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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

This will be my last column as your President. I have enjoyed writing these columns and in this one I'll have no point to make except Julia's and my sincere thanks for the kindness, courtesies and cooperation we have had from the dancers of Northeast. You have made it a most enjoyable year. I have one regret and our apology to the clubs we didn't get to visit.

To all of you from myself and fellow officers a most sincere thank you.

To the incoming officers I know that before the year is out, you will find yourselves thoroughly enjoying the services you are doing for the dancers.

Julia wrote a poem which fairly well covers the situation:

So quickly for us the year has come and gone
Some good was done, possibly some things
wrong.

We tried to visit with each one of you
But we failed and it made us blue.
In the future as we form a Square
We hope that sometime you will be there.
We thank the Caller and his Tow
For all they do while we just see-saw.
Your confidence will not soon be forgotten
Let's shake hands, smile and hope to see you
often.

So let's all back our Association
After all, it's just about the best in the
nation.

To our incoming Prez and his officers too
We wish them the best, please call when
help can we do.

Chet and Julia Vetter

Y-KNOTS

Thursdays, Southside Community Center,
1541 Hendricks Avenue,
Caller - D. J. Lynch
President - Bill Hancock (398-0903)

Between April 11 and August 29, seven more couples were introduced to the fun, friendliness and fellowship of the square dancers' world. During this time they were able to complete a 20-lesson beginner's course under the very excellent and PATIENT teaching of caller-instructor Mr. D. J. Lynch with one hundred percent cooperation and help from his lovely and gracious wife, Ann, as well as from many individual members of the Y-Knots Club who were on hand each Tuesday night to fill-in and give help when needed.

Then the big graduation night came on August 31st. with the Y-Knots as sponsor club. The Starlite Shufflers with their caller, Mr. Walt Knight, were also on hand to steal the Y-Knots banner. Other guests were Mr. Frank Clements, caller for the Dixie Chain Gang, and many members of the Allemandarins. This was truly an evening to remember -- much fun and excitement while the class was put through their "finals" and presented with caps and diplomas. Then mixed in with the nine squares of couples present, they were real "sure-nuff" square dancers at last. During the evening a table completely filled with "goodies", coffee and punch was enjoyed by all.

The graduated couples named below wish to thank the D. J. Lynchs, the Y-Knots and all others responsible for a wonderful summer with wonderful new friends. These graduates

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Y-Knots, continued,

are: Jack and Lude Stokes; Bill and Mable Pangle; Joe and Georgia Mae Cuppett; Amos and Sue Wofford; Curtis and Patty Law; Joe and Margaret Shannon; and Leo and Gertrude Willcox.

A new class beginning Tuesday, September 19, at 8:00 p.m. will be sponsored jointly by the Y-Knots and the Merry Mixers. Teacher-caller will be James Maxey. Come learn to square at the Southside Community Center Tuesday nights.

ONE DANCE CANCELLED. The Y-Knots are cancelling their regular Thursday night dance on October 5 only. This is so we can all go to the Starlite Shufflers regular Thursday night dance at their location, the Tredinnick Community Center. They are going to "let" us retrieve our banner that night. Aren't they nice??? They swiped ours one 5th. Thursday not long ago.

Joe and Georgia Mae Cuppett,
Reporters

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GOLDEN ISLES SWINGERS

2nd., 3rd., & 4th. Saturdays, City Recreation Building, Brunswick, Ga.,
Caller - Dick Barker,
President - Jimmy Moore (265-9045)

On September 9th., the Golden Isles Swingers enjoyed a large crowd with a covered dish supper and later new officers were elected as
President - Jimmy Moore
Vice President - Bob Hamlott
Secretary - Pat Batchelder
Treasurer - Chris Strickland
Historian - Jean McRae

Our thanks and appreciation goes to Gene Williams for a wonderful job as our President for the last 12 months.

We are happy to announce at the last meeting of the NEFSDA, our Jeanette Dill was appointed as Corresponding Secretary for the club.

On September 29th. Friday, our Dick Barker will be the caller for the Rhythm Reelers at Laurel Bay, South Carolina, several couples plan to go.

On September 30th., Dick Barker with Eddie Millan will be the callers at the NEFSDA at the Civic Auditorium in Jacksonville. I understand several couples are making plans to go.

September 29th. and 30th., several couples are planning to attend the Beachcombers at the Rivieria Motel, Daytona Beach.

New classes -
The Golden Isles will have two classes going starting next week - Jimmy Moore, instructor on Thursday night, City Rec. Bldg. Dick Barker - instructor on Friday night at the YWCA Bldg. Looks like we members will be looking for new square dancers. If you have friends that are interested please invite and take them to our classes.

On October 7th., our new president, Jimmy Moore, will be guest caller in Jesup for the Square Crackers. The Golden Isles Swingers always enjoy dancing with the Square Crackers on 1st. Saturdays.

On October 13th., our own Charlie Major and Lucius Nelson will be callers for the Paper Promenaders, St. Mary's, Ga., at the Womans Club Building. This is a good chance to get that black cat badge on Friday 13th.

