville, Florida
President - Chet and Julia Vetter (376-2158)

Our thanks to Bobby Keefe for getting us

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off to a good start on our dance year. Bobby developed a very sore throat the day he was to call for us. He came with his throat spray, and although it must have taken quite an effort, gave us a most enjoyable evening. We are most appreciative, Bobby. Our special thanks also to our visitors from Jacksonville, Ocala, and Pompano Beach, they always add enjoyment to the evening. Katie and Norma may have had something else in mind also, as we were most happy to replace a couple of lost badges.

We are giving warning that John Saunders will be calling on Nov. 9. The last time John called we had three inches of rain, and the time before a freeze. How about a snow-storm?

Tex Brownlee will be in for his yearly visit on December 7. This will be an open dance sponsored by the Gainesville Square Dance Council and City Recreation Department.

It is Christmas vacation time so Eddie Millan will be calling our Holiday Dance on December 28th.

Chet Vetter
Reporter

THE JUBILEERS live it up with hymn singing and poker playing!

2nd & 4th Saturday, Arlington Congregational Church

Caller - Harold Pillmore
President - Keith Haid (724-0305)

We expect to be having a couple of good dances the 2nd and 4th Saturday in November. We regret having had to call off October dances.

A football game was started at the YMCA camp on Lake Brooklyn October 12 which will be continued next May 24th when we plan to repeat a most enjoyable weekend of continuous activity - not much sleeping. We have dancers who are also singers. Betty Ward, Barbara Blackford, Harriet Dickerson, Pat Wouten and Doris Turner were singing Christmas carols at 2 A.M. and again more happy voices singing at dawn. We had a group in very fine voice singing hymns at one end of the hall. At the same time another group was playing poker at the other end of the hall. This took place after we were stuffed with delicious genuine Italian spaghetti made by Carol Meeks. When we got to dancing, we didn't stop until 2 a.m. The last tip lasted 45 minutes with the mike passing from caller to caller. The three callers who were sleeping in the same cabin did not get awakened for an idiot party. Johnny Robbins and Dick Goddart were lucky. They had a third caller with them that has a bad reputation for being awakened for idiot parties.

Thank you, Gloria and Harvey Chambers for planning this outing for us.

We danced at Y-Knots on the 10th and got our banner back. We are looking forward to returning for another good time.

On October 5th, 8 couples joined with the Grand Slammers - Elton Turner states he died with a smile on his face. The reason is that he is now a Kissing Cousin. For details ask Barbara Blackford.

Watch for news about our annual Valentine Dance. Plans are being made at the meetings we have been holding after our beginners classes. We are very proud of the progress the new class has made after their 3rd lesson.

We had a surprise visit from Bob and Jean Christie who are back in town after being away for 2 years. I'm looking forward to dancing with them again

Pete Pillmore
Reporter

JOSEPH LEE CENTER DANCE learning rounds

Tuesdays, Joseph Lee Recreation Center, 42nd and Perry St. Next to Pearl Plaza.
Caller - Bill Camp (388-3889)

After six Tuesday Dances we are having more and more fun and holding our own in number of squares attending. We are using forty or more basics each dance. A few basics are added each dance, and at times, we have a walk through to refresh our memories.

We are dancing "Left Footers One Step", a round dance. The last few dances we have been working on the "Miss Frenchy Brown". Everyone likes this one and are dancing it real well with the que.

There are a number of dancers who have told me they expect to attend just as soon as their schedule will permit. This may be one of your friends, and we still encourage dancers to attend. This dance can be attended by any dancer who has been through classes at any time, no matter how long ago, in fact, all dancers are welcome.

Bill Camp
4733 French St.
32205

Y-KNOTS BANNER STEALING brings results

Thursdays, Southside Community Center, 1541 Hendricks Avenue
Caller - Frank Clements
President - Annette and Bob Dulaney (384-5797)

Things at the Southside Youth Center are really jumping with all our visiting clubs, and we are really enjoying our banner stealing efforts. Thursday, October 10th, we had squares from four different clubs, all retrieving their banners. Our walls are bare

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now, so watch out, here we come!

