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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The question often arises among square dancers as to what the Association is and just what does it do for you as a dancer? I hope the following will help to clear up some of the questions and confusion.

The NORTHEAST FLORIDA SQUARE DANCERS ASSOCIATION is organized to promote square dancing in our area. It exists to promote those square-dance activities that would be difficult for a single club to do on its own. The area-wide dances are an example. These hoedowns, as they are called, are set up to bring as many of the area dancers as possible together in a big dance to promote friendship among dancers of various clubs. Many dancers do little visiting, and these dances enable them to meet and become acquainted with people they would seldom, if ever, see otherwise. One of the benefits of square dancing is the sociability arising from the various activities, and the area dances help. They are set on fifth Saturdays to insure there will be no interference with regular club dances or activities. Callers of the Northeast Florida Callers Association have done a fine job of calling these dances.

The Fall Roundup, set for November 10 this year, is an expanded version of the hoedown. Here we invite callers from as big an area as possible, along with dancers from all over North Florida and South Georgia, to come to Jacksonville and join with us in putting on a big dance. As an added treat for the dancers, this is one dance wherein we have invited a national caller, Jack Jackson, to call for us in the evening. Your Association, which is, after all, all of you dancers joined together, provides the means of bringing the clubs together to put on these affairs.

Your Association also has cooperated with the Jacksonville Fair Association, various shopping centers, and other groups in putting on public square-dance exhibitions to promote our activity before the general public in an effort to attract new dancers to our wonderful hobby.

This past year we staged a "Trail Dance" at Philips Highway Plaza with a national caller, Harper Smith, for the pleasure not only of our own area dancers but also dancers from various parts of the country who were stopping in Jacksonville on their way to the National Convention in Miami Beach. We had dancers from Iowa, Arizona, Pennsylvania, and many other states with us that night; and, from all comments, they took away pleasant memories of Jacksonville. The large crowd of spectators also were favorably impressed with square dancing in general. This dance cost the dancers in attendance nothing. All expenses, approximately \$130, were borne by the Association.

In addition to the Trail Dance our Association, in conjunction with the other area Associations in the state that go to make up the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, worked to put on the National Square Dance Convention. Naturally most of the work was loaded on the Southeast Area, but many dancers in our area put in several hours of hard work to put this convention over. As a member of the State Federation our Association also helps on statewide functions such as the State Convention.

The "Grapevine," which is considered by most dancers as an excellent paper, is an Association project. Until very recently the "Grapevine" was subsidized by the Association, as subscriptions and advertising did not pay the expenses of getting it out. It is now showing signs of paying its own way. (Continued on next page)

Editors' Note: We hope the Association will not have to subsidize the GRAPEVINE again. However, the Association owns the GRAPEVINE, pays all its bills, and receives all its profits, if any. We do not charge its subscribers or its advertisers a penny for our work in publishing the GRAPEVINE. We do this work as our contribution to the square-dance movement. Without Association backing we would not be willing to handle the GRAPEVINE.

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These are a part of what the Association does for square dancing and only a small part of what it could do if it had sufficient backing and support. I believe the \$10 it will cost the clubs this year will be a bargain for the dancers. The fee will cover only the very minimal operating expenses of the Association. If this program is to succeed, it must have the backing of all the dancers of affiliated clubs. We will have what is shaping up to be a good program next year, and it will deserve your support.

Naturally your Association has not always succeeded in accomplishing its aim of promoting square dancing as it should be promoted. Mistakes have been made and will continue to be made because the Association is an imperfect instrument made up of imperfect people. It needs improvement, but this improvement can only come from the dancers. Your work in making each and every one of the clubs a strong, self-sustaining unit will automatically lead to a stronger, more effective Association. Its success is up to you, and only you can make it function as it should.

I hope I have succeeded in clearing up some of the questions about Association activities and the purposes of the Association.

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September 29, 1962, is the date of the subscription dance for "Bow and Swing." This is made necessary due to our change of membership to club basis. Come on out and support your Association. Election of officers will also be held that night. This is important to all dancers.

In closing I want to express my deep appreciation to all of my fellow officers, committee chairmen, and all dancers who have helped me in the past year in handling the Association program. It has been a busy year but an enjoyable one for me, and I hope I have in some small way helped to push square dancing ahead in Northeast Florida.

Virgil A. Green, President

SAMPLE BALLOT

Northeast Florida Square Dancers Assn.
(Election to be held at September 29,
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August 29 we had a pretty big-size group. Visitors were Cullen and Agnes Glover from Merry Mixers, and Henry and Faye Elie, Bob and Kay Johnson, who graduated from Herschell Lee's class at Englewood. Cullen and Agnes Glover were also visitors September 5. Wednesday, September 12, was a cool, windy night, and visitors were David and Nancy Hanson from Minneapolis, Ron Ball from USS F. D. ROOSEVELT, and Faith and Jim Flock, former members from the time the Seaside Squares was called the Beach-combers. We are glad to have Cullen and Agnes Glover visiting us every week from Merry Mixers.