Jean McRae, Reporter

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JUBILEERS

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

We in the Jubileers hope that all area dancers had a swell summer with the well deserved change in routine. But now the temperature

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Jubileers, continued,

LAKE CITY SQUARES

is falling, along with the leaves; and enthusiasm is rising, along with the pace, we look forward to the beginning of a "new" square dance year with a good deal of excitement. It will be good to see all the clubs back in full strength again.

2nd. & 4th. Mondays and 4th. Saturday -
Veteran's Memorial Hall, Lake City.
Caller - Bill Camp,
President - Billy & Penny Weldon (725-5921)

Now, we don't wish to imply that the summer season was completely without activity in the Jubileers. What was lacked in numbers was made up for in enthusiasm. For example, on the night of August 18th., one square enjoyed an evening in Mandarin. They are always a swell bunch to dance with. On the 19th., two squares of Jubileers descended upon the Grand Slammers with great gusto, and spirited away their flag. This lasted only until August 26th., when the Slammers swooped down and retrieved their flag, while the pirates from Mandarin made off with ours. It is a good thing that these flags are made out of durable material. Finally, this past week, September 16th. (a little overflow there) the Kieth Haid's hosted a pool party for Jubileers and kids. As is usually the case, at the Haid's, everyone had a great time, and the good fellowship was enhanced by two delicious vats of home made ice cream provided by the Fipps and Roberts.

Just a little bit from Lake City Squares:

Lake City Squares had their picture taken August 28th. and printed in the local paper. Pretty good picture too. If a picture is worth a thousand words we should have a good enrollment for a new class.

The local radio stations gave us time announcing our new class in square dancing. We are also hopeful to gain back a few of our "drop outs" as some have expressed a desire to return to the fold.

Only five couples headed for Clearwater Knothead Konvention. We did enjoy the new figures we were taught and hope to have Bill Camp teach the rest of the club those new tricks.

After many long weeks we finally retrieved our banner. Bet the Kaper Kutters had thought of sending it back to us--COLLECT.

Eugene and Lillian Gemmer,
Reporters

All the Jubileers are pulling for the quick return of our "Proxy" Harvey Chambers, who has been having a brief stay in the hospital.

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RHYTHM IRES

We would like also to take this opportunity of bidding farewell to Jane and Bob Elliott, who leave this month for Bucksport, Maine. They dance there too, Jane and Bob. We hope you will follow up your square dancing there. In fact, I don't know how else you are going to keep warm.

Tuesdays, 8:00 p.m. - Early workshop 7:30,
Englewood Home Demonstration Center
Instructor - Helen Crout

Now for those of you who have short memories, the Jubileers meet every 2nd. and 4th. Saturdays at the Arlington Congregational Church. Where is our flag now? We have no idea. We can't keep track, but don't let this stop you. While collecting a flag is fun, let's not lose our perspective in to what we are trying to do. And what is that?, simply an area wide stirring of the bucket. Let's get out and visit this year.

We've been having a good time during the summer learning "Bon Bon", "Sweet Georgia Brown", "Hometown Sweetheart", and "In the Arms of Love", along with brushing up on some of the older dances.

Joyce and Bob Barker, Reporters

Helen Crout and Jack Stevenson arrived back from the Knothead Convention looking a little tired but enthusiastic, nonetheless, so I have a feeling that "big things" in the way of new dances and styling tips are forthcoming soon as everybody gets settled back into routine after vacations and such.

Billy Bishop is our new president, Congratulations, Billy!

We are happy to hear that Frank Clements is recovering rapidly from his recent operation. We're looking forward to having Frank and Aggie back dancing with us.

All you round dancers in the area are invited to join us for fun and dancing each and every Tuesday night.

Anne Willis, Reporter

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SEASIDE SQUARES

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

One just can't keep a good man or a good club down. This club continues in its continuous struggle to stay alive. Joe Smith, no sooner recuperated from his recent illness, than he set to work helping this club mend its poor attendance record. Joe is starting, or has started a new square dance class, every Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Joe says he'll hold the class open for another two weeks for late comers.

Our regular monthly cook-out was hosted at Al and Verda's this past Sunday. As always, the meal was something to behold. If all these ladies cook that well at home, we have a good excuse for the large waist-lines of some of us well fed square dancers.

Two of our group learned a new definition of "SKUNK" when they got up enough nerve to challenge the two champion horse-shoe pitchers. 3 ringers & 2 pitches later the challengers walked away shaking their heads in disgust.


Some of the members also learned a new twist to the old game of pin the tail on the donkey.

We learn that one of our newest members is a bit under the weather and is, or will be, admitted to a local hospital for an operation. We all join in wishing Fran Green a quick recovery.

John Wilder, Reporter

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Minton Hall, Caller - Johnnie Robbins,
President - Bill Bailey (781-4609)

Well school bells are ringing and everyone is back from vacation. Now let's get back to the fun and enjoyment of square dancing.

This past month we were happy to welcome visitors from various clubs. Our banner made a fast round trip to the Jubileers. We are glad to have you folks with us and as

always, we enjoy our return visit with you. Make any "KK" badges lately?

