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A White Paper on the NORTHEAST FLORIDA SQUARE DANCER'S ASSOCIATION

The Northeast Florida Square Dancer's Association is run by a clique. The clique is composed of the officers and a handful of delegates. Even though there are 24 clubs with membership in the association and each club is supposed to have one delegate or an alternate (in case the delegate can't make it) the organization is still run by the clique.

This happens because of YOU. It can be corrected by YOU and the association is in existence for YOU. Here is what YOU can do to correct the situation:

- (1) Club presidents appoint a delegate and an alternate.
- (2) Insist that the delegate or alternate attend the association meeting. This means the delegate must give up a couple of hours on a Sunday afternoon six (6) times a year. The association meets every other month.
- (3) Request that the delegate give your club a report on the meeting.
- (4) Advise the association's Corresponding Secretary as to the names and addresses of your club's officers, delegate and alternate. This way we can get meeting notices to the right people. Send this information to:

Jeannette Dill
2113 Egret Street
Brunswick, Georgia 31520

Let's face it, the association was formed to assist the individual clubs and to perform a function that the clubs could not

do by themselves. Without the participation and help of the clubs, the association is nothing.
Please appoint your delegate, have him attend the meeting and stamp out the clique!
H E L P ! ! !

Bob Sinn
President

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441 CLUB begins another season

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

After our three months lay off for vacations and Summer Program, 441 will resume dancing on October 12 with Bobby Keefe warming us up. Johnny Everett will be at the mike with Taw Shirley livening up the dance from the floor on October 26. November 9 will find John Saunders putting in his first of several appearances.

Although 441 didn't operate for three months the members didn't stop. A number of dancers just finished ten or twelve straight nights of dancing. Others vacationed at Rainbow Lake, Kirkwood, Fontana and six squares made it to Knothead. The Murphy's made it as far as Estes Park where the first couple they met were our friends from Boulder, Colorado, Paul and Florance Urone.

Tom and Sue McRorie will program the Rounds. They have put their new room to good use this summer and should feel justifiably proud, seeing the floor full of Round Dancers.

Six squares braved a rainstorm to dance on Frisch's parking lot Sept. 7. D. J. Lynch called three "stop rain" tips inside and sure enough it stopped so we were able to dance an hour and a half outside. At least this gave the employees of Frisch's a chance to see what we do before the tables are pushed together two or three nights a week.

Spring Fling has been moved back to the Ramada Inn for March 21 and 22. Ken McCartney and Bill Speidel will team up again.

Chet Vetter
Reporter

GRAND SLAMMERS BILL BAILEY COMES HOME

1st & 3rd Saturday, Minton Hall, 12th & St. Clair Streets (Paxon).
Caller - John Robbins
President - Bill Bailey (781-4609)

August 25 about a dozen couples and their children converged upon the Baileys at their new address to surprise them with an old-fashioned housewarming. I don't know when I've seen so much food in one place, if the Grand Slammers keep eating like that they may not be able to do much dancing.

We welcome our new club members Charlotte and Henry Claude and hope they'll enjoy square dancing with us for years to come.

Although we weren't able to attend the Knothead Konvention, our hearts were certainly there. From what we hear the Grand Slammers partied constantly. At least there was an excuse for a couple of them, Henry Claude and Mary Bailey celebrated birthdays while in Clearwater. Hey, what's this we hear about a Paxon Prancer dancing in his B.V.D.'s?

Sept. 7th and 14th were the last of the combined fun and dancing for the Jubileers and Grand Slammers. Sure was fun! We'll all be at our old home fronts dancing on our regular nights now.

We do have a trip planned to Lake Brooklyn with the Jubileers the weekend of Oct. 12. Everyone's eagerly looking forward to that.

September 18 will see the Grand Slammers starting a new class with a free lesson and spaghetti dinner at Minton Hall. By the time you read this the class will be well on the way.

We retrieved our banner from the Y-Knots, Sept. 12th. Everyone be warned we're going to be out with theivin' on our minds now.

So long til' next month.

Larry and Harriette Dickerson
Reporters

RHYTHMAIRES are up and coming!

Southside Youth Center
Tuesdays - 7:30 workshop - 8:00 p.m.
President - Lucious & Thelma Nelson, Woodbine, Georgia
Instructor - Helen Crout (724-9757)

During September the Rhythmaires welcomed back some members we haven't seen for a while, Frank and Aggie Clements and Billy and Dessie Bishop. It was good to have you with us again. We also had a good many visitors whom we hope will be joining. We hope more of our inactive members will come and join the fun of learning new dances and brushing up on old ones.

As we mentioned in the last news-letter, this will be the round dance club for beginning dancers and for those who would like to brush up on their dancing.

This month the Rhythmaires were happy to have Sam and Helen Baker and Bill and Jeanette Mc Mullen added to our membership roll.