I am proud to say that we had the highest percentage at the Knothead Konvention. Art and Grace Governale, Clyde and Lois Huston, Pat and Mary Lou Pattillo, Leslie and Sandra Sauls, Joe and Margaret Smith were at the Konvention over Labor-Day week-end. The Governales made the Knothead badge in Clearwater; the Hustons and the Rogers made Knothead in Windermere.

Lessons are starting October 2 with Herschell Lee calling; from then on Joe Smith will call Monday October 8. Starting October we will only have our dance on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday with Herschell Lee, and the 5th Wednesday of every month we're having workshop with Joe Smith, and all visitors are invited to come out and have fun.

Virginia Williams, Reporter

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ORANGE PARK PROMENADERS

The ORANGE PARK PROMENADERS did a grand square and filled up the four corners with a slate of new officers:

Pres. - Larry and Louise Crutchfield
V. Pres. - Randy and Bernice Church
Sec.-Treas. - Carol and Bea Nix
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With an allemande left we swung into new classes last Tuesday night with a full house; classes will be open for two more weeks to beginners. We also have a children's class beginning September 19 (Wednesday) at the Lions Hall, ages 9 through 15. (continued on next page)

On slate for October the Lionellas have a country dance planned Saturday, October 6, at the Lion's Hall. Floyd Hazen will do the calling, and country clothes are the style, with a prize for the most country style.

We enjoyed meeting the out-of-town visitors who danced with us this summer, and we are looking forward to all our Promenaders to be back in swing now that vacations have ended and cool weather is here. Marge and Floyd have returned from their Cape Cod vacation with some new ideas and dances and also a very satisfied look from having spent a couple of weeks with their new grandson.

We invite all you Knotheads, Idiots, Aquaducks and bed bugs to come on over and dance with us every Friday night from 8:00 to 10:00 at the Lions Hall in Orange Park on Highway 17.

Kaye Carroll, Reporter

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Eddie Bowman

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

The Gainesville MERRYSTEPPERS have had a busy summer in spite of vacations. In fact, when our caller, Bart Bartley, announced that the club would take a vacation the first three weeks of September so that he might enjoy a well deserved rest, there arose so much protest from enthusiastic dancers that Bob Waites agreed to call for us those three weeks. These dances have been very well attended, too, with from five to eight squares out of our total membership of about eighteen squares. So to Bart, "We missed you," but we would have missed dancing for these weeks, and our thanks to Bob.

Since the MERRYSTEPPERS have been a little behind with their publicity, we would like to bring our neighboring clubs up to date on some of our summertime happenings.

The new Club officers were announced at our June 19 dance session. They will take over their duties by the time this goes to press, and are as follows:
Chief Square: Carey Dunn and Taw, Alma
Treasurer: Howard Nelson
Secretary: Grace Murphy
Chuck-Wagon Taws: Chris Rowland and Lois Wilkowski
Social Chairmen: Sandy and Jane Durrell, Joe and Pearlina Yeatts, and Elliott and Mary Gathercoal
Publicity Chairmen: Tom and Edna Hutson
Best wishes, group, for a most successful club year in 1963.

Bart agreed to have some workshop sessions during the summer, and most of us have profited greatly by them, and also had a lot of fun.

At our regular dance on the night of July 31, the club sprang quite a surprise on two of its newer members, Darlene Dunn (daughter of our new Mr. and Mrs. Chief Square) and Ed Davis, who are now Mr. and Mrs. themselves. Refreshments of dozens of kinds of cakes and refreshing punch were served to the large crowd that night, and Darlene and Ed were presented with a beautiful silver tray from their many MERRYSTEPPER friends. They went through last year's class as a couple, and though they are now living in Starke they have managed to attend our dances quite regularly.

On August 23, a group of two squares and caller and his wife, Bart and Ruth, along with Bob Waites, motored to Hart Springs (40 miles west of Gainesville) and earned their Pioneer badges while putting on an exhibition for the Trenton, Florida, Rotary Club and their guests at a picnic. Ruth and Bob did some nice rounds between tips, and there was much participation in square dancing from the large crowd of spectators. As a result, Trenton citizens have become so enthused that a beginners class is in the making already for that area.