Over two squares of 'Slammers ventured to Clearwater for the Knothead Konvention. Those who made the journey were: Bill, Mary & Pam Bailey; Wayne & Barbara Blackford; Hugh & Edna Bruce; Pres & Betty Cannady; Dick & Wanda Goedert; Bill & Dixie Lyons; Lewie, Louise & Jerry Perdue; Bud, Helen & Wayne Poovoy; and Johnnie & Nella Robbins.

We made several badges while there and enjoyed dancing with many of our friends from other parts of the state.

We dances morning, noon, and night. When we weren't dancing, we were eating. Seems like we did enough of both to last us a lifetime.

Who was it that made a fast trip to the grocery store and then bought so much that they had to call for help in getting back to the hotel?

We had one member with us who enjoyed her up's and down's so much that she was riding the elevator at 3:00 a.m.

Which member spent the week-end "wearing out her outer wear"? Was it Mrs. E. B.?

I've reached the conclusion that we were honored with the presence of a ghost over that week-end. On Saturday morning we all awoke to find individual messages pinned to our doors. What was your message, Bill?

Our class started on September 13th. and if anyone has a potential member for this class please contact Shirley Roberts (733-5865)

Our banner is gone again. On September 16th. the bandits from the Allemandarins made the perfect getaway.

We are all looking forward to our "Singing" George Hinkel dance on November 4th. We hope all who can, will come because we are going to have a real "hoedown". Tickets will be \$2.00 per couple and will be available shortly.

I know that Wayne is hoping that "Miss Tillie Williams" from St. Augustine will pay us a visit next month.

Well, I guess that's all for now. See you all next issue.

Wayne & Barbara Blackford, Reporters

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ALLEMANDARINS

FRIENDLY FROLICS

Fridays, Mandarin Athletic Club, Brady Rd.
Caller - 1st., 3rd., & 5th. Fridays -
Johnnie Robbins. Caller - 2nd. & 4th.
Fridays - John Saunders, President -
Ernest & Nina Fulton (733-1486)

1st. & 3rd. Saturdays, Mandarin Garden Club.
Caller - Herschell Lee
President - Joe & Ruth Brandt (724-4716)

The highlight of this past month of the Allemandarins was their 3rd. Anniversary Dance on September 8. Members and guests numbering over 150 danced to continuous calling by our guest callers. Refreshments were served and door prizes given. A new club banner, designed by Olah Walther, was unfurled at this dance.

Bing-Bong, Bing-Bong; a real knothead knows the familiar sound. About 300 of us heard it over the Labor Day Week-End as the Knot-head Hammer knocked us on the top of the head. Then along comes the guy with the red stamp "KNOTHEAD", "plunk" right in the middle of the forehead. Branded for every more for everyone to see. Compensation?? Yes, "Yellow Rock" smack on the smoocher. One other advantage, be bald headed, the Bing-Bonger has a heart, he protects you- if you are minus the usual amount of hair. Still, a lot of fun.

Johnnie Robbins got our new class of beginners off to a fine start on September 12. There are two squares of "promising" participants.

Our gang made a real good showing, 44 people present at Clearwater. Considering everything we think this was real good. Thanks to everyone that was so considerate as to make the long trek to Knothead-Land.

Several of our members are in the new Round Dance class taught by Helen Crout. The "Purple Heart" for true bravery was earned by Ernest, Jr. and Nina Fulton on August 26.

We all missed Eddie and Willie Gray Bowman at the Knothead Konvention. We understand that this would have been their 10th. year. We will be looking forward to next year to make up for lost time.

Banner stealing has played an important role this month. Allemandarins have stolen banners from the Paxon Francers, Western Cutters, and Jubileers. We still hold the banner of the Swinging Squares of Gainesville, and look forward to their return visit. Our banner was taken during the month by the Y-Knots and the Dixie Chain Gang.

Friday, September 8, 1967, was our regular "pre-announced" business meeting. Imagine, only 21 present. Shame on you. This is your club. Just 21 to decide what to do for an active club of 86 and a listed membership of better than 140. I am sure more of you could find time to spend an hour at a business meeting within five minutes drive from your home. Let's all try next time. Good, glad you'll be there.

Another important event was the dance on September 1st. Bill Camp called to those of us who could not make the Knothead Weekend in Clearwater. Six squares "funned and frolicked" to his lively calling.

About three squares journeyed to Mandarin to join the Allemandarins on the celebration of their third anniversary on September 8th. Congratulations to all you Allemandarins.

The recent election resulted in a fine group of officers. We know we will be well led again this year.

President - Ernest, Jr. & Nina Fulton
Vice President - Ivan & Dot McGill
Secretary - Bill & Barbara Lucas
Treasurer - Charlie & Dot Landiss

Hey, Everybody, look around and see if you know anybody that wants to learn to square dance. Herschell is starting a class on Thursday, October 5, 1967, at the Englewood Home Demonstration Hall. It is at 8:00 p.m. at DeKalb and Spring Park Road. Shake your neighbor loose and come on over. Help build up the club. All recent graduates and others should come and help out the beginners to get started.

Our regular Friday night dance, October 13th has been cancelled so that our members may attend the Ancient City Roundup at St. Augustine.