Under the capable instructions of Helen Crout, the Rhythmaires have early workshoped "Caprice" and "Sweet Misery", and will be beginning Marnie (a beautiful waltz) on Sept. 24th. We have learned "Sleepytime Gal", "Crazy Cat", "Miss Frenchy Brown" and "Good-time". The new round of the month is loads of fun and was taught by Joan and "Foots" Reynolds. We think you'll like "Rosita".

Since our club was reorganized in August, we have elected the following officers:
President, Lucious and Thelma Nelson
Vice President, Jack and Carole Wilson
Secretary, Roger and Eunice Johnson
Treasurer, Harry and Grace Radvansky
Board Members, Aggie Clements and Joe Mc Math.

On August 31st, our president and his wife

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took off for the beautiful Smokey Mtns. They attended the Fontana Fun Fest through Sept. 4th. Both of them highly recommended this for all you square and round dancers. Lucius says, "Its high class fun, music, and some of the best of callers"!

Helen is proud to say that there are 14 couples taking beginning round dance lessons and are doing fine.

Our club is looking forward to an exciting evening in October! We want to invite everyone to our annual Harvest Ball which will take place at Woodstock Park on Oct. 23rd at 8:00 p.m. This year we thought we'd let down our hair and wear farm and country attire. All you country cousins and cider lovers come on for a big ball!

Roger and Eunice Johnson
Reporters

SCOTTY THOMAS again calling for
SUNSHINE TWIRLERS

Thursdays, City Recreation Center, Gainesville, Florida.
Caller - Scotty Thomas
President - Phil and Alice Morgan

GREAT NEWS --- Those who know Scotty Thomas will be pleased to hear that he has now recovered from his bout with mononucleosis and will soon be back in full swing. He began calling again for us September 12th, after missing three full months. We are extremely happy to have Scotty and Relda back in circulation.

We want to again thank Eddie Millan and Bill Camp for calling for us and keeping us on our toes during Scotty's absence.

Quite a few Sunshine Twirlers attended the Knothead Konvention last month with many going for the first time. The old Knotheads enjoyed seeing their friends again and watching new Knotheads writhe in the torture of initiations!

Special note to the Ocala Square Dance Club; If ya'll don't come get your banner soon, we're gonna put it in a big box, fill the box with wet sand, and mail it to you --- postage due!!! Get the idea???

Well, that's the local gossip, so 'bye... hope to see you soon.

Susan Eddy
Reporter

GOLDEN ISLES SWINGERS slate of new officers shows club going STRONG

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

Vice Pres. - Jim Foley, Secretary - Christine Tankersley, Treasurer - Dot Sheppard, Historian - Louise Bowers

At our first September dance night new officers were elected, as listed above. The slate of Major, Moore, Strayer, Foley and Williams deserve our most sincere appreciation for the service rendered during the past six months. In spite of extreme hot weather, illness affecting a large number of our dancers, and a full vacation schedule, we have danced on every scheduled night, participated in several special events, and still have a little money in the "bag". This is no small accomplishment.

We are happy to have Mary Lange and Jean McRae back on the dance floor. Louise Bowers is still missed and we hope she will soon be back. Louise entered the Brunswick hospital during the week of Sept. 14, has undergone surgery, and will be out a few more weeks.

Our visitors since our last report include Valeria and Al Dezerm, and Eileen and Fred Ludgren. Valeria & Al will enter one of our two classes to begin soon. Eileen & Fred are former dancers who are coming back into the activity - we welcome both.

The highlight of our past month was our Aug. 24th dance at Nahunta, Ga. with guest caller John Robbins -- and 24 of his fans from the Allemandarins. This was an enjoyable evening, and an honor for the Golden Isles Swingers. We look forward to other such evenings.

Five of our dancers danced to Bob Rust in Savannah on Sept. 7th - guests of the Castle Squares. It was a delight to spend an evening with many with whom we shared a week at Rainbow Lodge in July.

Dick will be calling at Oleno on Sept. 28th. In his absence Lucius Nelson will be calling our Club dance. Let's turn out big for Lucius - those who are not at Oleno or Beachcomber.

We will have two opportunities for square dance lessons this fall. Dick will begin a 20 lesson course at the Recreation Center, Thursday Sept. 26th. As a first in our community, Brunswick Junior College will offer a 20 lesson course in Western Style Square Dancing with Jimmy Moore as instructor. This course will begin Oct. 6th and continue on Tuesdays. These two classes should provide adequate opportunity for all who would like to "begin" or to "brush up".

On Oct. 19th Dick will be calling in Walterboro, S.C. and Jimmy Moore will be calling our club dance that night.

In November our dance schedule will be adjusted to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Saturday in order that our entire club may be free to attend the Fall Roundup in Jacksonvil over the weekend of 22 - 24.