We are sorry to see the Shannons leave, but hope that they will continue their dancing in Miami where they have moved. We sure do miss their presence and friendliness.

We welcome our newest club members, Lois and George Stanton. They are already an asset to our club.

On September 7th we had a wonderful cook-out and dance at Keystone Heights. Georgia Mae and Joe Cuppett graciously invited the Y-Knots to "Rusticana Cuppett" and we enjoyed a fine dance after supper.

Our club was well represented at the Knot-head Konvention at Clearwater on Labor Day weekend. The reports are that they had a wonderful time.

With the departure of the Shannons, who were our treasurers, Art and Betty Herrington graciously took over this responsibility, and we appreciate their willingness to do so.

We wish our caller, Frank Clements, the best of luck with his classes at Phillips Hiway Plaza. Keep up the good work, Frank! All club members come out and support Frank and this new class!

Speaking of callers, Bill Bishop has been "practicing" on us Y-Knots, and for our money he can practice any and every time he pleases. That boy has a real future as a caller!

Mary Ann and Glenn Johnson
Reporters

KAPER KUTTERS cut the Capers

1st & 3rd Saturday, Union Hall, Hiway 17 North, Palatka, Florida.
Caller - Bill Camp
President - Bill Young (473-4609 Keystone Heights, Florida)

We were happy to have a square of Missile Twisters from Melbourne at our 1st Saturday dance, also a couple from Daytona, and two couples from St. Augustine.

Before the dance, at the monthly business meeting the club made plans for the Frank Lane dance which will be on January 7th, 1969. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar.

Ancient City Squares of St. Augustine danced with us at our 3rd Saturday dance and got our banner.
Caller Bill Camp and Nora, Bernie and Frieda Andreu, Bill and Mercelyn Young, plus all the children who had a ball, took all the camping gear and spent Friday night, Saturday and Sunday at O'Lena the weekend of the Starlite Shuffler's Hoedown. There was also a group from Jacksonville and Gainesville including Scotty Thomas camping with us.

We counted to 50 and quit, there might have been more.
Weather permitting, some of us plan to camp at Eau Gallie and attend the Harvest Moon ball at Melbourne on November 8-9. Bill will do a workshop on Saturday afternoon and call half the dance Saturday night.

B.C.

FRIENDLY FROLICS ROVING again.

1st & 3rd Saturdays, Philips Highway Plaza.
Caller - Bobby Keefe
President - Don & Bee Smith

Caller for our third Saturday dance in Nov. (18th) will be Frank Clements. Frank is always welcome and we're looking forward to having him call for us.

Five of our club members "roved" all the way to Honolulu, Hawaii to earn Rover badges this month. Squaring up with the Diamond Heads and Sides Club in Honolulu were Bill and Betty Fish, Ralph and Fay Roth, and Frances Upshaw.

Good to have Marilyn Ballasso feeling well enough to dance with us again. We hope by the time you read this Anne McCarty will be doing likewise. Anne does too. We can tell by the look on her face while she's sitting out and watching.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Frieda Saraga's father and a familiar figure in Western wear supplies, Mr. Max Hochman. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Frieda and Leonard.

If us "old timers" want to keep up with the new class by the time they're ready to graduate, we'd better get over to those Thursday night classes. This is undoubtedly the most enthusiastic and persevering group of scholars we've seen in quite awhile.

Plans are taking shape already for our New Years Eve Dance. Looks like we're really going to have a "bang up, floor-stompin' blast". Our officers are really on the ball this year. We have the Morocco Temple, Newnan Street, upstairs ballroom reserved for this dance and our Bobby Keefe will share the calling with John Robbins.

A group of us club members stole away from the class on Thursday, October 10, and retrieved our banner from the Y-Knots. Seemed like about three other clubs were bent on the same mission and together we filled the Southside Youth Center to the brim and got to visit with a lot of our square dancing friends we hadn't seen since the Knothead Konvention. O.K. Paxon Prancers, try again. Sorry we didn't have our banner when you came to get it before.