Jane and Les Spring, Reporters

NOTICE: Our annual steak supper and dance will be held November 10th. at our clubhouse on Brady Road. Read your November issue of Grapevine for full information. There will be a limited number of tickets available and we will get them to our friends as soon as possible.

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Ya'll come to see us. Visitors are always welcome!

The Bebecock's, Bill and Julie
Reporters

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ANCIENT CITY SQUARES

ORANGE PARK PROMENADERS

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

Now that summer is on the wane, and a hint of fall is in the air - enthusiasm for square dancing is running high. We are all excited about the Second Annual Ancient City Square-up scheduled October 13-14. It is going to be a grand dance and we hope to see you there.

At our August 18th. dance we had the pleasure of having Mr. & Mrs. Bill Stephenson of St. Louis visit us. He was a talented caller and we enjoyed a dance to his unusual calling.

The Kaper Kutters and the Starlite Shufflers danced with us at our August 25th. dance. The Starlite Shufflers made off with our banner.

Our September 1st. dance was really a swinging dance - can you believe we had 64 visitors! We had groups from Fun and Frolic, Orange Park Promenaders, Kaper Kutters and Dixie Squares. The Kaper Kutters and Dixie Squares retrieved their banners.

About eight couples of Ancient City Squares attended the Knothead Konvention at Clearwater. I'm sure the eighth floor of the Jack Tar Hotel will never be the same, but they all had a wonderful time.

The Bakers, Moores, and Priesters danced one weekend at Linville Falls, North Carolina and were joined by Helen and Richard Green who used to dance with the Ancient City Squares in St. Augustine. It was a happy reunion.

We celebrated our nice caller, Oscar Erwin's birthday last week. Janet McMullen made a delicious cake in his honor, very cleverly designed and decorated.

Our party for our new class was a big success. We have a very enthusiastic group taking lessons every Monday night at the Civic Center.

About seven couples danced with the Starlite Shufflers Thursday night and brought our banner home.

Bill Camp is going to call for us Oct. 6th., so come dance with us if you can. Don't forget the Square-up October 13-14. It promises to be a ball.

Margaret Newlan, Reporter

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Fridays, Orange Park Lions Club.
Callers - Floyd and Marge Hazen
Chairman - Darnell Harris (771-9683)

We sure have missed Marge and Floyd this month but Eddie and Bobby have kept the club dancing in grand style.

You wouldn't believe the shenanigans that go on during a knothead trip! Well! It helps to start out with a nutty square dancing bus driver, which we did! August 26, Don Hutt, an Allamandarin, and his trusty bus "Greyhound" met us at Cedar Hills Shopping Center to drive us to Valdosta, Georgia. We've never seen Eddie Millan and Robert Zortea in a lather but they went to get a Coke and we started pulling out slowly. By George! They "broke" into a fast walk!

Barbara and Tom Holt "got the show on the road" since they were in charge of fun and games. (Good grief! --- we're dealing with a master of the well turned phrase!) First, we had to write on paper, a penalty for an individual to do that could be done on a bus. Well! We drew numbers and Barbara called two numbers and both had to do the penalty - such goodies as: hop the length of the bus; hula; say a nursery rhyme; indian wrestle; imitate Eddie Millan calling; sing a duet - "Home on the Range"; sit on Barbara's lap; sing "Mary had a Little Lamb"; one "vetoed" penalty walk back to "sand box" pick a song and sing it; share lunch; sing and act out "Patty Cake"; Tom sit on #16's lap; sing "Jingle Bells"; sit on opposite party's lap; etc.

When that was over, Don put the bus on automatic pilot and led "I've Been Working on the Railroad".

Tom asked for different types of words and put them in a prepared story. When he read it to us, we were surprised to find ---- it sounded just like different types of words put with a prepared story!

Don proceeded to lead some more singing and "loused up", "Old MacDonald's Farm" but came back fighting with MacNamara's Band! --- at which time everyone decided to eat! So! --- the "Pied Piper", known to most as Ernie "If anyone leaves town, so do we!" Doering, went gaily tripping to ye ol' Coke chest humming MacNamara's Band! ---- followed by 15 minutes of absolute silence! (Well, Marge and I "whispered!")

Then I tippy toed down the aisle and "snooped" over the shoulder menu: fried chicken; potato salad; ham, cheese and tomato sandwich; turkey sandwich; boiled eggs; french fries; potato chips; ham sandwich; cola, orange and grape drinks.

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Supper was finished with a few contented sighs. Supper over, Ernie presided at the litter bag (no litter bugs, we! Susan Spotless would like square dancers!) and presented it to Darnell Harris as a present from his end of the bus.

Saturdays, Englewood Home Demonstration Club, DeKalb Ave. Caller - 'Lil Tom Hidding (744-0658)

There were two "fabulous" banners, one on each side of the bus, which left no question in any "civilian's" mind as to what kind of nuts were being transported by Greyhound.

Another fun month! "Costume Saturday" coming up.

The "Kat Kickers" of Valdosta, dance at the Women's Club. It is a beautiful anti bellum type mansion with a hedged garden of day lilies and arbored patio, which drew couples like flies after the dance started so we, of course, promptly decided to "chaperon" them! Ahem!

