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## ALLE MANDARINS

TUESDAYS - Parish Hall, Church of Our Savior, Mandarin....Anne Lawhorne Caller

Boy! What a swinging month August was for us! Graduation for 36 members and formed a club. We chose the name ALLE MANDARINS which we think is quite appropriate. Officers elected are:

- Pres - John and Vivian Hansen
- Vice Pres. - Braddy & Anna Marie Wilford
- Secretary - Charlie and Dot Landis
- Treasurer - Ed and Ann Swan

The graduating class consisted of Charlie and Mary Jane Cleghorn, Bill and Mary Garnett, Harry and Joan Garrison, John and Vivian Hansen, Ira and Carolyn Higgenbotham, Don and Nola Hutt, Joe and Pat Kenney, Jerry Knight, Charlie and Dot Landis, Merlin and Lucy Mickler, Winnie Ann Murray, Emile and Mary Eleanor Roth, Tom Shell, Ed and Ann Swan, Donna Spengler, Bob and Julia Ann Watkins, Terrance and Margaret Weitzel, Neil Weitzel, Jack Weitzel, Braddy and Anna Marie Wilford, and Harold and Elizabeth Younger.

All these weeks and months of drilling the "do-si-do's" and "left allemandes" under the leadership of our wonderful callers, Anne and Herb Lawhorne, were made even more enjoyable by the extra sessions at different homes, and, oh!, the home-made goodies were certainly worth going for even if you don't like square dancing (who doesn't?).

Graduation was quite a success. Can't begin to tell about all the fun we had, which included the famous mortar boards and diplomas presented by Professor Herb. The men dressed in petticoats made cute "taws," and the girls did beautifully in plaid shirts as men. Much more fun and a delicious cake, decorated in square-dance motif, served with punch and coffee. Many visitors attended, which pleased us very much. We love visitors.

We are glad of the opportunity to thank all the experienced dancers who were kind enough to dance with us at the Association dance. Hope you will come visit us now that we are a club.

Over Labor Day we had a ball (square). Covered-dish supper at the home of Braddy and Anna Marie Wilford. Swam in the afternoon, made Aquaducks, and danced on the grass to make Grasshoppers. We are all agreed that our cooks can't be beat. Our thanks to the Y-Knots for sharing our fun, food and badges.

After months of displaying as much patience as two earthly people can, in getting a group ready for graduation, our "Mother Hen" (Anne) and Herb are taking to the hills for three weeks, turning their brood over to Joe Smith, who has called to us and whom we like very much. The Lawhornes will be back here for business on the 6th of October and will begin a new class on the 9th of October.

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## ORANGE PARK JUNIOR PROMENADERS

WEDNESDAYS - Orange Park Lions Club  
Eddie Millan Caller

"She Loves Me. Yeah! Yeah! Yeah!" was the song that rang out in the Lions Club in Orange Park when the Beatles performed on Wednesday, September 16. The Beatles (Gary Eckford, Steve Ferguson, Eugene Nix, and Gary Hyatt) did a real good job of entertaining us at our Graduation Party. Another skit put on by Glenda Hyatt (driver), Randy Mobley (mother), Steve Houston (professor), Jimmy Green (shopper), Terry Rucks (the drunk) was "The Trolley Car." Our lawyer, Gary Hyatt, lost his suit after taking his case to a higher court. Then we had the pleasure of listening to a

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ORANGE PARK JR. PROMENADERS (Cont'd)

piano piece, "Fairy Waltz," by Mary Jo Eckford.

Eddie Millan our caller, presented the graduates with diplomas, badges, and caps. We would like to thank everyone who helped to make it a success.

Sandra Carroll, Reporter

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P A X O N    P R A N C E R S

THURSDAYS - Mary Hammond Youth Center -  
12th near Melson - Elwood Sexton Caller

The main event to report this month will be the same for just about every club -- that of the Knothead Konvention in Clearwater. The PAXON PRANCERS are happy to say that approximately 60 of us were lucky enough to attend.

We were glad to have Kay and Jim Holbrook stay with us in Clearwater. Joe Joyce said he wished someone would buy Kay a bathing suit before next time so she wouldn't have to get all her clothes wet. We were also glad to see Wayne Pierce was able to get leave and attend the Konvention with us. It was nice to have Mrs. Willis and Bea Stitt with us. We hope they didn't mind the noise.

It seems as though PAXON has started a zoo. Besides the whole Knothead group going ape, we now have a red-nose reindeer. Donald Smith hit the bottom of the pool on his nose. At least that's what Donald said. Elwood Sexton and Kay Holbrook made special badges of 'gators. They both were thrown in the pool - clothes and all. Kay should get more than one badge, as she just couldn't stay out of that water when fully dressed.

The club members made other badges, such as Aqua Ducks, Night Owls, Elevator, Plungers, and Idiots. I guess we will call the rest of the club Hoot Owls. It seems they did a lot of hooting every night. It was really all Gainesville's fault, as they made so much noise we couldn't sleep anyhow.