Fellow club members, best you forget, we have a very important business meeting coming up

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November 8 at 8:00 P.M. in the Hogan-Home Demonstration Clubhouse across from Patti's on Beach Boulevard. We need your ideas, viewpoints, and suggestions.

We were so sorry to hear about the Alle- mandarin's dance hall burning. We share their disappointment in this loss and wish them the best of luck in locating another hall, temporary or permanent.

So long til next month. Y'all come visit with us. We love to have you.

Ruth Brandt
Reporter

ROUNDLEERS already planning for Christmas.

Wednesdays, Woodstock Park Community Centre.
Workshop - 7:30, Rounds - 8:00
President - Carl Graeff (388-4353)

Well, here it is October, the month in which hobgoblins and witches are said to abound, and we are hoping that if we are real good, that the mischievous sprite who has been be- deviling the air-conditioner at Woodstock Park will relent, so that we may be known once again as the coolest place in town. Anyway we are glad to see so many Roundleers who aren't letting the heat get them down. All of our vacationers are now back, with the exception of the Fleshmans who are still traveling. We're also missing Muriel Luth and Fred Hafers, though we hear that Fred is taking evening classes.

Plans for the annual Christmas dinner dance are now in the making. This will be held at the Robert Meyer Hotel and the Rhythmaires will be joining with us again. Any round dancers who would like to go should contact the president of either the Roundleers or Rhythmaires for further information.

This month we have worked on two new rounds, "Silly Samba" and a new tango, taught by Foots and Joan Reynolds. Could the dance trends be turning back to the late 1930's and the '40's?

Don't forget the Fall Roundup on the 22nd and 23rd of November. Bill and Ruth Fleshman will be in charge of the rounds. We'll be looking for you.

Thona Williams
Reporter

WESTERN CUTTERS planning again!

2nd & 4th Sa turdays, Mary Hammond Youth Center, Club colors, Purple & white.
Caller - Fred Beard
President, David & Claudia Fitzsimmons
(384-4162)

The Banner Bandits Strike Again. The Cutters have amighty record this month of coming home with "the bacon" or banners that is! Five

banners have adorned our Haven and proud we are of this handy work. We had the Starlite Shufflers, the Y-Knots, the Allemendarins, The Orange Park Promenaders, and Paxon Prancers banner twice. Do it again gang!

Our classes have begun with 14 neophytes in the struggle to master the mechanics of square dancing. We've had an exceptional good turn out of supporting club dancers which is due to the grand time we have with our new caller and taw, Fred and Lila Beard are having Pizza problems though, ask him sometime how he feels about the "pizza part-ly"

Camp O'Leno saw a square plus of Cutters en- joying the natural beauty of this park and the dancing day and night. Not since this town was a gambling joint was there so much going on. The callers, "those hog stealers", had a pre-dawn party all their own and sampled the victuals. The callin', dancin' and food just couldn't be beat. And that after party WOW!!! We can't wait until next year. A great big T-H-A-N-K-Y-O-U goes to the Shufflers for the hard work done by so few. Another vote of thanks goes to the park ranger who got out the Ole Bottom Wacker and guided us around the park. Hey Shufflers, how about a Ole Bottom Wacker badge? City dwellers just don't see all those wonders that the ranger showed us.

At Daytona the crowd was hopping and stomping to the lively callers patter. The Cutters there were Nick & Joann Shealy, Lo & Jim Donnelly, Sue & Bob Robinson, Ada & Russell Kelly, David & Lee Hemley, Doris & Dan Yoder, David & Claudia Fitzsimmons were planning to go to Daytona but David was a "guest" at Baptist. This makes twice they have missed the Daytona weekend. Better luck next year David.

The Mandarin Fire was certainly a disaster and we are all saddened to hear of it. But you can't keep a good club down and we will all be waiting to hear when and where we can join them in a dance soon.

The St. Augustine round-up was attended by Cutters Deskerhoff, Blackman and Miklos. The word is that all had a fine time and some really worked hard at making "Jailbird"?

Treasurers Matt and JoAnn Encinosa are plan- ning another deduction but it won't get here in time for this years income tax. Sorry about that Matt.