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In addition to our new officers elected Sept. 14th, Jeannette Dill has again been elected to serve as corresponding secretary of the NEFSDA -- which is an honor to our club as well as to Jeannette. Cecil Tankersley will serve as our delegate to the NEFSDA.

The heat wave appears to have passed on for this year. Our evenings are now more comfortable -- so, all of you who have been out, please come back! We miss you, and we need you.

It is our hope that Louise will be completely recovered and will be handling this reporting assignment next month.

Sallie Williams
Reporter

WESTERN CUTTERS COVER the Country

2nd & 4th Saturdays, Mary Hammond Youth Center. Club Colors - Purple & White. Caller - Fred Beard
President - David & Claudia Fitzsimmons
(384-4162)

North, South, East and West the Cutters have been visiting all around. A grand "ole stomp down" with the Orange Parkers was enjoyed by the Fitzsimmons, Robinsons, Donnellys, Miklos, Saucers, Hedgecoths and Millers. We even come home with their banner. Paxon Prancers were also robbed of their banner but it didn't fill the bald wall long as they came back for it in great numbers. Nearly a square enjoyed the "one year" anniversary of the Country Cousins. The Friendly Frolics were invaded by 7 couples of Cutters and the word goes that they had a g-r-e-a-t dance.

The annual club picnic was a star in the calendar of events this month. With over half the club in attendance, food, fun and families made this occasion one that will long be remembered. The Keystone Camp Montgomery hosted this gathering, with all the natural beauty of this area, how could we go wrong.

Our caller, Fred Beard, did us all proud with a full house of over ten squares to call to on his first night as official caller. Both the Beards brighten up our dances with their grand personalities. Looking forward to more good dancing with them.

Our classes will start on the 27th of Sept. We are hoping for a big turn out, so, if you have a couple who wants to learn send them over. If you miss the first class, don't despair, bring 'em on any way. Our club numbers over one hundred dancers, and we're still growing in enthusiasm and membership.

Have you noticed our Doerings are not out and kicking up their heels anymore? This reporter has word that there is a big event in the offing. Call Sally and Ernie and ask what they are planning to name David's new

relative.

The Grapevine subscription dance was attended by Cutters old and new. Those of you who didn't make it missed a fine time. And we all got to say good bye to Lil' Tom Hidding who is off to college and calling in Mims, Fla.

To further the cause of square dancing the Cutters demonstrated dancing at the YWCA with Buzz Ruis calling to six of our couples. Thanks are in order for bravery in the line of duty to Blackmans, Donnellys, Johnsons, and Miklos. The bravery part comes in with the dancing on a very slick floor.

We will say so long for now and see you "in a square".

"Larriet"
Reporter

"THE BRIDGE BUILDER"

An old man traveling a lone highway,
Came at the evening cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and deep and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream held no fears for him,
But he turned when safe on the other side,
And builded a bridge to span the tide.
'Old Man', cried a fellow-pilgrim near,
'You're wasting your time in building here.
Your journey will end with the closing day;
You never again will pass this way.
You have crossed the chasm deep and wide,
Why build you this bridge at even-tide?'
The builder lifted his old gray head;
'Good friend, in this path I have come' he said,
'There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This stream which has been as naught to me,
To that fair-haired youth may pitfall be;
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim--
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him.'

From THE HIGHLANDER

ALLEMANDARINS PARTY in St. Marys, Ga.

Fridays, Mandarin Athletic Club, Brady Road
Callers - 1st, 3rd, 5th Fridays, Johnnie Robbins, 2nd & 4th, John Saunders.
President - Bill & Barbara Lucas (733-3770)

The traveling Allemandarins would like to thank Marion and Iris Tapley and Leslie and Jackie Linker as host couples to the big party in St. Marys last month after one of Johnnie Robbins out of town dances. Everyone stayed up until 4 a.m. and were back up again at 8 o'clock to eat and dance the day away. Someone certainly took some nifty pictures of Joe Mc Math modeling. And Quentin what were you doing in that picture they took of you?

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The Allemandarins are off to a roaring start for the month of September. Our new class promises to be the biggest and the best yet. Of course, we might be a little bit prejudice since we have such a good teacher.

We would like to thank James Maxey for donating a pair of boots. Dot McGill would like for you other callers to do the same.

We are not superstitious in any way but you should have seen the Y-Knots swoop down upon the Allemandarins on Friday the 13th and steal our banner. Don't worry we will be there to retrieve it soon, and we did enjoy having all of you out.

Our regular dance on October 11th will be canceled due to the Ancient City Square Up. We will see you in St. Augustine.

We want to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Emile Roth into our club. The Allemandarins are growing so fast and with the nicest people.

Our new slate of officers have taken over the reins of our organization with the greatest amount of club spirit. Great things are planned for the coming year. Work parties have started again to finish the enclosing of the ceiling and a new look is planned for the area occupied by our callers at the front of the hall.