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Our club had good attendance at the Knothead Konvention in Clearwater. The 24 members who went were: Chet and Julia Vetter, Clyde and Ruth Dees, Jim and Bunny Whitemon, Bob and Marshall Wigglesworth, Tom and Sue McRorie, Howard and Lucille Nelson, Don and Gwynneth Brooke (and family, Kathryn and Wayne), Harry and Susie Edwards, Ralph and Dee Kluge, Ruth Bartley, Bob Waites, Helen Butler, and Jack Stevenson. They all reported a wonderful time, but the usual complaint of "all pooped out" following a convention.

This brings us to the present, and we'll leave you with an invitation to visit us in our wonderfully air-conditioned hall just any Tuesday night.

Edna and Tom Hutson, Reporters

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to traffic on Blanding Boulevard, D. J. soon lost sight of Tommy, who turned off on San Juan and waited at Roosevelt Blvd. for the others, but D. J. and Ken went on to Park Street, trying all the time to catch up to Tommy. Once over the Fuller Warren bridge, Al Neuschwanger, who was with D. J. said, "Keep to the left," and we soon learned we were on the wrong road. Ken led the way back to U. S. 1 and everything went O.K. on into Sanford where we decided to stop for some filling tidbits. Just as we were finishing our salad, in walked the Mulfords, Tates and the Leggetts, asking, "How did you get here ahead of us?" It seems they waited at San Juan and Roosevelt, then went on to wait again at the end of the Expressway for a little while and went on to wait again in Bunnell. While they were waiting in Bunnell, Bill Leggett got a strawberry soda and was standing on a corner when some lady came by in a car. She stuck her head out and asked, "What are you selling?" We explained what had happened to us. After a very filling meal we were all under way again. After about five miles Bea Smith got car sick, and after a slight delay we were on our way again. Finally about 8:30 we arrived at the Orlo-Vista Firehouse, but we were not sure we were at the firehouse or at a barn, the way it was decorated. There were steer heads with silver horns, western hats and boots, bales of hay and lanterns all over the place. There was an ex-square-dancer hanging in one of the doors; he carried a sign saying, "Caught not square dancing." There was also a noose waiting for anyone caught not square dancing. I think before the night was over, all the women were traded off at the trading post. After a tireless night of dancing Joe Curtis announced that the chuck wagon was open. The ladies outdid themselves on refreshments for us. There were all kinds of good things for sandwiches, potato chips and dip, pickles, olives, and some cool, refreshing iced tea. After we had stuffed ourselves, we were told to put on our bathing suits. Some of the CUTTERS chickened out when they saw the fire hoses they were going to spray us down with, but some of us brave souls squared up, and, believe me, that water was sure cold. So our club can now boast of some "Square Ducks" or "Hosed-downers" -- take your pick. After about another 15 minutes of wet dancing, we dried off, and three carloads of mighty tired and happy dancers started back to Jacksonville and that nice, comfortable bed. Oh yes, our Knotheads are true Knotheads as they were initiated as such. They are Tommy and Ramona Mulford, Ken and Lillian Worthington, Bill and Mary Leggett, Al and Evelyn Neuschwanger, and Paul and Jean Tate.

The CUTTERS were happy to welcome two squares from the Starlight Promenaders of Sanford to their dance on August 25. They came to make Knothead with us. After losing their way and arriving a half-hour late, a very pleasant evening of dancing was had by all. Eugene and Rachel Collins, Austin and June Williams, Jim and Lucille Glover, Sally Garrity and Harold Jenkins, Ernest and Jewel Mills, John and Rosalind Lillie, and Frank and Flo Wilson were

BEAUS AND BELLES

The BEAUS AND BELLES enjoyed dancing to the fine calling of Ray Baxter at the Gateway Shopping Center Saturday night, September 8 and would like to thank Ray for inviting them.

On Friday night, September 14, the BEAUS AND BELLES celebrated their first anniversary with a party. The hall was decorated with western hats, boots and wagon wheels, black and yellow crepe-paper streamers and balloons everywhere. Guests were Kevin Anthony, Tommy Pionessa, Jack Gamby, Geraldine Kieffer, Pam Kieffer, Barbara Baxter, Paul Morgan, Phyllis Morgan, and Joey Joyce. Door prizes were won by Rita Tomford and Jimmy Neuschwanger. Refreshments of cookies and cokes were served. The BEAUS AND BELLES were presented with a club banner by D. J. Lynch, their caller. They are the only all-teen-age square-dance club in Jacksonville.

New classes for teen-agers will start September 21 at 7:00 P.M. at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church on 103rd Street. All teen-agers are invited to join our club.