The PAXON PRANCERS were happy to receive the awards for the best nightgowns. We were sorry there weren't more prizes, as the Star Lite Shufflers sure did look pretty in their blue outfits with silver sparkle trim.

Besides the regular dances in Clearwater, we danced on the Motel Parking Lot Friday night and up into the wee hours of

Saturday morning. Saturday night we all dressed in pajamas and went to the Idiot party. Quite a lot of us thought everyone was supposed to wear pajamas, but from the looks of the crowd, we were wrong, or perhaps they were bashful. One thing nice about Jim Thomas though -- he does like his clothes to match, even if it is pajamas. I hear his bloomers are going to be a door prize at the Dance-a-Thon Saturday. I hope my name isn't picked.

Elwood Sexton slept in a perfumed bed Saturday night after Margaret Joyce proved to him that the Aerosol cans of shaving lotion go a long way and really work for long distances. They both looked like they were snow-capped when they were finished.

Some people will do anything to get some sleep, won't they, Patsy? I hear Donald Smith was waiting with water for someone to knock on the door. It just so happens Patsy was the one. Perhaps that was why Patsy went to bed early Sunday night instead of joining the group. Patsy and Bob Love bought a radio while in Clearwater. It went for a swim and still played.

Someone reported seeing a Miss Nancy Rutledge running down the highway at Clearwater. Wonder why? Could be that is the reason she is still a "Miss." She runs too fast.

Pam Kieffer was doing a lot of moving at the motel. She never knew where she might find her bed when she did get ready for some shut-eye.

On Sunday afternoon for dinner, we all went to the Kapok Tree Inn and had a delicious meal. Some of us had steak, others shrimp or chicken. After Wilfoch Warren said grace, Bob Love took over as Head of the Table.

Did everyone catch the 4:00 A.M. news Monday morning? It was a good clear night for playing portable radios outside. They came in loud and clear, didn't they, Margaret Shields?

Roy Lightfoot really did stay awake Sunday night until the party broke up. Of course he had to prop his head up after a while, but he made it just the same. Monday morning the majority of us went to the Auditorium to get that last bit of dancing in before our big week-end ended. We really enjoyed hearing Harper Smith call. We also enjoyed dancing to the other callers that were present.

The PAXON PRANCERS really enjoyed the Bob Rust Fifth-Saturday dance. The skits were real cute, and I know every one of the PRANCERS look forward to another Bob Rust dance in the future.

We are proud that one of the PRANCERS, Wally Lightfoot, was elected President of the Association. Best of luck, Wally!

PAXON PRANCERS (Cont'd)

We know you'll do a good job.

The PRANCERS are sorry to hear that Melvin Prevatt and his law, Barbara, are being transferred to Orlando. We do hope they will visit us as often as possible.

We were also sorry to hear about Jake and Louise Smith from Orange Park Promenaders having a car accident before the Clearwater trip. We sure hope everything will be all right soon.

The PAXON PRANCERS share sympathy with Bonnie Crowell on the death of her father and with Ruth Pierce from Western Cutters on the death of her father.

I wish to say Happy Birthday to Joe Joyce and Jim Thomas and anyone else I might have missed.

We plan to hold our annual Dance-a-Thon Saturday, September 19. We are looking forward to having a real good time.

The PRANCERS plan to start their classes on September 29, Tuesday, at 8:00 P.M. On September 24 we are having our Harvest Party, party of the month, and would like for all prospective members to attend.

We hope everyone made it safely through Hurricane Dora and that no one suffered any big loss.

Until next month,

Ralph and Georgene Bussey

Ruth and Earle Pierce would have been with the group at Clearwater, but due to the recent death of her father, they were unable to attend.

Due to the Lady Dora, we were unable to start our classes as planned. They will start the 18th of September but will not close for two weeks after that time. There's still plenty of time to make it out to the Wescosnett Civic Center, Friday nights, at 8:00.

Our good friends Jean and Paul Tate moved to Neptune Beach just in time to welcome Dora. From last reports they are back in their new home without too much damage.

October 10 the WESTERN CUTTERS will have an Open House at their new club house. Not only do we plan some good dancing but games and other attractions. So come see us then.

Can't close without our club's thanks to the Association for the fine dance they gave us last month. Bob Rust did a good job in the calling department, and the skits by the different clubs were the highlight of the evening. Our thanks to the outgoing officers and the "Best of Luck" to those incoming.

Nancy and Harney Morrow

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ORANGE PARK PROMENADERS

FRIDAYS - Orange Park Lions Club  
Floyd Hazen Caller

It's a little difficult to write about square dancing when everybody is busy digging out of the hurricane debris. That Dora sure was no lady!

During the past month our Junior dancers gave an exhibition for the fans at the Jacksonville Ball Park. They did us proud.

Then the graduation party came along with 48 couples being awarded diplomas and caps, and goodies to eat. It was a nice party.