Speaking of next year its comin' on FFFFast and it will be Waycross Swamp Stomp time agin. The tickets are on sale and you wouldn't want to be left out so "don't lose your Cool", find one of those Cutters with tickets and buy yours now. There will be an after party and a good chance to made your purple heart, as we are to have lots of callers working and joining the fun.

Remember the Thanksgiving dinner and election coming up on November 24th.

Attention Cutters and Kin - we are canceling

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our dance on November 23rd to go to the NEFSDA FALL ROUNDUP at the Civic Auditorium. See you there.

"Larriets"
Reporters

ANCIENT CITY SQUARES PLAN ANOTHER Square Up

Fridays, Chamber of Commerce Visitors
Center, St. Augustine, Florida
Caller - Bob Keefe and Hal Ham
President - Bob & Grace Hall (824-2490)

The Ancient City Square Up weekend was an outstanding success. So much so that Oscar Erwin is already planning for the fourth annual for next year, and John Saunders has reserved "the hat" at the old jail.

Along with our Monday night class, we plan to have a workshop for dropouts and those who wish to brush up, as well as our regulars who will dance at the drop of a hat any time any where. Since this just about covers everyone, we expect to see you all on Monday nights. Let's give Hal Ham a chance to mold his new class into some enthusiastic dancers, and rejuvenate our own interest. Remember - square dancing is good, healthful exercise, and we can all use some of that.

Saturday, October 19th, the Bakers, Grans, Prieters and Burchfields joined the Kaper Kutters at Palatka for their Halloween party. We had the honor of being judges for the costumes and had a ball trying to figure out who was sho. We also stole their banner and expect to see them in the Ancient City soon to retrieve it.

Ray and Ruth
Reporters

FUN & FROLIC Jogs along.

Tuesdays, Woodstock Community Center
Caller - Jack Griffiths
President - Jim & LaRue Mollenhour(398-1313)

Members of Fun & Frolic are getting to be the healthiest square dancers in Jacksonville. Due to a broken down air-conditioning system, our hall has been converted to a reducing salon for the last few dances. Thanks to our fan detail it has been bearable. If your doctor advises you to jog for your health you ought to come and join our nutty group and try jogging through a whole tip.

Since everyone is in the throes of elections, we joined in and elected our officers for the coming year; President, Jim Mollenhour; Vice President Lou Connelly and Harold Calvert is doing a repeat performance as Secretary-Treasurer. A great vote of thanks is due our past officers for guiding us

through last year. Fun and Frolic is going to try to do a little more visiting this year and we have already started. Three weeks ago we went to the Y-Knots hall to recapture our banner and last week we invaded Paxon Prancers and brought their banner back to hang on our walls. We were there to congratulate Bronze and Virginia Cagle on their recent wedding and to help celebrate Bronze's birthday. Watch for our group soon all you other clubs.

On Tuesday, November 5th, is the big day when all of us will have the privilege of voting for the candidate of our choice to become President of the United States. As our hall is a polling place we have cancelled our dance for that night. The members of Fun and Frolic who want to dance that evening have been invited to the home of our president, The Mollenhours, where there will be dancing in the Florida room.

A week later comes the big day for Fun and Frolic and we hope for most of the dancers in the Jacksonville area. We are again this year sponsoring Les Gotcher. This dance will be held Tuesday, November 12th (See flyer) at our regular dancing place, Woodstock Community Center and tickets are available from all Fun and Frolic members at \$2.00 per couple.

With all of these activities we have decided to postpone the beginning of our classes until Tuesday, November 19th. Jack will then put beginners through their paces every Tuesday night from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. with our regular dance to follow. If you know anyone who is interested in learning to square dance send them to Woodstock Tuesday, Nov. 19 for their first lesson.

We hope to dance with all of you very soon and come dance with us too.

Aliette Register
Reporter

DIXIE CHAIN GANG on the loose again

2nd & 4th Saturday, Philips Highway Plaza
Caller - Frank Clements
President - Warren Smith (725-7642)

Time again for the report and it has really slipped up on us this month. The Chain Gang has really been hopping.