Ann Lynch, Reporter

WESTERN CUTTERS

The WESTERN CUTTERS who missed the Knothead trip August 18 sure missed a ball. The show started off with three carloads of CUTTERS in a gay, adventurous mood. As we pulled away from the Civic Club, Tommy Mulford was in the lead, D. J. Lynch next, and Ken Worthington bringing up the rear. Due

initiated as Knotheads, and each was presented with a Golden Knot. Refreshments of sandwiches, potato chips and dip, cake and punch were served to them. Other guests of the CUTTERS on the 25th were Bill and June Stegal; Clara and Louis Olson; Dot, Don and Shirley Bennett; Charles and Marilyn Friend; and Betty and Curt Gilbert.

New classes started September 5, and new dancers will be taken until October 1 at the Wesconnett Civic Club. The price is \$1 a couple, every Wednesday night from 8:30 to 10:00.

The regular open meeting of the WESTERN CUTTERS was held at the home of D.J. and Ann Lynch with 13 couples attending. Many plans are in the making for bigger and better dances at Wesconnett. The first dance in October will be our reunion dance, so if you were ever a member of the CUTTERS, please come join us at this dance. We are also planning to have a Halloween costume dance, so be thinking up a costume for this one.

Have you ever wondered if our dancers stop dancing when they leave our area? We have a new couple dancing with us, the Stegals, who came here from Newfoundland. The information they gave us was a pleasant surprise. Harry and Grace Dawson, former members of the CUTTERS, are now in Newfoundland. Not only are they dancing, but they are president of the club there, and Harry is calling and giving lessons. We have also heard from A. E. and Ruth Weaver, who are in California. They ran into some other ex-CUTTERS, Nan and Mac Whitaker; they are all dancing with a club in San Diego.

Ann Lynch, Reporter

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Bill and Ruth Fleshman

VALLEY TWIRLERS
(Palm Valley)

It takes some square dancers a long time to make Kangaroo, and we are no different at Palm Valley. Last Saturday we had visitors from Fernandina Beach and Jacksonville so we decided to have a Kangaroo Party after the dance. We stopped dancing at 10:00 and had refreshments -- which I might add were real good (Ladies, thank you all) -- after which we started Kangaroo-ing. It took until 1:30 A.M. for some of the smarter ones to make it, but I believe everyone enjoyed himself trying. Our visitors from Fernandina Beach (Island Squares) were Carl and Jewell Burford, Bill and Marie Carman, Ernestine and Everett Greeson, Ira and Jerry Haddock, Irvin and Annie Lou McKendree, and Noah and Helen Solomon. Visiting from Paxon Francers were Jack Garrahy; Gerald, Mary, Geraldine and Pam Kieffer; Alvin and Dolly Hall; and Ray and Hester Neal. From Seaside Squares we had Woody and Rosemary

Rogers, and Larry Hudgins from Beaus and Belles. Other visitors this past month were Barney and Cora Cheshire from Paxon Francers and Fred and Erma Blado from Merry Mixers. You are all welcome back any time.

Rosina Baxter, Reporter

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PAXON FRANCERS

We have had quite a busy month, lots of activity and much fun. We'd like to say "thank you" to all our visitors and invite you back again, any time. We'd like to make mention of our out-of-town visitors: Mr. and Mrs. Brooks from Greenville, Tennessee, and Bill and Lou Tice from Savannah, Georgia. It's always nice to see folks from out-of-town.

One of our couples had their 17th wedding anniversary this month -- Curtis and Margaret Thompson. They celebrated it the right way, too -- went down to Daytona Beach for the week-end -- without the children. Hope you have many more, Curtis and Margaret. Also, had a couple of birthdays this month. We won't say HOW old they are, but Joe Joyce and Ray Baxter are a year older now.

Anyone know where Ocean Pond is? A lot of us didn't until this month, but on August 25 we found out (the hard way). We had a party what was a party! From the looks of all the food spread out, everyone must have brought enough for 10 people. After eating, we thought we had better dance off some of the extra pounds we had put on, but the rain put a stop to that. We did get to dance a little while, though, and then played Kangaroo, Pinochle, and various other things. Of course there were a few exhibitions on water skis, and a few of us tried our luck at fishing. I think Bob Love won the prize for the biggest and most fish, but I still haven't quite figured out how he got that bucket of fish.

We had the pleasure of having Jack Griffiths call for us this month while Caller Elwood was down at Canaveral blasting off! At least that's the way the tale goes. He did visit down in that area, but we don't know whether he made it into orbit or not.

Our club banner made it to the Knothead Konvention by way of Kal Howlett. From all reports we've heard everyone had a grand time.

Congratulations to the Starlite Shufflers for winning the Idiot Party costume prize. This is the first time to our knowledge that a Jacksonville club has won.