We had a wonderful representation at the Northeast Florida Square Dancers Association Fifth-Saturday dance at the Mayflower Hotel. If you missed the skit called "The History of Square Dancing" performed by the PROMENADERS, you missed some fun. Cleopatra was sensational. Incidentally, this was an original story by Margaret Hilbrant. The only sad part of the whole thing was that a guitar used in the skit disappeared. It was a borrowed one and has to be paid back. Anyone having any clues to its whereabouts, call the Hilbrants -- it would really be a happy ending.

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WESTERN CUTTERS

The WESTERN CUTTERS have had to do some moving this last month. Looking for a new hall because of increase in school rentals was our big problem. We will be dancing, beginning with our regular dance September 26, at the new Fleet Reserve Building, 7673 Blanding Boulevard, near Collins Road. I hear that our new home has air conditioning and a kitchen -- so make plans to visit us real soon.

About two squares (mostly new Knotheads) made it to the Clearwater Convention. According to our members, it was almost a marathon dance from Friday to Monday morning. Many made their "Cuckoo" badge when Bob Reynolds got them out of bed at 3:00 in the morning.

ORANGE PARK PROMENADERS (Cont'd)

Our President and his wife, Jake and Louise Smith, are recuperating from an automobile accident. It will be a while before they will be dancing again -- they were lucky to get out in one piece.

Floyd and Marge Hazen are off on their Western trip this week-end, to be gone about three weeks, but we will have guest callers while they are away. On their return they will be starting a new class about October 13. Also, the Juniors will be starting a new group. Get your youngsters signed up. Keep it in the family!

Carlyn Gundersen, Reporter

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FRIENDLY FROLICS

1st and 3rd SATURDAYS - Philips Hiway Plaza.....Herschell Lee, Caller

First, let me explain how I got the job of reporting for FRIENDLY FROLICS. Our recently elected reporters, Frank and Aggie Clements, got a promotion -- a big promotion -- they were elected Vice President of the Northeast Florida Square Dancers Association. How 'bout that!!! We are very proud of them and know they'll do a great job. So here I am, no experience but lots of courage.

We are also proud of our gal Virgie Stewart too. She was elected Secretary of the Northeast Florida Square Dancers Association. She'll make a good secretary with plenty of experience since she struggled through a couple of years as our secretary. We are sure all of our newly elected officers will do a good job, and we congratulate them.

We had great fun at the Knothead Konvention Labor Day Week-end. Our club showed up at the Konvention with some 45 members. What a ball! No one slept much -- especially Sam Webb and a few others we'd better not mention. We learned a lot of new calls and, with a lot of faking, got through some of the tips. Hope we can remember what Harper Smith taught us. We were glad to see so many of our new members at the Konvention. They really got a work-out, and we oldies didn't know any more than they did. We all came home pooped but very glad we went. We will soon forget our tired feet and sleepy eyes and look forward to next year.

We want to tell all of our club members who didn't make the business meeting this month that you missed a real treat -- supper by candlelight. Hurrican Dora knocked

the lights out at the Englewood Home Demonstration Clubhouse, but couldn't stop us. We urge members to attend these meetings and help us make the decisions. We need you.

Herschell Lee, our caller, is starting a new class September 22 at the Englewood Home Demonstration building. Let's make it a big and exciting class.

The new club rosters are being prepared by Doug Crout. They should be ready soon, so watch for them at the dances.

Well, until next month, when we hope for more news, we'll say goodbye and happy dancing.

Arie Willis, Reporter

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ROUNDOLERS

MONDAYS.....Southside Youth Center

The ROUNDOLERS are happy to welcome as new members to our group Anne and Bill Turner, Kal Howlett, and Louise Wallace.

We were deeply concerned when we heard of the accident to our reporters, Louise and Jake Smith. Louise is in a wheel chair with a broken knee, and both Jake and Louise were badly bruised when involved in an automobile accident. They are sorely missed (no pun intended), and we hope to have them back before long, even if Louise will have to be a spectator for a time.

The ROUNDOLERS were asked to program the rounds at our recent Association dance. Although it was a bit crowded, we all enjoyed the program, and our thanks to our able president, Carl Graeff, and taw, for the wonderful job they did.

We have missed Evelyn and Ed Criminger the last two months. Ed hurt his ankle while on vacation. It is good to have them dancing again.

The ROUNDOLERS were honored by a request to program the round dances at the NEFSDA Fall Round-up on November 7 as well as to handle the round-dance workshop from 7:00 to 8:00, preceding the evening Ed Merrick Dance. In addition, the ROUNDOLERS were invited to teach a round dance at the 1965 Knothead Konvention. We have some excellent instructors and are sure they would do not only the ROUNDOLERS, but the whole Northeast Florida Square Dancers Association, proud at these undertakings.

A number of our members went to the Knothead Konvention in Clearwater over Labor Day. Ruth and Bill Fleshman demonstrated a round at the workshop there, and from all reports, were outstanding.