First on our agenda is the annual steak dinner which we reported last month. Keep your calendars open for Friday Nov. 15th and Saturday Nov. 16th. Due to the tremendous response we have had from all you square dancers in the past we will have it two nights, but the number of tickets for each night will be limited. All Allemandarins will have tickets soon so be sure and get yours early. All proceeds from the dinner and dance will go to replace the floor.

During the last month we have given out more of our Johnnie Robbins fan club pins to persons attending three consecutive dances called by Johnnie. Come on out and start earning yours.

Our new Mr. & Mrs. President had the Allemandarins over after the dance on the 13th to celebrate the new term of office. Everyone enjoyed themselves so, but that is easy to see why. Barbara and Bill are such a gracious host and hostess.

Well, that is about it for this month. We hope to see all of you out to dance with us soon.

Ronnie & Harriet Braasch
Reporters

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T H E G R A P E V I N E ! ! !

NEFSDA NOTES OF MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 15th

The corresponding Secretary of Association needs up-to-date roster of all clubs with members names and addresses. Also show Delegates names to attend association meetings. Send these to :

Jeanette Dill, Corresponding Sec'y.
NEFSDA
P. O. Box 1816
Brunswick, Georgia 31520

The 5th Saturday Association dance for November will be the annual TOYS FOR TOTS Dance.

FALL ROUNDUP tickets are now available and on sale at all clubs. Support your association. These can be purchased now at \$2.50 per person but the admission at the door will be \$3.00 per person. Buy your RIBBON now and save.

The newly elected officers of the Association:

President - Bob Sinn
Vice President - Theron Smith
Corres Secretary - Jeanette Dill
Recording Sec'y - Barbara Blackford
Treasurer - Jack Shuler

Please keep the GOLD KEY OF VISITATION in circulation each week. It gets lost too easily. If you can't go, give it to another couple who will use it.

The fall workshop for callers will be held the 3rd week in October on a Saturday night. If your club dances on Saturday please pay your caller and send him. You will certainly benefit from the things that he can learn at this clinic.

Theron Smith
Recording Secretary

TEEN STAR TWIRLERS have new officers.

Saturdays, Englewood Home Demonstration Club
Caller - Mariann Hidding
Instructor - Tom Hidding
President - Glenn Crout

Elections are over and we are proud of our slate: President - Glenn Crout; Vice-Pres., David Herbertson; Secretary, Amy Adams; Treasurer, Roger Tyson.

Ding-A-Ling also heard that our former caller, Lil' Tom is calling for an Adult Club down yonder. They are called the SWINGING SQUARES of Mims, Florida. They dance every Saturday, and it's about the right distance for a knothead trip--- well it's just an idea....

'til next month, we'll see you all

Ding-A-Ling
reporter

ANCIENT CITY SQUARES FEATURE new badge and two callers.

Fridays, Chamber of Commerce Visitors' Center, St. Augustine, Florida
Callers - Bob Keefe and Hal Ham
Presidents - Bob and Grace Hall (824-2490)

Come to St. Augustine, dance with us and earn a handsome new badge for dancing in the "Oldest City". It features the City Gate in bright red and gold colors. We are all enjoying our two new callers, Bob Keefe and Hal Ham and invite everyone to come and have fun with us.

Seven couples attended the Knothead Konvention and from all reports, including eavesdropping, everyone had a wonderful time.

Six couples from St. Augustine have joined the found dance club, Rhythmaires. We expect to see some fancy maneuvers between squares from our ambitious dancers.

Four of our couples went to a Square Dance Campout at Orange City to enjoy the calling of Oscar Erwin and Hal Ham.

Lee and Margaret Newlon are grandparents again and have rushed right out to the State of Washington to see that grandson. Great hunter, Lee, is taking a detour through Wyoming, and some Elk's life is in danger and we are looking forward to a barbecue.

Your reporters have been in something of a tizzy this month because our son, Ken, took the giant step to the altar. On behalf of Ken and his sweet wife, Gayle, we wish to thank everyone for their good wishes for happiness.

Don't forget the annual Ancient City Square-Up to be held October 11 and 12 at the National Guard Armory, St. Augustine. Featured callers are: John Saunders, Harry Lackey, Allen Tipton, Charlie Lovelace and Oscar Erwin. With this lineup, how can you help but have a wonderful time! This is the 3rd year for this weekend of fun and promises to be another great success.

We'll meet you at the Old Jail.

Ray & Ruth
Reporters

FIRST ANNUAL GRAPEVINE SUBSCRIPTION DANCE proves successful

We started planning this dance in July by securing the hall, printing our tickets, and hoping to have all well established. Well laid plans don't always materialize when all of a sudden we found we were without a hall. The city recreation department graciously came to our aid and a month before the dance we again had a hall.

However, there was still a catch in the plans as the air conditioning system was waiting for parts. As luck would have it the parts didn't arrive, so we have to apologize to

all you good people who did come to the dance regardless of the air conditioning.