We have been putting on quite a few exhibition dances at Sun Discount and Paxon Shopping Center in promotion of our new classes which are starting. We've had good response from these dances, and at our last regular Thursday-night dance, we held a little "get acquainted" party for

these prospective dancers. We showed them a little of what to expect in the way of square dancing and also showed movies of previous dances we have held. Everyone seemed to enjoy it, and we are looking forward to our new classes.

Until next month, come see us.

Cora Cheshire, Reporter

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FRIENDLY FROLICS

Hello again! Nerves jangled? Feeling queasy-uneasy? Need a rest? Were you at the Knothead Konvention? "Your Honor, I rest my case." Approximately 880 dancers from all over the State of Florida were registered in Clearwater over the Labor Day week-end -- among them 40 some odd (especially at the "Idiot" party) members of FRIENDLY FROLICS. We were a rather "quiet, reserved" bunch, and, when at 4:00 A.M. the Hamiltons, Somers, Clements and Stantons earned "Crack Pot" chains, it was "official" Crack-Pot caller Fuller Tresca who literally forced us into the out - uh - (strike that) uh - bathroom to dance! Likewise, it was with great reluctance that we boarded the "choo-choo" (ninth-floor express) to make "Kissing Cousins"! I mean, at 5:00 in the morning?? Oh, come now! Why, Shellie Faircloth protested so strongly he woke up one of the hotel guests! (A rather intolerant lady, I would say.)

And where were our callers during all this hubbub? Why, sleeping, of course. Myron and Herschell needed a night's rest, poor fellas, after waking the gang up at 4:30 Sunday morning to make "Cuckoo"! We were a mighty sorry looking bunch dancing to the tunes of ---- (I have no idea, nor do I remember being there, but I was!).

"Skit night" was a most enjoyable event, at which time our club presented "The Trial of Grandpaw Gus Guzzle-Goofer"! (One of the most unusual divorce cases in Knothead history.) Dramatically narrating the trial, Herschell Lee set the scene for the following cast of Kooky Kar-actors:

- Judge Myron (Square Deal) Samson - himself
- Grandpaw Gus Guzzle-Goofer - Sam Somers
- Grandmaw (Dirty Gert) Guzzle-Goofer - Helen Crout
- Attorney Shifty Shyster - Eddie Bowman
- Attorney Potty Plunger - Ruth Somers
- "Hussy" Lisa Gay - Genelda McDonald
- "Conniving" Birdie Blivitt - Barbara Samson
- "Sober, Solemn" Bailiff - Bob Pringle
- "Monster" Randolph - George Stanton

With less than two weeks of rehearsal, these folks did a real fine job at the Konvention -- in fact, "Lisa Gay" was offered a "Hollywood" contract! (Hollywood, Texas.) In addition to a hilarious good time, all those at the Knothead Konvention enjoyed dancing to some marvelous callers, particularly Jack Jackson, and had the privilege of watching the "Square Wheelers" of Miami in a wheel chair exhibition! "Snewpy" sez -- "The Konvention was great -- y'all try to make it in '63!"

Remember the Beachcombers Dance held by FRIENDLY FROLICS on August 18? Hope you didn't miss it, for we had as a special attraction Ken Clark and his "Merry Mountain Boys" fiddling up some mighty snappy music. Herschell and Myron, who, incidentally, treated us to this band, did some lively calling, and dancers were stepping at a pretty fast pace! Frank Clements, Johnny Robbins, Doug Crout, Rocky Hamilton and George Stanton did a fine job of making and transporting a "thatched hut," to add to the nautical atmosphere, and it seems that our club treasurer, Virgie Stewart, collected a few sand dollars at the door! Rosa Lee Lee appeared "incognito" that evening in dark glasses and a glamorous white hat while Myra Faircloth went "Hawaiian" in a fetching grass skirt. Of course, there were muu mus of all types to be seen, as well as a few sarongs, a variety of beachcomber hats and garb, and, all in all, I guess we were a fairly "informal" looking crowd. Visiting our happily disheveled throng were several couples from the "Windermere Squares" making Knothead that evening.

FRIENDLY FROLICS held its quarterly business meeting-cookout-dance on August 25, at which time Ruth Somers was elected our new secretary -- due to the coming departure of former secretary Lois Monteith! Lois and Joe are moving to Georgia, and we wish them every happiness in the future! We'll miss you -- come back and visit us, won't you?

Welcome, welcome, new FRIENDLY FROLICS club members: Ed and Libby Parrish, and the following couples who graduated from Myron's class at our dance of September 15: Charles and Betty Wells, Rocky and Martha Hamilton, Chuck and Jo Keefe, and Shep and Grace Sheppard. Happy dancing, y'all! And a very special welcome to little William Scott Miller (class of '82). Travis and Arjean Miller are the proud new parents, and we hope to see you back dancing with us very soon. Bring little "Willie" too!