ROUNDLEERS (Cont'd)

Gladys Griffiths presented a picture taken of them while doing the round to the Fun and Frolic Square Dance Club. It is well worth a visit to the club on Tuesday night to see it.

Carl and Betty Graeff have been teaching the "Round of the Month," "Tic-Toc Melody." We are also reviewing old rounds in the workshop period starting at 7:30.

Plans are afoot for an outing on Sunday, October 11. We are looking forward to this and we'll have a report on it next month.

To borrow a phrase from our good reporters, Jake and Louise Smith, we will see you A-Round, we hope.

Rose and Carl Law

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LETTER TO THE GRAPEVINE

My wife Bessie and I have recently moved to Jacksonville and have been square dancing for six years. Since arriving in Jacksonville, we have only been dancing twice but hope to do more as we find our way around.

For the past four years we have been going up to Fontana Village, North Carolina, for the semiannual Fun Fest (8 days). Fontana Village has 300 cottages and a 52-room lodge located in the northwest corner of North Carolina, located in the Smokie Mountains. The Fun Fest consists of eight full days of all kinds of recreation, such as golf, swimming, hiking, horseback riding, hobbies and crafts. Each morning they have workshops on rounds and each afternoon they have workshop on squares, and each night from 8:00 to 11:00 they have square and round dancing with a live band, the Fontana Ramblers. The full eight days cost \$69.00 per person, which includes three meals and snacks, all dancing and all recreation, plus after parties from 11:00 to 12:00 with snacks.

When we lived in Clearwater, many people from the Sun Coast went, but I was surprised to find that out of 89 people from Florida, Bessie and I were the only ones from Jax. We hope many of your readers will plan to attend in the future. The Fun Fest is the week of Memorial Day in the spring and the week of Labor Day in the fall. All callers who attend are welcome to participate in the calling, and we really enjoyed the staff callers who were A. B. Coleman from Kingsport, Tennessee; Harry Lackey from Greensboro, North Carolina; Jamie Newton from Atlanta, Georgia; John Stewart from Columbia, South Carolina;

Chuck Raley from Lakewood, California; and Bill Ball from Hollywood, California. The rounds were staffed by Ed and Kay Mack from Clearwater, Florida; and Al and Millie Boehringer from Dayton, Ohio.

A group of dancers from California had a gay old time as 89 of them chartered a plane and came to Fontana Fun Fest. They really had a ball.

This past fall 525 dancers attended the Fun Fest, and a good time was had by all.

Charlie and Bessie George  
3675 Philips Hiway Plaza

Editors' Note: Some Jacksonville-area club's night and level must fit the Georges' requirements for square dancing. Let's get them dancing with us.

Fontana also has semiannual Swap Shops staffed by a different group and usually coming earlier in the spring and later in the fall and offering almost identical recreational possibilities, including square and round dancing. The Fun Fests and Swap Shops are only two of many square dance vacations offered each year, a comprehensive list of which appears each year in BOW & SWING (the magazine for square dancing in Florida) and also in the national square dance magazines. We have had excellent reports from Northeast Florida dancers who have attended previous sessions of the Fun Fest, Swap Shop, Camp Dixie, Jekyll Jamboree, Rainbow Lakes, Kirkwood Lodge, etc. The reason Charlie and Bessie saw no Jacksonville dancers at the latest Fun Fest was because 209 of us were at the Knothead Konvention in Clearwater.

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THE NEPSDA ANNUAL FALLROUNDUP												
November 7 - City Exhibition Hall												
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U. S. 441 CLUB

2nd and 4th SATURDAYS - Gainesville H. S. Teaching Auditorium (Out-of-town visitors welcome)..Various Florida Callers

Now that vacation time is behind us, it seems as if people's thoughts are returning to the companionship and fun of square dancing. How about the M. E. Association dance on August 29 for togetherness! The squares were so close that Verna Ellis got lost one tip. Still waiting for the air conditioner to freeze us out. After the excellent calling of Bob Rust, time was called for a rest and entertainment. Jitterbug, Hawaiian or soft shoe -- just play the music and someone will dance to it. From Adam and Eve to Davey Crockett, that Cleopatra era was quite an eye-catcher. We were rather proud of our own 441-ers, Bunny Whiteman, Clyde Dees, Howard Nelson, Ike Cheves, Aubrey Griffis, and Marshall Wigglesworth,

U. S. 441 CLUB (Cont'd)

who had trouble locating the stand for her sign. The thought occurred that someone (man) was hiding it on purpose. We thought the seventeen couples from Gainesville were a good showing, but there are many others who miss out on an evening of good fun and fellowship by not attending these dances. We personally find a great deal of pleasure in dancing with the many friends we have made in Jacksonville.