Our dance on September 28th was great. Visitors and members all had a wonderful time. Our business meeting this month was held at the home of our president and Mrs. President, Weary and Ruthie Smith. Instead of the usual covered dish supper we indulged in a spaghetti supper. The meal was a fund raising project and turned out to be a great success. Our hats off to the cooks, Lois Stanton and John Powell. Everything from the salad to the jello was tops! Also our thanks go out to Ruthie and Weary for allowing us to trespass for the evening. After the business meeting we wore out the

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lawn while struggling through a couple of tips. Let's do something like this again folks.

Our dance on October 12th was tall on fun but short on visitors. We're expecting that to change though, because we've made a vow to visit more as a club, under the able direction of Bill Pridgen. As living proof we've already gotten over to Y-Knots and also ten couples made it over to Grand Slammers this month. So beware, the Chain Gang is rapidly changing into the #Road Gang".

The Chain Gang is sponsoring a White Elephant sale November 9th. Come to the dance and shop between tips at our tables in the back. Kill two birds with one stone, dance and shop. Remember the dance begins now at 8 p.m.

ATTENTION ALL CHAIN GANG MEMBERS, who wish to attend the Christmas Dinner Dance planned for December 7th. Contact George Stanton at 725-0375. Reservations must be in by November 9th.

Our class of beginners is coming along real good. We have a fine turn out of dancers to help each week and everyone is having a great time.

Claudia and myself finally persuaded Barbara and Wayne Blackford from Grand Slammers to let us in on the K.K. badge (Kissing Kousins). The epidemic is sure to spread throughout the Dixie Chain Gang. Thanks a lot, Barbara and Wayne.

The Dixie Chain Gang extends their sympathy to Leonard and Fréida Saraga, of Philips Highway Western Wear, in the passing of her father. That's it folks!

Billy and Claudia Johnson
Reporters

PAXON PRANCERS Bringing up the rear but not so in club activities

Thursdays, Mary Hammond Youth Center
Caller - Bob Rust
President - Jackie & Jean Horne (771-5073)

Hi Ho everybody and a Merry Christmas to all!!! No I haven't completely flipped-but do you realize that in less than two months the jolly, fat one with the long white beard will have been here and gone! Most of us will be a lot poorer and much wiser, but we'll do the same things all over again next year - right?

On September 20th a gay group of Allemandarins sashayed over to our hall with theivery on their minds. They went home with our banner just as planned. We certainly did enjoy dancing with these lovely people, so much so, in fact, that a group of Prancers circulated out to Mandarin the very next night. Bet you'd never guess what they brought back with them! Sorry to hear about the Allemandarins dance hall burning. Just happy that it happened at a time when no one was

inside. We've all heard the saying that "It's an ill wind that blows us good" and we certainly hope that much good comes to these fine people. We are looking forward to seeing a large crowd at their benefit dance on Friday, October 25th.

Our banner was destined not to grace our walls for long as it was stolen again the very next week. In fact, we lost two banners that night, but we were happy about this for we were honored with dancers from the Fun and Frolics and the Western Cutters. We were so pleased to see many of our friends whom we had not had the pleasure of dancing with for a while - but then we are always very happy to have our visitors no matter what the occasion is.

We have another "Hot Line" for you folks!!! (Much more of this and we are going to change our name to Cupid's Prancers!). Our own Virginia Ayers and Bronze Cagle were wed on Friday, October 4th. Bronze and Virginia very rarely refuse to go square dancing but refused several invitations on that weekend, but told no one the real reason behind their refusal except to say they "just couldn't make it". They sure pulled a big surprise on us. Some of us had just about given up on them too. Just goes to prove you can't predict Cupid's powers. So very happy for these two wonderful people. And I'm sure all their friends wish them happiness always. They are well known in square dancing in the Jacksonville area.

Three couples journeyed over to Gainesville recently and enjoyed dancing to Bobby Keefe, Bonald and Norma Smith, Pam and Ray Livingston, and Warren and Sandra Milligan drove over to Gainesville on a Saturday evening and were joined there by Harry and Katie Drake who were weekendening there. They report "a good time was had by all".