The Callers were tremendous and had everything planned out for us in advance. How's that for cooperation! Ask any dancer who was there and they'll tell you everyone of the Callers was great.

New subscriptions totaled 25 which means a forward step ahead for your Grapevine. Thanks to everyone for making this dance a big success.

Marge and Ray
Your Editors

DIXIE CHAIN GANG beginner classes on the way

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

Hear ye! Hear ye! The Dixie Chain Gang beginner classes have begun. September 20th was the first lesson but if you hurry there is still time to sign up for the best fun you ever had. Remember 8:00 p.m., Friday nights, at Phillips Highway Plaza.

Our dance crowd had really picked up and on Sept. 14th we had a ball! Visitors from several different clubs and a lot of familiar faces too! Among them were Sam and Carolyn Howard, Prudy and Elmo Brown, Emma and Freeman Rabon, Roger and Sibby Johnson and Sue and Fred Nathan. Frank was really at his peak and everyone had a great time. Come out and see what's happening at a Chain Gang dance and we bet you'll be back for more. You may even learn to do a "split circulate"!

Let's all remember to extra friendly and courteous to our visitors and make them feel like we're really glad they came.

October 5th is our business meeting and fund raising spaghetti supper combination. Serving time begins at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 7:30 p.m. The prices are \$1.25 for adults, 75¢ for children over 6 years and 50¢ for children under six years. The chefs for this event are Lois Stanton and John Powell. Be sure to mark your calendar so not to forget this supper, October 5th at the home of Warren and Ruthie Smith. See you there!

Claudia and Billy Johnson
Reporters

ORANGE PARK PROMENADERS go through Calleritis

Every Friday except 2nd, Doctor's Inlet Civic Center.

Callers - Scottie Thomas, 1st & 3rd Friday
D. J. Lynch, 4th & 5th Friday
Chairman - Tom and Barbara Holt (388-2703)

With D. J. Lynch having to take a six week tour of duty with the Navy starting in October, our classes have been postponed till later this fall. Guest callers have been lined up for both his and Scottie Thomas' schedule

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since Scottie is still grounded from travel by his infirmities.

As if the Caller's problems were not enough, we now find that the Wesconnett Civic Center, where we used to dance on the second Friday of the month has been given to another club for their weekly classes. Until we can relocate it seems we won't be dancing on the second Friday of the month. A meeting of the members is scheduled following our dance of October 18th to decide on a possible change of location or schedule.

New members, Dave and Nova Ragland were welcomed to membership. They got a local radio station to ask if there was a square dance club in our area and Annie Millan heard the announcement and got in touch with them to invite them to visit us. They had their classes while in the Navy in the Phillipines.

By the time this goes to press, Ann Danson and Bob Zortea will be married. They were both active in our Young Folks in the past and are now leaders of the Country Cousins. Many of our members attended the wedding of Donna and Jimmy Nolan last month. They were old members too. Both girls are daughters of still active members.

We enjoyed the company of a large group of Western Cutters recently when they came to steal our banner. A week later a group of Jubileers were also welcome, but they couldn't get the banner 'cause it was already gone. We had a good time with them anyway and hope they come back soon.

Keep smiling, especially on Friday,

The Orange Pickers
Martin & Margaret
Reporters

KAPER KUTTERS have been busy with KNOTHEADS

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

I would like to apologise for not having an article written in our last month's Grapevine, but due to vacations and sickness in our family, the time slipped up on me.

The Palatka Kaper Cutters have been busy for the past few months. We went to Titusville and had a group to make Knotheads. The Titusville group certainly showed us all a marvelous time with plenty of dancing and some games and food for all. They were all just great. It seems as though you have to watch some of the Kaper Cutters to make sure your not having your picture made at inconvenient times. How about it Helen!

We also had a group to go to the Knothead Konvention. Sorry to report that Helen Hersey bruised her finger real bad while dancing.

But other than that everyone had a wonderful time. Delores White and Tommy Tyer turned a tape recorder on in our motel room and after the dance a group of dancers went to our room. Boy, you should hear the tape - "SHOCKING".

At our last dance, Ruth got tired of her crinoline so she shedded it, would you believe in the middle of the dance floor?

The KAPER KUTTERS are now busy at work trying to get a new class underway. So far, everything seems to be shaping up fine.

Well, that's about it for this time except don't forget our dances on the 1st and 3rd Saturday night of the month.

Frances Tyer
Reporter

STARLITE SHUFFLERS - Remember O'Leno

Every Thursday 'cept the 5th, Joseph Lee Youth Center, 5120 Perry St., about 44th & Pearl.
President - Bruce Yongue (388-3798)

By the time that you are reading this report our Camp O'Leno Hoedown has made its place in history. I think that it is safe to say that it was a roaring success and a better than good time was had by all. For those of you who attended, we know that you have some memories that will last a life time. For those of you who couldn't make it, all we can say is "watch for the announcement of our next Hoedown". It's really a ball and once you've been, you'll keep a coming back for more.