We hadn't worked up too much enthusiasm for the Knothead, but it is difficult to turn down three days of dancing to Harper Smith. By noon on Saturday our expectations had been realized, and it turned out to be an outstanding convention. The workshops and calling of Harper Smith were exceptional, and he was very ably assisted by the Florida callers. All this leaves the Knothead Committee with a King-size headache: where to find room for the dancers at next year's Knothead. After all the Loop the Loops, Curl Thrus, Wheel and Spreads, Acey Deucys, Spin the Tops, Swing Thrus, and Circulates, plus variations, it was surprising to see the Auditorium completely filled for more of the same on Monday morning. Chet was sorry the floor was so crowded that he could only have two dances with Karen Ruser. For those who saw the lady's shoe go into orbit on Saturday night, it belonged to JoAnne Mote. It ended up half way down the Auditorium where Don Brooke tucked it under his arm while doing a Right and Left Grand. Try that sometime. Those of us who stayed at the Shelby Plaza would like to thank the Paxon Prancers for their quiet demeanor, and especially Jim for making sure we didn't miss the dance on Monday morning. We're staying in Fort Myers next year. Just joking, Prancers; we thoroughly enjoyed your company and will be staying at the same place. The ladies will be wearing swim suits. For the nearly 300 dancers from the Northeast Florida Association, 61 from Gainesville, we hope you enjoyed the Knothead and are sorry the others couldn't make it.

Although 441 didn't dance as a club this summer, we did dance to records and tapes on our regular dance nights and had a successful summer program. Our guests included Jean and Jewel Ahranb, Tex and Ruth Coburn, Bob and Bobbie Eller, Bill and Verna Ellis, Bob and Juanita Fulmer, Don and JoAnne Mote, Richard and Fran Myers, and Luther and Connie Shelton. In spite of bad weather due to Dora, we danced 6 1/2 squares to the calling of Herschell Lee on September 12 and will finish the summer program with another Jacksonville caller on September 26. Our regular club dances begin on October 10 with a covered-dish supper at Tom and Sue McRorie's, dancing to Eric Sohn, and, weather permitting, a swim in Tom and Sue's pool. On October 24 we will dance to John Sauners.

May we put in a plug for one of the newer clubs of the area? If you like to

dance to Bill Camp and enjoy congeniality, visit the Kaper Kutters of Palatka. They dance at the Union Hall, U. S. 17 North, in Palatka on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 8:30 until 11:00 P.M.

Our deepest sympathy to Bill and Ruth Fleshman on the loss of Bill's father.

WHO SNATCHED PANTS??? At the Northeast Florida Association dance, Bunny and Jim (5 ft.) Whiteman and Marshall and Robert Wigglesworth (6 ft. hairless nut) had made reservations for connecting rooms at the hotel to stay overnight. A door in the closet was the connector but couldn't be opened. So the Wigglesworths just put their clothes in the Whitemans' closet and settled down to relax before the dance. Robert had a new pair of pants to wear to the dance (Jimmy had got a pair for Robert and a pair just like them for himself) and was very proud of them.

On Sunday after a good dance and rest these four wended their way home. Robert took his clothes to the laundry, and the next Friday goes to pick them up, and, lo and behold, no new pants! The Whitemans are merrily wending their way to the Knothead at this point. For the Trail Dance Jimmy decides to wear his new pants. Heavens to Betsy! Have you ever seen a five-footer in a six-footer's britches? (Jimmy figures at this point that the clerk gave him two pairs of pants the same size.) During the Trail Dance Jimmy talks to Aubrey Griffis (Villain), and Aubrey mentions he would like to get some new pants while there. Jimmy tells Aubrey of his new pants and says "If you can wear them, take them." The pants fit Aubrey perfectly, so merrily he goes with the pants on his way. On Wednesday, September 16, Robert calls Bunny at work to see if his new pants got misplaced in their clothes. Bunny replies intelligently, "Jimmy - Knothead - Pants - Aubrey." (Bunny got to laughing so hard that she had to be sent home to rest before she could continue to work.) When quiet settled on Bunny, she calls Aubrey and tells him he is wearing Robert's pants, and Aubrey tells Buhny, "The only way you will get the pants is to catch me and take them." Robert has his new pants, and Heaven only knows what Aubrey is doing as I haven't seen him of late.

Pants snatcher catcher for rent anytime. Have net will travel.

Chet and Julia Vetter

COMPLIMENTARY GRAPEVINES

The 3-months complimentary subscriptions to the GRAPEVINE given graduates of new beginners classes, are through the courtesy of the Northeast Florida Square Dancers Association to acquaint you with other square dance activities in your area. We hope you will enjoy it and will renew your subscription. See top of p. 1

K A P E R    K U T T E R S

1st and 3rd SATURDAY - Union Hall, U.S. 17 North, Palatka, 8:30..Bill Camp, Caller

The KAPER KUTTERS on October 3 will be host for the Brunswick, Georgia, club which will be coming down to make Knot-head. The dance will be at the Union Hall on the Jacksonville Highway (U.S. 17), starting at 8:30 P.M. All who wish to come that night will be welcome.