Lil Tom got a new call in the mail, didn't like it, tried it anyhow, tore it up! (The Old Folks' Square couldn't do it!)

Speaking of "Old Folks" --- We sang Happy Birthday to Lil Tom this month.

Well, we danced holes in our shoes. Bob Bennett called and, of course, our "Boss" put in his 6¢ worth.

More about "Old Folks" --- I'm told John Tyson has tried to learn to round dance and couldn't learn with adults -- Well, the "Young Folks" are "learning" him. He has also created a new square dance step -- a sorta reverse indian war hoop - to be used only for fast retreats.

After the dance, we adjourned to an eating establishment where we refueled for the trip home.

The "Old Folks" have been making their own square and are having a ball. Lil Tom turned on the color wheel and turned off the lights and, By George --- we ended up in the same square, with almost the same partner.

Good Grief! Don can drive that bus!

If you drop off a Teen Star Twirler, keep going. Don't come in or you'll stay and have a ball! Some didn't take my advice and were "stuck" for the evening.

Don told us a real good joke about three Greyhound Bus Drivers and 3 Ministers that would be perfect in this spot. Ask him to tell it to you.

Visiting clubs this month: Dixie Chain Gang, Friendly Frolics, Haystack Hoppers, Jax 'N Jills, Orange Park Promenaders, and Starlite Shufflers.

Well, we sang all the way home with the bus, again, on automatic pilot! We thought we had sung all of the songs ever written but when we pulled into the shopping center, we realized we had missed: "Lady of Spain"; "Jelly"; and "She's Nobody's Moo Cow Now". We have to take another trip!

New Members: Glenn Crout, Mary Lee Haselton, Mike Lightner, Kirk Lucas, Janis Price, Darlene Reynolds, David Samson, and Kathleen Sterritt.

Last Friday night the same "nuts" got together to initiate 16 of the new Knotheads, 6 of which were Western Cutters. Knots were made from styrofoam balls and tied on each head with a bandage. Red paint was used for effect. (Green paint was not needed). Russell used his trusty mallet on all "Knew Knotheads" just to keep them in line.

This month's rounds: Alley Cat, Fraulin, Salty Dawg, Tetote Mountain Stomp, and Oh, You Kid.

Happy Dancing!

Patsy and Dick Tomlinson,
Acting Reporters

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PAXON FRANCERS

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

Here 'tis news time again and "ye ole reporter" has "fall fever" so if the news is short, it's my fault and not the club enthusiasm or activities. Another busy month for the Francers has gone by and with it lots of good fun and dancing.

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Keep Smiling,
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Patsy and Dick Tomlinson

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Paxon Francers, continued,

We were pleased to have nine squares at our August 24th. dance. Lots of our members and visitors were back after vacations; rested and enjoying dancing again. We were glad to see some of our "long lost" members, Sara and Wilford Warren back visiting us.

Martha and Al's daughter has had them busy all summer - first graduating and then getting married.

Katie is up to some more of her tricks?? or mistakes?? too. I guess she thought she had Harry cornered when she "took off" to Gainesville with both car keys, but our faithful Pres. always finds a way, and was on hand cheerful as ever.

Everyone survived the Clearwater trip in fine spirits and memories of a good week-end of dancing; well, that is, except Hubert, who got sick. We were lucky to have Dr. Smith and nurses Betty, Frances, Dot, Angelo and Patty there to cheer him up. It was a good thing they had "doggie bags" at the Kapoc Tree Inn, wasn't it Hubert??

Several members celebrated birthdays but none of them admitted which ones they were.

Curtis and Margaret Thompson and Nell and John Barnette had anniversaries.

Margaret Thompson has had a new dress every week lately -- maybe she can give us some hints. I'm afraid to mention Curtis as he's already "in the dog house".

Our Smith members have had a "streak of bad luck". It seems Bonnie and Norma did a good job of wrecking their cars. We're thankful no one was injured seriously in either accident.

Boy!! the Allemandarins sure did celebrate their birthday in style, didn't they? At least 12 squares enjoyed dancing with them and Paxon was well represented. We didn't get our banner, but we'll be back soon.

We missed Jim and Kay at our last dance. I wonder if their new jobs got the best of them.

Anyone who missed the party at Tom and Vivian Holden's really missed a treat. Reports of plenty good eating, good dancing games and lots of fun come from the dancers who did attend.

Our thoughts go with Patti as she goes in the hospital for a foot operation. Maybe by next news report she will be dancing again instead of watching.

This month we honor the Beatniks with a party. So look out - next month it will be spooks and goblins. Our Halloween party will be October 26th. So be getting your disguises together. The guessing and wondering who is who is always surprising.

There will be surprises, disguises and prizes, so come on over and join us.

MEMBERS - Some very important issues will be coming up at our October Business meeting. So be sure and listen for an announcement for the date and plan to attend.

Our latest P-P Badge earners are: Doug and Wilma Bracy; Jeanette Bussy; J. B. and Jeanette Dill (Brunswick, Ga.); Eddie and Vera Edge; Mary Alice Erwin; Dot and Ivan McGill; Louise and Carl Motley; Roger and Bert Pruitt; Foots and Joan Reynolds; and Buzz Ruiss.