Thanks a bundle, "Jubileers," for the warm and hospitable welcome you extended to about six full squares of FRIENDLY FROLICS members visiting you on September 8. We enjoyed your refreshments, movies taken at a former dance, good fun, fine company, and the excellent calling of Jack Griffiths and Harold Pillmore! Next month (October) FRIENDLY FROLICS looks forward to visiting Merry Mixers at one of their Thursday-night dances!

We enjoyed having visiting dancers from several neighboring clubs at our dance of September 15. It was mighty good seeing Fun and Frolic, Merry Mixers, Jubileers, Seaside Squares, Western Cutters, and Skirts 'n' Flirts! Come back real soon! Aggie Clements and her refreshment committee (Willie Grey Bowman, Dot Brannan, Helen Corley and Helen Beatenbough) decorated the refreshment table most attractively in celebration of our graduating

class as well as club birthdays observed during August and September. (The cakes were delicious, girls, as well as beautiful to look at!) Once again, the FRIENDLY FROLICS cast of "Grandpaw Gus" donned their costumes and re-enacted the Konvention skit for members and guests present. Hope you all enjoyed it!

Herschell Lee's new class opened Monday night, September 17, at Englewood Home Demonstration Club, and he had a fine turnout of enthusiastic beginners. The class will remain open for another two weeks, so bring your friends, and your enemies too, and let's help to make Herschell's class a "really big show"!

A "Snewpy Skoop" -- the FRIENDLY FROLICS Halloween dance, to be held on Saturday, October 20, promises to be a hunderer, so grab your best ghost and c'm'on along to Annie Lytle School for an evening of thrills 'n' chills. (Costumes optional.) Frank Clements, our Special Theme Chairman, has some mighty weird tricks up his sleeve -- so being a coward, I believe I'll stay home! But -- you braver souls, y'all come!

Lois Stanton, Reporter

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FUN AND FROLIC

Always full of fun, and ready to frolic, that's us! We have had lots of good times this month, such as:

A visit from the Swamp Stompers of Waycross, Georgia. They brought two squares and were lots of fun. We enjoyed their visit and hope they will come back soon.

Then we made a trip to the Paxon Prancers. Jack Griffiths was asked to call, so we went too. He needs our help.

Like shrimp? Well, it's too late; we have eaten them all. Several members of the club went to the Fleshmans and shrimped; then the club had a shrimp boiling at the Faircloths' lake. Everybody took a covered dish and we had enough food for two meals. There was also swimming, boating and skiing. If you ever get stranded in a boat, don't call Frank and Reggie. They can't see for looking. We were finally rescued after three hours.

We had the best time in Clearwater. Jack Jackson is a good caller, and we all liked him. There were the usual after-dance parties and skits -- good as usual. Marvin (Big John), Charlie and Mark had the Donkey party again, and there was a new game thought up by Mark and Betty Faircloth -- just don't turn your back on them or you'll be a member.

This past Saturday night we went to visit the Friendly Frolics club. It was too hot to do much dancing, but we had a great time -- especially Charlie Head and Vera Starling, who had Justina Sikes in stitches all night. FUN AND FROLIC was returning Friendly Frolics' visit of several weeks past when we were delighted to have three

or four squares of them dance with us. Their pretty white and black costumes highlighted a very festive evening about which we had only one complaint -- too much food!

We have another trip coming up this week-end, September 22, to Richmond, Virginia. Jack has been booked to call for the Western Twirlers. They have 16 squares every Saturday night and are growing. Bill Henderson is their President. We know Jack will need our help, and we don't want to miss anything, so at least six couples are going with him. The Western Twirlers heard Jack when they came down for the National Convention. They all thought he was great -- so do we! More about our trip next month. (TO BE CONTINUED)

Betty Jean Head, October Reporter

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MERRY - MIXERS

Neither summer heat, humidity, nor vacations stayed us from our appointed squares. In spite of these things we averaged four squares or better through the end of August. Now that school is again in session, the vacations are reduced to memories and stacks of bills, and the temperature shows signs of abating, we're happy to report that the tempo of dancing is picking up again. Our recent graduates have been right in there perspiring and squaring away with the rest of us, and it's pretty evident they've become confirmed addicts. It's nice, too, to have the Lawhornes with us again following Herb's sojourn in the hospital.

Thursday, September 6, Herschell called for three exhibition squares sponsored by the Merry-Mixers at Philips Hiway Plaza. Afterwards they adjourned to the club house on Arlington Road for our regular dance where three more squares joined them for a lively evening. Members and visitors who were fortunate enough to attend the Knot-head Konvention the previous week-end filled us in on the details of their activities -- well, probably not all the details. During the evening President Paul Lane read us the Articles of War on flag capturing which had been agreed upon by the various clubs.