We had a good turn out and a great time on Thursday, Sept. 19th when Danny Robinson was our special guest caller.

During October Fred Beard will call on the 2nd and 4th Thursday. We will have Special Guest Callers on the 1st and 3rd Thursday.

It's time to remind all you Starlite Shufflers that quarterly dues of \$10.00 are due again in October. As you know, we voted in June to pay on a quarterly basis rather than each dance night. This is a savings of \$12.00 per year per couple. Why not take part of that savings and bring along a guest couple? The \$1.50 that it will cost you isn't tax deductible but can you think of a way that you can get more enjoyment from \$1.50 than to spend it for a fun filled evening with good friends? While we are on the subject... Your new board, that took office in July, has been working mighty hard to make your club a truly fun club. Our President and Vice President, Bruce Yongue and Joe Sommers, along with the other board members, have done a lot in a short time to make Starlite Shufflers a good club to dance with. We've had a variety of fine guest callers and that always makes for a good time. Our Chuck Wagon Committee has done a fine job and have invited those dancers to come visit us on Thursday

nights. We realize that during the summer

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months there are many activities to take up your time, what with vacations, fishing, camping, parties around the swimming pool, etc. Well, summer is fast coming to a close. To those of you who are regulars, come heat, like the night that the air conditioner wouldn't work, or high water, like the night that we had 7 inches of rain, we know that it takes a real disaster to keep you home on Thursday night. To those of you who haven't been around very often these last few months, we can only say that you have missed some good times, and nothing can be done about that. We have more good times ahead that we know you will enjoy, and something can be done about that. It's your club and you make it what it is. So may we suggest that you get back in the swing of things and join the regulars who would rather dance than miss. Ya'all come, Ya hear?

Walt Smith
Reporter

KNOW YOUR CALLERS - THE GATEWAY CALLERS ASSOCIATION

Chairman - James Maxey

Since we have had several questions about this association, here are some things the square dancers might like to know.

The Gateway Callers Association was formed in December 1967 by a group of callers so they could get together to exchange ideas pertaining to square dancing and calling. They meet the second Sunday of each month at Philips Highway Plaza. A permanent chairman is elected to serve for a period of six months. Each month a different program chairman is chosen to plan the program for that meeting. An alternate is also selected so he can take over the program if necessary. It is also his duty to make the coffee and serve refreshments (which the callers really insist on).

Any caller who lives or calls in this area is invited to join this association. At this time almost every caller in Jacksonville is a member of the Gateway Caller's Association. The callers' wives also attend these meetings and voice their opinions.

The purpose of the Gateway Callers Association is to provide a common organization for new and experienced callers to improve themselves in the calling field. They try out the new calls and work them out to see if they are "danceable". Sometimes the callers tape themselves and have the other callers give a critique of their ability. On several occasions the callers have invited members of their clubs to attend these meetings, so they can get the dancers' opinions of the new calls.

At our last meeting we had a birthday party for Joe Smith to celebrate his 65th birthday. Square dancers from all over Jacksonville dropped by to congratulate Joe and wish him a "Happy Birthday". We also had refreshments and the callers called several tips for the dancers. Nella Robbins and Marianne Hidding each brought a beautiful birthday cake for Joe. The callers presented Joe with an engraved silver tray to express their feelings for him.

All the local benefit dances held recently were programmed by the G.C.A. The member callers donated their services in order to help make these dances a success. In fact, at the Chuck Raley benefit dance, every caller who attended donated \$2.00 when they entered because they felt it was such a worthy cause.

In the planning stages now is a Gateway Callers Anniversary dance which will be held sometime in December. Johnny Robbins and Bobby Keefe are making the arrangements as far as the date and place. We hope to make this an annual dance so be sure to look in the next Grapevine for more details about this.

Please remember that the sole purpose of this association is to help the callers improve, which in turn will assure better dances for you square dancers.

James Maxey
Chairman

MANDARIN PROMENADERS start the season with a new Caller

Tuesdays - Julington Creek Civic Club,
Orange Avenue.

Caller - Dick Goedart

President - Ronnie Braasch (268-9680)

Well, so much has changed since my last report to you at the end of the summer. Our new class has just started and as always we are looking for new class members. Anyone wishing more information on our class please call our president. He will be glad to give you details and directions.

Our biggest change, as you may have noticed, is in callers. Dick Goedart has taken over where Mr. and Mrs. Hidding left off. We know he will have a real chore with some of us, but at least, we are willing to learn. Don't despair, Mr. Goedart, that was our first night and we are all rusty after a lazy summer off.

Speaking of Mr. and Mrs. Hidding we want to thank them for all the time they have given our club in the past. We always appreciate these dedicated people working with the youngsters.