So long for now. See you Thursdays. See you ghosts and goblins October 26th.

Virginia Ayers, Reporter

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JAX 'N JILLS

Fridays, Arlington Community Club,
Callers - Mariann & Tom Hidding
President - John Di Steane

This month has been real busy for the Jax 'N Jills. Mariann and Tom have helped Lil' Tom start a new club, Teen Star Twirlers and several of our older members have joined it. We hope they will still dance with Jax 'N Jills, too. The Hiddings have brought some of their ideas from the Teen Star Twirlers to us which we enjoyed.

We started a new beginner class Friday, September 8th. and have about three squares now. They are a real good group and seem to be enjoying it a lot. I hope they will stay with us until they graduate because I know they will have a good time square dancing. The class is closed now so we can't take any more new students.

By the way, we're glad to see so many parents stay to watch us dance. I'm sure the Hiddings appreciate their help in making us behave. Sometimes, too, we need a couple or two to help us fill out a square so we can all dance.

On the 15th., we elected new officers as following:

- President - John Di Steane
- Vice President - Larry Maxey
- Secretary - Wanda Maxey
- Treasurer - Steven Clements
- Reporter - Gary Maxey

I hope we can all do as good a job as the past officers did. We also want to thank the Hiddings for doing so much for us. How many of you parents would spend your Friday nights with 35 to 40 yelling, lively kids?

Has everybody learned to "Ring-A-Ding Ding"? We have!

Gary Maxey, Reporter

DIXIE CHAIN GANG

1st. & 3rd. Fridays, Recreation Hall,
Arlington Presbyterian Church,
Caller - Frank Clements,
President - Billy Johnson (724-0960)

On September 8, we had as our caller James Maxeey, who did a wonderful job substituting, while Frank was recuperating in the hospital. We enjoyed having you James, do come back soon.

We have found us another hall. We are now dancing at the Arlington Presbyterian Church, located at Arlington Road and Sprinkle Drive in the recreation hall. We will be dancing on 1st. and 3rd. Fridays. We have air-condition and plenty of room, so come on out and join us. Our next dance will be on October 6th. Frank says he'll be fully recovered and ready to go.

Don't forget our classes beginning September 22nd. Let's all talk it up and get our friends interested. The place and time is Englewood Home Demonstration Club, Friday at 8:00 p.m.

September 15th., ten couples of Chain Gangers visited the Allemandarins. It was reported they had a swell time and certainly enjoyed John Saunders calling, as usual.

We understand Dewitt and Teena Green have had more than their share of sickness. We wish you speedy recovery Dewitt and Teena, as we miss you both.

Is it true that Brenda and Anthony's new home is open for inspection. If so, after our next dance we should inspect.

We understand Roy and Aileen Hills 20 x 20 den is almost complete. Be careful Roy and Aileen we have plans for that room.

This is it, that is all, ya'll come on out and have a ball.

Tom and Myrna Gibson, Reporters

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STARLITE SHUFFLERS

Thursdays (Except 5th. Thursdays),
Brad Tredinnick Youth Center,
Caller - Walt Knight,
President - Gus Ruser (725-5523)

As this is going to press, we are busy making plans for Camp O'Leno which will be the weekend of October 14th. and 15th. We expect to have a nice quiet and peaceful weekend of fun and dancing and plenty of sleep as we always do. We have as our guest callers, Floyd Hazen, Scotty Thomas and would like for any callers that can call a left allemande or any that want to learn how to call at 2:00 a.m. to join us.

All new members who so desire, can earn a pile of badges in this one weekend. For further information, see flyer in this issue of the Grapevine.

I thought you would have a new reporter, but it looks as if you are stuck with me for this month anyway. New officers have been elected and the ones receiving the honors were as follows:

- President - Gus and Helen Ruser
- Vice President - Ossie and Liz Voelker
- Secretary - Owen and Bobby Hartly
- Treasurer - Jim and Jean Burtraw
- Association Delegate - Joe Summers
- Entertainment - Bob Sinn, Don Ussery, and Walt Knight (I may be wrong about those three! I'm not sure whether they have inherited Yvonne Hart's bag of tricks.) Of course, Bob Sinn is entertainment just to watch. The love bug has bitten Don and sometimes he is a little confused during a tip. At one of said times, I thought I heard him mumble, "Which one has the Toni?")

Kaye and Faye Southers are one part of the telephone committee because they look so much alike you think of them as one person anyway.

Mary Pamer is on the same committee because she calls everyone every week. She is afraid she will miss something. Loreno Hill is on it also, because her working hours are 4:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and she has lots of time before bedtime. I am also on it because I did not get any more volunteers.

Soooo, her I am; Mrs. Vice, Mrs. Reporter, and if you have questions, just ask. I may not know but ask anyway.

Twenty-six of us went to dance with the Ancient City Squares and walked off with their banner. We did not get to keep it but a few days, for they brought seven couples over and took it back home.

Attention Dot Knight: Skip this paragraph for it may cause you to itch. Bob Pamer, who is extremely allergic to Poison Ivy, danced a complete dance with Dot. She has it (poison ivy) now without even touching so much as one of her calico threads.