Two of our families are busily preparing for a wedding in early November, Ramona Johns and Ricky Purvis will be married on Nov. 8th. Ramona is the daughter of Joe and Emily Johns and Ricky is the son of Hubert and Angelo Purvis.

I am sure there must be other news of our gang about which I am not aware so, please, Prancers keep me posted of the goings on so we can write about it.

Dot and Kal Howlett spoke in glowing terms of their week in Fontana Village for the Swap Shop. But then they always have a good time there and the lucky things go every spring and fall.

Just a reminder that our Thanksgiving Dance will be held as usual and this dance will be free to all of you who own our PP badges. So get the gang together and come dance with us. Hope to see ya'll every Thursday night at the Mary Hammond Youth Center - Happy Dancin'!

Margaret Shields
Reporter

AN EDITORIAL

We square dancers realize the fun and fellowship obtained in this type of recreation. We go from year to year attending the many extravaganzas that come along for us with all of our favorite callers until we take many things for granted. Occasionally something comes along that is different and it will be well remembered. In this past month we believe that an event happened that really made us wake up, stoop over and pull us all up by our boot straps. When it was all over everyone could pat themselves on the back and say "well done". Of course, it takes someone to get the ball rolling and keep it rolling and that they did.

This month the Mandarin Athletic Clubhouse burned completely to the ground, not a scrap left. It has been standing on this piece of land for 22 years, having been given to the community by Mr. Albert. The Athletic Club is made up of 95% of the Allemandarins so they had been using this nice building to dance in. They were improving it for dancers comfort and had put a lot of work and materials in it before the great conflagration.

Instead of lying down and crying, which we are sure everyone could have done, the leaders of the club under the presidency of Bill and Barbara Lucas responded 100% and said "lets go, we need a place for our club and people in this community to dance, we'll raise the money and build a new building". They passed the ball to Marshall Catlin who took it and ran 100 yards for a glorious touchdown. He went to the Volkswagon headquarters and asked for the use of their hall for the dance. At first there was hesitancy because a dance held there before proved to be quite a riot but when he said "square dancing" that broke the barrier. You see us square dancers do have a reputation we have to live up to. Letters were sent out advertising this dance and again Marshall put his great ideas working and kept the ball rolling.

October 25th, Friday night came along with Bill Lucas, president, in the hospital anxiously awaiting for word on the outcome, the beautiful hall on the 4th floor of the Volkswagon building in readiness everyone held their breath. Will it be a success? Did we contact enough people? Maybe we should have advertised more. These were questions on the Allemandarins mind. Johnny Robbins and John Saunders, the two Allemandarin callers, stood in readiness wondering if their time would be well given this night. Food was being brought in, so much, that they used the entire 6th floor to eat. It would have been too much space taken to use the dance floor. And then the climax with the whole dance floor being taken over by 120 square dance couples who all came to say "we want to see you build another building". It was a glorious sight and we believe that this is what square

dancers are made of. As time goes on this head start or "push" you might call it will be an inspiration to all of us never to give up but keep that "ball" moving. We think we owe everyone on the Allemandarin "team" a standing ovation and a cheer to say you showed us that it can be done and we shall never forget.

There have been and still will be fund raising enterprises carried on for the building fund. Bob Ruis gave a benefit dance October 23 which went to the club. They will make it with encouragement from all of us.

The Editors
Marge and Ray

Mr. Hochman, owner of Hochman's department store passed from us this last month. Many square dancers knew him from shopping in his Western Store. All of us extend our deepest sympathy to the family.

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- Nov. 7 .. Charles Hill sponsored by Starlite Shufflers.
- Nov. 9 .. John Saunders sponsored by 441 club of Gainesville, Florida.
- Nov. 9 .. White Elephant sale and dance sponsored by Dixie Chain Gang.
- Nov. 15 .. Frank Bedell sponsored by the Challengers.
- Nov. 12 .. Les Gotcher sponsored by Fun and Frolic. (See Flyer).
- Nov 22-23 .. NEFSDA FALL ROUNDUP, Caller Tommy Stoye from Washington State. (See flyer)
- Dec. 6 .. Roger Chapman sponsored by the Challengers.
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