Since we only danced the one time this month the news is sort of scarce, but we'll be back next month with more. Gayle Bowman, reporter

JOSEPH LEE CENTER DANCE off with a Bang!

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

This dance got under way September 10th with a happy group of people, some had not danced for six years.

September 17th some dancers were repeaters from the Tuesday before. We also had five couples to attend who could not make the first dance. One couple made the remark, they were so worked up and tired after the dance that they just could not go to sleep when they got home. But they were back for the Sept. 17th dance.

Remember this is a dance you can attend any Tuesday night, if you have had class basics. It does not matter how long it has been since you danced.

If you have dancing friends, who by some chance are not dancing, let's get them in the square!

Bill Campe
4733 French St.
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JUBILEERS planning a whing ding of a week end at Camp Immokalee.

2nd & 4th Saturday, Arlington Congregational Church

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

On Sept. 14th, the Jubileers wound up a series of 4 combined dances with the Grand Slammers with 54 devotees in attendance. This series proved to be most enjoyable and successful as any endeavor with the Slammers always is. With Johnny Robbins and Harold, how can you miss? Incidentally the two clubs intend to join forces again on the weekend of Oct. 12th to spend the weekend dancing in the "boondocks" down Keystone way. Our regular club dance will be cancelled that night. This will be at Camp Immokalee on Lake Brooklyn from Saturday noon Oct. 12th until Sunday P.M. Oct. 13th.

The 4th Saturday dance will be at the church as usual on the 26th of October.

Your reporter joins once again the ranks of my fellow correspondents after a prolonged summer "sabbatical", in which we found ourselves far afield, as far in fact as Buchsport, Maine. We hope you all had as enjoyable a summer as we did, and are ready to swing into the fall and winter square dance activity, if you have not already.

Glad that Nulls and Chambers made it to the Knothead Konvention. We had a good

time but hope more can join us next year. The more the merrier which goes for club dances. We had over 8 squares at our regular dance on Sept. 14th and all had a ball dancing to the calling of Johnny Robbins, Dick Goedart, Bill Bishop and Harold Pillmore.

This brings us pretty well up to date. What lies ahead? On Oct. 13th a new class is starting under Harold Pillmore. There is none better, and if anyone knows of a couple who may have just missed a class, or is interested, send them around.

On January 10 we plan an entire live show in lieu of our usual Valentines dance. The center of attraction will be a "Hoosier" caller with a live orchestra. The hall and other details will be announced later!

Joyce and Bob Barker
Pete Pillmore
Reporters

FRIENDLY FROLICS - A wise man once said, "Choose such pleasures as recreate much and cost little". Sounds like he was referring to square dancing!

1st & 3rd Saturdays, Philips Highway Plaza
Caller - Bobby Keefe
President - Don & Bee Smith (725-1504)

Speaking of pleasure, we had 18 couples kicking up their heels at the Knothead Konvention. We missed the company of several others who had planned to attend but were forced to cancel at the last minute because of illness or that "Old Devil Work". Les and Jane Spring graciously hosted the gathering of the clan after the dance on Friday night; Barney and Grace Davis on Saturday night; Joe and Delores Early on Sunday night. Brave souls, all!

Bobby's class got underway on the 5th of September and is progressing at a rapid rate. They have amazed and delighted us "Old Timers" with their enthusiasm and talent. To tell the truth, the way some of us experienced dancers have been goofing up, it's hard at times to tell who's taking lessons! Club support continues to be excellent and those of you who haven't been to a Thursday night session as yet, sashay on over to the Plaza and join in the fun.

Good news! Our Eddie Bowman has been ransomed from Riverside Hospital! Eddie says he's feeling better than he has for ages and would welcome visitors to brighten up his convalescence.

Anne McCarty and Marilyn Ballasso are improving after recent visits to the Baptist and St. Lukes Health Spas, respectively. We hope it won't be too long before they are squaring up with us again.

Continued - FRIENDLY FROLICS

This is my last stint as Grapevine Reporter as I volunteered to take on the duties of Refreshment Chairman at our business meeting held Sept. 13. Starting with our dances in October, all members will be called on alphabetically to furnish refreshments. We appreciate the fine job Barbara Meyer has done as Chairman during the past several months.

In the absence of our regular caller on Sept. 21st we had James Maxey, and he really kept us lively and the floor kept moving. James is an up and coming caller and calls a very good dance. We are proud to have him anytime.

Lydia Sockwell
Reporter

PAXON PRANCERS Make it again!

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

Don't look now but once again our brain has slipped the clutch until the closing moments for the deadline for this column but we will try real hard to give you a thumbnail sketch of the antics of our gals and guys since the last issue of the GRAPEVINE.