Wanted: one dishwasher for three weeks.
Reason: Virginia Summers squealed on friend husband, Joe, and Walt squealed on both of them. The story goes something like this; Joe and Virginia live on a lake and fish from their back yard. She sat there ten minutes and caught a 4 1/2 lb. bass. Joe fished for 4 1/2 hours and caught a 10 lb. cold. So he sneezed while she appeased. (Her appetite, that is). He refused to wash the dishes.

Our own Bob Ross and Bob Sinn were elected President and Vice President of the NEFSDA. respectively. We're so proud of our two boys, we could just pop a button.

Starlite Shufflers, continued,

Walt started a new class on September 5th., so any absentee dancer that wants to get back in the swing of things, join us on Monday nights from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Anyone that was a square dance student drop-out may join us also.

In closing, I want to remind everyone to pay their dues as we are in the process of making up the new club books. I hope to see all of you at Camp O'Leno.

Liz Voelker, Reporter

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FUN & FROLIC

Tuesdays, Woodstock Community Center,
Caller - Jack Griffiths
President - Alette Register (764-1447)

As usual, things have been jumping around our way, and we've had lots of visitors and lots of fun. It was good to see Bronze Cagle and Louise Wallace back with us after a long absence and also Sherm and Jane Nolan. Seems that Sherm has been on night shift all summer. Another couple welcomed back after all summer's absence was the Calverts. You might say they had "night duty" too, as they have been keeping their grandchildren all summer. Good to see all of you back again.

Among our visitors this month were our old faithfuls, the Hiddings, also Tink and Wanda Hardaker from St. Mary's, Ga., along with another couple, the Greens. Our club was invited to St. Mary's to help them graduate a beginners class which should fill out their club a little bit. It is a bit rough trying to dance with only three couples. They are a swell bunch of people up there and any of the clubs who haven't visited them have missed a good time. We also were honored to have Chet and Julia Vetter with us this month, also a group from Orange Park, a couple from Western Cutters, Clarence McKinney, the Dickinsons, and Gene Sumner. Surely hope all these good people will come back often and bring some friends with them.

On August 29th., the Y-Knots retrieved their banner which we had for several weeks, and in September we finally went to Merry Mixers to get ours back. So, it's up for grabs now, folks.

As some of you already know, Fun & Frolic is going to sponsor the renowned Les Gotcher in November. Due to our limited space we will have to make this a ticket dance, and may I remind anyone who wants a ticket to hurry, hurry, hurry - they are almost all sold now. Sure would hate to have any club members or friends have their feelings hurt by waiting too late and not being able to get a ticket.

The dance will be on our regular Tuesday dance night, but even our own members MUST have tickets to gain admittance. Sorry about that, but the hall will only hold so many. If you don't have a ticket yet, contact Alette Register (764-1447), and she will be able to tell you if any more are available.

Right now, our plans are centered around our Circus Party, which will be on October 10th., the second Tuesday in October. We expect to have another very nice party and will welcome visitors to join in on the fun. There will be good dancing, games, skits, prizes, etc., so plan to come on over and enjoy it with us. Jack Griffiths will be the "ringmaster", as usual and I believe those ballerinas will be back again this year, also a clown or two, and who knows what else? Catherine Montean has agreed to be in charge of the skits and Ellen Calvert will oversee the decorations. Gladys Griffiths is the general chairman. She will welcome any ideas anyone wants to contribute. Let's all cooperate on this and if you are asked to do anything, please do it if possible.

On September 12th., Jack & Gladys started us on a new round, "Southtown U.S.A." It is real cute and if you want to learn it, join them at 7:30 any Tuesday night. Gladys says they will be glad to teach whatever anyone requests, so if there is a round you especially want to learn, just speak up and they will work on it.

Frank & I became grand-parents on Sept. 16th., so I'll just sign myself "Grandma" ----

Marge Parker, Reporter

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WESTERN CUTTERS

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

August 26th., brought a full house to our dance. All the way from Orla Vista, came almost 45 people. Forty of these journeyed to make their Knothead badges. The ceremony was very impressive. The committee should be commended. The hostesses should take a bow, too. The Encinoso's and Fretwell's.

I certainly was glad to see that our club members survived their summer vacations and turned out for our last dance. Our membership attendance during this summer has been poor. But thanks to our fine caller, Bobby Keefe, we have had lots of visitors.

The Western Cutters that recently traveled to Valdosta, Ga. for their Knothead badge did not have a ceremony - so the Orange Park Club invited them to their club and gave them a nice initiation.

Western Cutter, continued,

I passed by Ron and Shirley Brendle's house the other day and saw a FOR SALE sign, so stopped for a chat. They have received orders to go to Norfolk, Va. to finish this tour of duty. They will be leaving in two weeks. Norfolk is their hometown, so I'm sure they are happy about the move.

Certainly was good to see Ada's smiling face the other night even if she couldn't join in the dancing. She hasn't let anything like a few operations keep her down.

I would like to welcome some newcomers to our club - Tom and Barbara Holt and Edith and Bud Reisen.