Herschell and Rosa Lee were up in the Carolinas on vacation the next Thursday, but we were fortunate to secure the rhythmic calling of Jack Griffiths who brought along not only his pretty little taw, Gladys, but his personable teen-age daughter too (complete with homework). This was our covered dish supper night (second Thursday, you know), and a sizable group enjoyed the abundant array of good food. We sorely missed having our editors dine with us, for we have come to regard them as "regulars" for this event. Whoever was responsible for that hot apple strudel and the whipped cream to top it with deserves a word of recognition. After supper we cleared the floor for a little over six squares to cavort to Jack's excellent calling. For some reason the floor was

extremely slippery that night, but Mac and Hugh solved that problem by each "sitting" out a part of one tip -- respectively, but not respectfully. Club members were delighted to welcome Ken and Lorraine Seefried back following an absence of six months or more while Ken was on duty in the Mediterranean. We were sorry to learn, though, that new member Ron Ball was leaving the next day for the same area.

In talking to Herschell since his return from vacation, he reveals that he attended his brother's club while home, and reports that "Tobacco" Lee has not only taken up dancing since his visit to the Merry-Mixers two years ago, but has become quite a good caller. That makes three of the Lee progeny who, as their mother puts it, "have been raised to become idiots." Wouldn't it be something to have all three of them on the same program?

Once again we thank our many visitors whose company we have enjoyed during the past month. Need I remind everyone that our welcome mat is always out to visitors from other clubs? We'll look forward to seeing everyone at the N. E. Fla. Area Hoedown on the 29th of September. With the new club membership plan everyone in a participating club automatically becomes an Association member, so let's get out and dance and vote for the new officers. Don't forget our regular covered-dish supper and dance on the second Thursday. The next one will be October 11 -- eat at 7:00, dance at 8:00.

Russ Osborn, Reporter

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STAR LITE SHUFFLERS

Well, here we are again, and has it been a great month for the STAR LITE SHUFFLERS! The big news for the month, of course, is the Knothead Konvention at Clearwater which 8 of our group (the Knights, Hayes and Tools) attended along with 877 other Knotheads, from Friday, August 31, through Monday, September 3. It was a wonderful week-end which included everything from HOT HASH, TEEN AND FAMILY DANCING, PARTIES IN HOTEL SUN LOUNGE, ROUND DANCE WORKSHOPS, KNOTHEAD INITIATION, to coffee served upstairs in the rooms at the hotel after the CUCKOO PARTY at 4:00 A.M. Sunday, and a host of wonderful callers. One of the biggest events for the STAR LITE SHUFFLERS was the Idiot Party, featuring an old-fashioned nightgown parade, with prizes for the best, the funniest and the best dressed square. Now, how can I say this without sounding boastful? The STAR LITE SHUFFLERS were awarded the prize for the best-dressed square, thanks to our costume designer, Dottie Knight. In fact, thanks to the whole Knight family who came through with flying colors when one of our couples couldn't make the parade. Robbie, with Bill as his Taw, stepped in to save the day. The pretty pantaloons Joe Tool and Walter Knight wore may have helped us capture the prize also. The letters on the back of our gowns that spelled STAR LITE SHUFFLERS when we stood together was pretty clever also, Dottie. The most inspiring

event of the Konvention was the show put on by the Square Wheelers, paraplegic wheel-chair dancers. I hope everyone can see them someday. Jacksonville's FRIENDLY FROLICS did a wonderful job with their skit. There is much more to be said about the Konvention, but time and space will not allow, so I'll just say "DON'T MISS IT NEXT YEAR!"

Our second big event of the month was our CAMPING TRIP. On the week-end of September 8 and 9, 27 persons (including the children) from our club camped out at Goldhead State Park. Some of us slept in tents and others in station wagons. Everyone cooked out, and the menus we observed included such things as T-Bone steak, fried chicken, spoonburgers, and even chicken in yellow rice. Did anyone keep score on the number of cups of coffee consumed there? Saturday night we squared up on a private pavilion, with Walter Knight calling. You should have seen Angie and Scotty Hayes "roughing it." If that is "roughing it," I couldn't stand their first class. I know Margaret Kemp will be looking forward to our next camping trip because she said she hasn't relaxed like that in years. And I know Charlie Kemp found it to be the most eventful week-end he'd experienced for quite a time as he had two flat tires on the way back to town, PLUS FINDING A SKUNK in his tent on Saturday night. P. S. Thank goodness the skunk left without leaving his calling card. To BRUCE YONGUE and JULIE we all want to say thanks for everything. You were wonderful to help us. Without you we wouldn't have had such a successful trip.