"HOT LINE!!" The Paxon Prancers have heard wedding bells since last we met via this column. On Saturday August 31 our own Jeanette Wynn and Joe Joyce were united in Holy Matrimony in the Edgewood Avenue Christian Church. We understand their children referred to the big event as a "Medicare Wedding!" and had great fun decorating their auto. Billy and I were surprised and delighted upon our arrival for the Fun Fest in Fontana Village to find Joe and Jeanette honeymooning there. I know all their friends in Square Dancing join in wishing them the best of everything and along and happy wedded life. Other Prancers enjoying the Fun Fest were Houston & Catherine Hodges, Hubert & Angelo Purvis, John & Nell Barnett and Warren & Sandra Milligan. Three days and nights of continuous rain didn't dampen our spirits a bit.

Another Knothead Konvention has been relegated to history and a large group of Prancers enjoyed a weekend filled with fun and fellowship. Heard Harry Drake staged a great show - sorry, we missed it but maybe he'll do an encore for us at the Beachcombers weekend in Daytona Beach. Have talked to many Square Dancers who plan to attend this affair and are looking forward to an exciting weekend as usual.

A covered dish supper and business meeting is planned for Saturday September 21 at the Swan Lake home of Ray and Hazel Hall. I'm sure this will be a most enjoyable event for the Prancers.

Norma and Donald Smith report a very nice vacation which took them all the way to Texas and the Hemisfair in San Antonio. They returned home just in time for another trip - this one to Clearwater and the Knot-head Konvention! All I can say is these people must love to ride.

Lost and Found Corner - We found Jim and Joyce Shiner and glad to have them back with us on Thursday nights. Also, glad to see Charlie and Betty Poole whom we've not seen for several weeks. Welcome back, ya'll. On the "Lost" side of the ledger we'd like to report the Linker's and Tapley's from St. Marys, Georgia. Sure have been missing these two couples and hope you'll return to us very soon.

A special invitation is always extended to all Square Dancers to visit with us on Thursday nights for an evening of fun and dancing. The more the merrier.

See ya'll Thursday night.

Margaret Shields
Reporter

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TUESDAY	MANDARIN PROMENADERS (Ages 7 - 12)	Weekly	Julington Creek Civic Club	Dick Goedart
TUESDAY	RHYTHMAIRES (Beginner Rounds)	Weekly	Southside Youth Center	Helen Crout
TUESDAY	FUN AND FROLIC	Weekly	Woodstock Comm. Center	Jack Griffiths
TUESDAY	JOSEPH LEE CENTER DANCE	Weekly	Joseph Lee Youth Center	Bill Camp
WEDNESDAY	ROUNDLEERS (Advance Rounds)	Weekly	Woodstock Gomm. Center	---
THURSDAY	SUNSHINE TWIRLERS	Weekly	City Recreation Center (Gainesville, Fla.)	Scotty Thomas
THURSDAY	PAXON PRANCERS	Weekly	Mary Hammond Youth Center	Bob Rust
THURSDAY	STARLITE SHUFFLERS	Weekly Except 5th	Joseph Lee Youth Center	Chosen Callers
THURSDAY	Y-KNOTS	Weekly	Southside Youth Center	Frank Clements
FRIDAY	ALLEMANDARINS	Weekly	Mandarin Athletic Club	John Robbins and John Saunders
FRIDAY	ANCIENT CITY SQUARES	Weekly	Chamber of Commerce St. Augustine, Fla.	Bobby Keefe and Hal Ham
FRIDAY	ORANGE PARK PROMENADERS	Weekly Except 2nd	Doctors Inlet Civic Center	Scotty Thomas and D. J. Lynch
SATURDAY	COUNTRY COUSINS	Weekly	Dinsmore Civic Club	Walter Knight
SATURDAY	DIXIE CHAIN GANG	2nd & 4th	Philips Highway Plaza	Frank Clements
SATURDAY	FRIENDLY FROLICS	1st & 3rd	Philips Highway Plaza	Bobby Keefe
SATURDAY	GOLDEN ISLES SWINGERS	2nd, 3rd & 4th	City Recreation Bldg. Brunswick, Georgia	Dick Barker
SATURDAY	GRAND SLAMMERS	1st & 3rd	Minton Hall	John Robbins
SATURDAY	JUBILEERS	2nd & 4th	Arlington Congreg. Church	Harold Pillmore
SATURDAY	KAPER KUTTERS	1st & 3rd	Union Hall, Palatka, Fla.	Bill Camp
SATURDAY	LAKE CITY SQUARES	4th	Veteran Memorial Hall Lake City, Fla.	Bill Camp
SATURDAY	TEEN STAR TWIRLERS (Ages 12 and up)	Weekly	Englewood Home Demon. Club	Mariann & Tom Hidding
SATURDAY	U. S. 441 CLUB	2nd & 4th	Recreation Center Gainesville, Fla.	Chosen Callers
SATURDAY	WESTERN CUTTERS	2nd & 4th	Mary Hammond Youth Center	Fred Beard

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