A tragedy has befallen the Western Cutters due to the loss of Bob Bennett. Bob was killed in an automobile accident over the Labor Day weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dot and Ray Carter. They have a new granddaughter born September 20th.

Margaret Musselwhite, Reporter

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MERRY MIXERS

Saturdays, Arlington Presbyterian Church, Arlington Road & Sprinkle Drive
Caller - James Maxey
President - Richard Steeves (725-1313)

Hurrah! The Merry Mixers are once again settled. We are dancing every SATURDAY night at the Arlington Presbyterian Church in the Activities Bldg. When you turn off Arlington Road onto Sprinkle Drive, we are in the second brick building on the left side of the street.

This past month we have had visitors from Friendly Frolics, Seaside Squares, Fun & Frolic and Orange Park Promenaders. Also have had the Robesons visiting with us. Sure enjoyed their visit and look forward to seeing you all again soon.

DeAngelis, Larry Ewing, and Cullen Glover surprised their taws and treated the club to birthday cake, ice cream and goodies at our August 25th. dance. The gals wouldn't give their ages but I know none are over 29.

Some of our members are busy taking round dance lessons every Monday night in Helen Crouts new class at the Englewood Demonstration Club House. Those taking are Joan and Larry Ewing, Dot and Dick Schaugency and James and Helen Maxey. We'll be looking forward to a demonstration between tips at our regular dance in the near future.

Sure is good to have Marjorie Steeves back after her extended visit with her daughter in California. After the arrival of their

granddaughter, Richard joined Marjorie and we hear they did a little traveling out west before returning home -- even visited Las Vegas. Sounds great and congratulations on a new grandbaby and new daughter-in-law.

The Washburns and Leitheisers also had weddings in their families this summer -- a new daughter-in-law for the Washburns and son-in-law for the Leitheisers. Congratulations!

Know Betty and Art DeAngelis are glad to have their son home from Viet Nam.

Our covered dish supper was enjoyed by one and all at Fred and Erma Blado's on Friday, September 22nd. Many thanks to Fred and Erma for their hospitality.

The Y-Knots and Merry Mixers have started a new class on Tuesdays at the Southside Youth Center on Hendricks Avenue with James doing the teaching. We need lots of helpers so if you can, please come out and help.

Annette Marley and Joan Ewing,
Reporters

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FALL ROUND UP REPORT

Don't forget the Fall Round Up, November 17th. As you know the club selling the most advance tickets win's the nice coffee pot.

November 1st. is the deadline, so get busy and win the coffee pot. Call CH 6-3724 for tickets.

The Round Up committee can only furnish the trimmings. It is up to you to make it a success. Remember Square Dancing is the same as the bank. The more you put in it, the more you get out of it.

Eddie & Vera Edge,
Ticket Chairmen

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SPECIAL EVENTS

- Oct. 6 - Frank Bedell - Sponsored by Challengers.
- Oct. 10 - Fun & Frolic Annual Circus Party (Costumes Optional).
- Oct. 13 - Jack Jackson - Sponsored by Orange Park Promenaders - Orange Park Lions Club.
- Oct. 13-14 - Ancient City Square Up - St. Augustine, Florida. Callers - Allen Tipton, Jack Lasry, John Saunders, Oscar Erwin. Rounds - Ed and Kay Mack.
- Oct. 14-15 - Starlite Shufflers Annual Camp O'Leno Hoedown.
- Oct. 14 - Western Cutters Regular Dance Cancelled.
- Oct. 21 - Western Cutters Dance - Wesconnett Civic Center.
- Oct. 28 - Teen Star Twirlers - Halloween Costume Dance - Englewood Home Demonstration Center.
- Nov. 4 - "Singing" George Hinkel - Sponsored by Grand Slammers.
- Nov. 14 - Les Gotcher - Sponsored by Fun & Frolic. TICKET DANCE.
- Nov. 17-18 - Fall Round Up - Jacksonville City Auditorium. Caller - Jerry Helt.
- Jan. 6 - Harper Smith - Sponsored by Lake City Squares - Lake City Armory.
- Jan. 9 - Frank Lane - Sponsored by Kaper Kutters - Palatka Recreation Center, Ravine Gardens.
- Feb. 10 - 4th. Annual Valentine's Dance - Sponsored by Jubileers. Caller - "Singing" George Hinkel.

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EDITORIAL

Now is the time to start thinking about the Toys-for-Tots Dance co-sponsored by the NEFSDA and the Jaycees.

On November 1st., we will undertake the most worthwhile continuing project square dancers in this area are privileged to participate in.

The toys collected as admission to this dance are used to brighten the Christmas of unfortunate children in the Jacksonville Area.

Every individual square dancer and every square dance organization in this area should take the time between now and then to devote as much of their time and effort as is necessary to make this event a success.

As important as this event is, it will take the cooperation of all square dancers and organizations to make it a success. Organizations, use every opportunity to spread the work, encourage your members to attend, cancel conflicting events and offer to help. Square Dancers, ATTEND the dance, offer your help, and if you can't go to the dance, send a toy anyway. Let's set a record this year that will give us a mark to shoot for, for many years.

Ernie and Sally Doering,
Editors