Effective the first week in October the STAR LITE SHUFFLERS dance night will be changed from Friday to Saturday. COME DANCE WITH US.

The new classes, called by our Walter Knight, got off to a very good start on September 5, with a wonderful group of new students. Our door prize that night (3 free lessons) was won by Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCall. The classes are still open for new members, so come join the fun each Wednesday, 8:00 P.M., at Woodstock Park.

The Cokers and Kemps said they enjoyed visiting Herschell Lee's new class at Englewood.

On September 14 we were honored to have with us as Guest Caller, Bill Camp, along with his wife, Nora. We certainly enjoyed having you and hope you will return soon. Also on the 14th, we had a wonderful Twist Demonstration by Tia Frank and Robbie Knight. Another caller we greatly enjoyed several times during the recent past is Hugh Patterson. We'll be looking forward to having you again soon, Hugh.

The best news of all is always saved 'til last -- Frank, Buddy and Joe finally made KANGAROO!!!

'Bye for now.

Betty Tool,
Mrs. Secretary

JUBILEERS

The JUBILEERS with their new banner, badges and bells welcomed a visit from Friendly Frolics at their dance September 8. A truly fine dance was enjoyed by all who attended on September 8. Several squares from Friendly Frolics paid us a visit and made the evening a real success. Les Sykes showed the colored movies he had taken the last time Friendly Frolics folks visited the Jubileers, and it would be hard to say who was the star of the film.

On Tuesday, September 18, some of the JUBILEERS visited the Fun and Frolics dance and were really put through their paces. Walt Knight has been invited to call the dance for the Jubileers on September 22, and it should be another grand night of squaring up. Some of the Jubileers will be away that night attending the Round-up at Jekyll Island Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 20th - 22nd, and will report back next month on the Georgia Convention.

JUBILEERS are planning some party and fun events in the near future, so watch the Grapevine for further information.

Onalea Hackbert, Reporter

BEGINNERS CLASSES

<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Where, Etc.</u>
Sept. 5	Woodstock Park - Wednesdays - Walter Knight calling, sponsored by Star Lite Shufflers
Sept. 5	Wesconnett Civic Center - Wednesdays 8:30. Floyd Hazen calling. Sponsored by Western Cutters. Open to October 1.
Sept. 17	Englewood Home Demon. Club. Mondays. Herschell Lee. Open to October 1.
Sept. 18	Paxon Youth Center - Tuesdays. Elwood Sexton. Open 'til October 2. Sponsored by Paxon Francers.
Sept. 19	Lions Club, Orange Park. Floyd Hazen - Wednesdays, for children 9 to 15. Sponsored by Orange Park Promenaders.
Sept. 21	St. Andrews Presbyt. Church, 103rd St. - Fridays, for Teen-Agers. D. J. Lynch
October 2	Jax Beach Band Shell. Herschell Lee calling. Joe Smith calling Oct. 8 and thereafter. Sponsored by Seaside Squares.
Sept. 11	Orange Park Lions Club. Floyd Hazen. Tuesdays. Sponsored by Promenaders.

REMINDERS

Sept. 29 -- NEFSDA 5th-Saturday Hoedown, Wesconnett School (Wesconnett Blvd. at 105th) 8:00 P.M. Area callers. BOW & SWING Subscription Dance. Admission 25¢ per person plus proof of BOW & SWING subscription to 6/30/63 -- or 25¢ per person plus \$1.50 for subscription to BOW & SWING for 1 yr. -- subscription rate same for couple or individual. Also election of officers.

Sept. 29 - Saturday 8:00. Bill Wilson, Waycross Civic Auditorium. Sponsored by Swamp Stompers.

October 6 - Saturday. Lionellas Country Dance. Lions Club, Orange Park. Floyd Hazen calling.

Oct. 11 -- Merry Mixers covered-dish supper. Thursday at 7:00, Arlington Community Club. Herschell Lee calling.

October 12 - Friday. Bob Rust calls at Waycross Civic Auditorium. Sponsored by Swamp Stompers.

October 20 - Saturday. Friendly Frolics Halloween Party, Annie Lytle School.

October 26 - Friday, 8:00. BOB PAGE dance, Fernandina Beach Recreation Center. Sponsored by Island Squares. \$1 per person.

Nov. 10 -- NESFDA FALL ROUNDUP - New Jax Civic Auditorium. Jack Jackson calling evening dance. Area Callers for Workshops. Tickets \$1 per person in advance, \$1.25 per person at door.

Nov. 16 -- Friday. Jack Livingston at Waycross Civic Auditorium sponsored by Swamp Stompers.

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Bill and Ruth Fleshman

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