In October on Tuesday nights the KAPER KUTTERS will be starting a new class in beginners square dancing; anyone who wishes to learn will be welcome and can get more information by contacting either Leo Anderson at 1908 Rosselle Avenue, or Mrs. Louise Hughes, 104 North 19th Street, Palatka.

Louise Hughes, Reporter

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M E R R Y - M I X E R S

The MERRY-MIXERS have been quite active throughout the long, hot summer, even though we didn't get a column in for the Grapevine last month. Bettie and I were called out of town unexpectedly due to the loss of her mother and didn't get back until after the 20th, too late for the September issue.

To review briefly the activities of July, we averaged from 5 to 10 squares weekly, depending on how many of our members were on vacation. July 24 we hosted a group from the Paxon Francers, led by Elwood, who captured our flag. That same night we pulled our Idiot party on Myron. We registered 83 people at the dance, and I think we must have had at least 50 or more milling around the churchyard at midnight in their pajamas or nightshirts waiting for Myron to get home. The neighbors must have thought an invasion was in progress, but we all had a good time in spite of the fact that Myron and Barbara didn't look too sleepy. We even had three teenagers try to crash the party in the wee hours. Most of the dancers also earned a Donkey badge the same night. The very next night a couple of squares of the hardier type drove up to Valdosta to earn their Knothead badges. We finished up the month on the 31st with Herschell splitting the calling with Myron for a lively evening.

Following our first dance in August the Lawrences entertained at a poolside party at their home for those who wanted to make Aqua Duck. The next night Dwight and Ruth Perkins held a cook-out at their home, and three squares participated in dancing on the grass afterward to earn their Grasshopper badges. The little tw and I were gone for several weeks but returned in time to attend the NEFSDA dance at the Mayflower. Quite a few of our newer members attended this dance, which was called to perfection by Bob Rust. It was the first "big" dance for many of them, and they did themselves proud and had a wonderful time. Everyone present enjoyed the wonderful skits too. At our last club dance of August Dan Lawrence and Dick Steeves showed the color slides they had taken at the Idiot and Donkey party back in July. We thought we were pretty daring to brave the remnants of hurricane Cleo that night -- little did we know what lay ahead!

Myron agreed to call a dance for those of us who didn't get to go to the Knothead Konvention on the night of September 4. We only had a little over three squares present, but it was an enthusiastic group, and he put us through a little workshop. A bunch of our members were lucky enough to attend the Konvention in Clearwater and came back exhausted but full of stories about the fun they had.

St. Paul's Church was without electricity on September 11 in the aftermath of big hurricane Dora. Myron had spent the day cleaning the St. Johns River out of his house, but agreed to call a dance provided we could locate a place with lights and could round up enough storm-weary people. I, for one, was tired of sitting around by candlelight, wishing for something to do, so we managed to get up a little over four squares and arranged for the use of the Arlington Presbyterian Church hall, thanks to the efforts of Annette Marley and the Fran Olsens, assisted by Dwight Perkins, who opened up and moved tables and chairs out of the way for us. Eddie Millan assisted Myron with the calling, and Barbara Samson (I knocked the "p" out of Sampson like you told me, Myron) coached us in a round dance. We had an enjoyable evening, then went back home to the candlelight and Sterno.

Our class at the Presbyterian Church is going strong according to all reports -- haven't been able to get there myself since early August. We certainly owe our club members over there a vote of thanks for the use of the hall, especially the Marleys, who arrive early and stay late to take care of the coffee and ice water. Come to think of it, we also owe thanks to St. Paul members who take care of the refreshments and cleaning up afterwards. We could use more volunteers at both places. The Ladies of St. Paul's are putting on another social later this month which will be in the form of a square dance. Myron will call for the novice dancers, and plans

MERRY-MIXERS (Cont'd)

are to have a square of our club dancers put on a little exhibition for them.

We've had to cancel two scheduled meetings of our nomination committee, but one of these days we're going to come up with a slate of officers for election. We were supposed to have elected our new officers for installation by September 1 but are running a little late. Little formalities like that don't bother us; we just have fun. We've enjoyed the many visitors we've had this summer, and our members have enjoyed themselves at some of the other club dances they attended and the warm reception given them. I've forgotten who has whose club banner by now. The Steeves and the Pauls (Frances and Charley) even went dancing on their camping vacation in the North Carolina mountains.

Our sincere condolences go to Cullen and Agnes Glover in their recent loss. We were also sorry to hear that Mary Lane had been admitted to the hospital for another operation and that T. W. Cordray had again been hospitalized with a recurrence of his previous leg trouble. We hope, too, that the nurses at Hope Haven will give little Lisa Paul back to her parents real soon.

Last minute items -- We decided at our September 18 dance by majority vote to continue dancing on Friday nights throughout, and regardless of, the football season. There is one exception to this; the last Friday of each month we will not dance as the hall is reserved for Scouts -- be it the fourth or the fifth Friday of the month.

Russ Osborn, Reporter

FRIDAYS - St. Paul's Episcopal Church,  
Atlantic Blvd.....Myron Samson, Caller

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GRAND SLAMMERS

THURSDAYS - 8051 West Beaver Street  
(Marietta).....Bob Reynolds, Caller

If you remember, last month I hinted that our first dance of the month should be interesting. Well, it was; we gave Janet Lyons an informal baby shower. We even played a couple of games that I'm sure would make anyone think we were the babies.

Next in the line of things happening

was our Family Picnic. We went to Crooked River State Park for the occasion. Some of us left in time to have breakfast around six o'clock. It was a wonderful day.

Attention: The GRAND SLAMMERS have changed their regular dance night from Friday night to Thursday night and are now dancing to the calling of Bob Reynolds.

Mavis Carroll, Reporter

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STAR LITE SHUFFLERS

Some of us have really been in the dark part of this past month. Since my last visit with you, we have been blown about, pelted with rain, deluged with debris from the trees, taken back to the time of candlelight, no phones, and NO TELEVISION!! It was an experience, to say the least.

Many of us feel our arms are a couple of inches longer from raking, chopping, sawing, and carrying away the debris. We found ourselves working faster before dark because we simply couldn't see well enough by candlelight. All of us, I am sure, feel thankful that things were no worse (for they could have been). Because of the inconvenience of "Dora," we have learned to be thankful for and to appreciate modern conveniences. By the way, do you know why hurricanes are named girls' names? Well, who ever heard of a "hisicane"?

Ten STAR LITE SHUFFLERS families "good-timed" at Clearwater: the Knights, Addingtons, Rusers, Smiths, Yonques, Rosses, Winchesters, Hollins, Mobleys, and Harts. Some of these talented people were members of the Hootenanny Band, and some were in the nightgown parade. Then there was that talented horse (Mr. Ed doesn't have a corner on all the horse-talent market, you know). This horse danced, and his front feet seemed to know what his hind feet were doing. Let's see, who was the head and who was the tail? Do you know, I don't think anyone knows for sure except Dot Knight and Georgia Addington. Thanks to the Friendly Frolics for helping out by dancing to the "live" music. A few souls were brave enough to make the "Cuckoo" and "Goo Goo" badges. Congratulations go to the Paxen Prancers for their win in the nightgown parade.

Many of our club members enjoyed the Association Dance. Ervin and Jainette Liner brought Ervin's brother and wife,

STAR LITE SHUFFLERS (Cont'd)

Swain and Denise Liner, as guests, and Denise took an active part.

Club members -- don't forget Camp O'Leno October 3 and 4.

The Saturday after Hurricane Dora, the church was without lights, but the dance must go on. All went to Dot and Walt Knight's and had more fun and refreshments and more fun and refreshments! I wish I were twins so I could get to all of these goings on.

Every good wish for a speedy recovery to Rocky Hamilton who is in the U. S. Naval Hospital.

Charlie Kemp is back dancing up a storm after his illness. We missed you, Charlie, but didn't know you were sick.

Prepare ye, prepare ye, for the Goblin Dance on Halloween at the Philips Hiway Plaza. The caller will be Tan Lee, Herschell's brother. Prizes will be given for the best costumes.

Some of our members got to the Dog Show Sunday and danced under the Expressway at Gilmore Street.

Suzanne Addington leaves next week for John Hopkins where she starts her studies and training for a nursing degree. Our love and best wishes go with you, Suzanne.

One of our members, Bob Sinn, is sporting a new badge he earned at a Merry-Mixers dance -- SUPER GOOFER.

"We're here so short a time before  
We go to unknown ends.  
We may not meet in other worlds  
Let's hurry and be friends."...A quote.

See you around the square.

Mabel Cadding, Reporter

<b>NEW OFFICERS</b>	
<b>NORTHEAST FLORIDA SQUARE DANCERS ASSN.</b>	
President.....	Wally Lightfoot
Vice President.....	Frank Clements
Secretary.....	Virgie Stewart
Treasurer.....	Bill Skiles
Our congratulations and best wishes for a successful year to the newly elected officers, and our grateful thanks and "a job well done" to the outgoing officers.	

14TH NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION

Roy and Lee Long, the popular General Chairman of the 14th National Square Dance Convention to be held in Dallas, Texas, June 24-6, 1965, are urgently seeking the help of every square and round dancer in the country!

Dancers have wanted a special stamp commemorating square dancing for years, and Roy and Lee have started a real concentrated "Texas-Size" push to have the post office department issue one with the first-day ceremonies to coincide with the 14th National. The effort to convince the Stamp Advisory Committee that a stamp for square dancers deserves precedence over the hundreds of other requests they receive is too big even for "Big Tex." We need the help of every dancer from every state.

If all dancers who read this would write letters to: Postmaster General John Gronouski, President Lyndon B. Johnson, and other important political people such as their Governors, Senators, etc., the avalanche of mail should certainly convince the postal department to finally issue all of us our square-dance commemorative stamp. May we count on you, and will you urge all your friends to write also? A united effort will do the job!

Texas dancers are busy now making preparations for the more than 20,000 dancers who will make the 14th the "greatest and grandest" square dance convention ever held and urge all of you to register NOW for a generous helping of our Texas hospitality! Callers and round-dance instructors are especially urged to register early to allow for best possible programming. Pre-registration forms are available for you and your club from John and Wanda Winter, Vice Chairman Registration, 609 Warren Drive, Garland, Texas, or from Cleve and Bee Cooper, Vice Chairman Publicity, Box 30521, Dallas, Texas 75230

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T H I S ' N ' T H A T

We are very happy to receive news from the Kaper Kutters in Palatka and to send 26 copies of the GRAPEVINE to their new dancers with compliments from the NORTHEAST FLORIDA SQUARE DANCERS ASSOCIATION. Many Northeast Area dancers enjoyed their Ruy Camp dance September 19.

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The SKYLINE CLUB (now inactive) members, by majority vote, donated the balance of their funds, amounting to \$69.15, to the NORTHEAST FLORIDA SQUARE DANCERS Association to be used in the promotion of square dancing.

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R E M I N D E R S

- Sept. 24 - THURSDAY - GRAND SLAMMERS change regular dance night to Thursdays. 8051 West Beaver Street (Route 90), Marietta. BOB REYNOLDS calling.
- Sept. 24 - THURSDAY - PAXON PRANCERS HARVEST BALL. Mary Hammond Youth Center.
- Sept. 25 - FRIDAY - BILL CAMP calling for ORANGE PARK PROMENADERS.
- Sept. 25-6 - FRIDAY AND SATURDAY - BEACHCOMBERS WEEK-END. Daytona Beach, by ticket.
- Sept. 26 - SATURDAY - WESTERN CUTTERS move to Fleet Reserve building, 7673 Blanding Boulevard, near Collins Road.
- Oct. 2 - FRIDAY - DICK GONZALES calling for ORANGE PARK PROMENADERS.
- Oct. 9 - FRIDAY - BILL CAMP calling for ORANGE PARK PROMENADERS.
- Oct. 10 - SATURDAY - U.S. 441 CLUB - Covered-dish supper at McRories' - ERIC SOHN calling. Out-of-town visitors welcome.
- Oct. 10 - SATURDAY - WESTERN CUTTERS OPEN HOUSE - Fleet Reserve Bldg., 7673 Blanding Boulevard (near Collins Road).
- Oct. 24 - SATURDAY - U.S. 441 CLUB - John Saunders calling. Gainesville H.S. (Out-of-town visitors welcome.)
- Oct. 31 - SATURDAY - ANNUAL GOBLIN DANCE - STAR LITE SHUFFLERS - Philips Hiway Plaza, Jacksonville. TAN LEE calling.
- Nov. 7 - SATURDAY - NEFSDA FALL ROUNDUP. All-day dancing at City Exhibition Hall, Jacksonville. ED MERRICK calling evening dance. Area callers daytime.
- Dec. 4 - FRIDAY - MARSHALL FLIPPO at Waycross Civic Auditorium. SWAMP STOMPERS.
- Jan. 12 - TUESDAY - FRANK LANE at Waycross Civic Auditorium. SWAMP STOMPERS.
- Jan. 15-16 - FRIDAY-SATURDAY - 3rd Okefenokee Square-up - Waycross Civic Auditorium SWAMP STOMPERS

NEW BEGINNERS SQUARE-DANCE CLASSES

- Starting September 18 - FRIDAYS - WESTERN CUTTERS, at Wesconnett Civic Center, by Bob Reynolds.
- Starting September 22 - TUESDAYS - FRIENDLY FROLICS, at Englewood Home Demonstration Club, by HERSCHELL LEE.
- Starting September 29 - TUESDAYS - PAXON PRANCERS, at Mary Hammond Youth Center, by ELWOOD SEXTON.
- Starting October ? - TUESDAYS - KAPER KUTTERS, at Union Hall, U. S. 17 North, Palatka, by BILL CAMP.
- Starting October 9 - FRIDAYS - ALLE MANDARINS, at Parish Hall, Church of Our Savior, Mandarin, by ANNE LAWHORNE.
- Starting October 13 - TUESDAYS - ORANGE PARK PROMENADERS, Orange Park Lions Club, by FLOYD HAZEN.

Most classes remain open for three weeks for additional members. Get your non-dancing friends in one of these classes!

THIS 'N' THAT (Cont'd)

The sympathy of their square-dancing friends goes to Bonnie Crowell, Ruth Pierce and Bill Fleshman on the death of their fathers, and to Cullen and Agnes Glover on the loss of their son.

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We were sorry to learn of the present, or recent, hospitalization of Rocky Hamilton, Joe Smith (both USNH), Mary Lane, T. W. Cordray, and Lisa Paul. We wish them, as well as Louise Smith whose knee was broken in an automobile accident, a speedy and complete recovery.

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