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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

As your President of NEFSDA for the last twelve months, the time has come for me to take this opportunity to thank Don Smith, Vice President, for planning the Fifth Saturday dances and being a supporting hand, to Ruth Brandt, Recording Secretary, for her accurate accounting of the Minutes, to Charlie Landiss for helping build up our treasury and keeping us in good standing with IRS, and to Harriet Hedgecoth for mailing the notices of meetings and the many letters she wrote as Corresponding Secretary. The success of the year would not have been possible without the full support of the above officers, the GATEWAY CALLERS ASSOCIATION, the FEDERATION delegates, the delegates from each of the member clubs within the Association, the editors of the Grapevine, each person appointed to a committee such as Fifth Saturday host-dances, Toys for Tots, Fall Roundup, State Convention, and each and every square dancer within the Association. The only way an organization can function and be successful is to have the cooperation I have had from each of you. One of the nicest experiences that can ever happen is to ask someone to work on a committee and have the answer be "it would be a privilege and an honor to work with you."

This is what has made the very successful year for Bunny and me and we have thoroughly enjoyed it.

We have a lot of enjoyable dancing ahead such as:
 FIFTH SATURDAY DANCE - OCTOBER 31 - JEKYLL ISLAND, "B" Room of the Aquarama, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Halloween costumes are optional. Special rates to dancers have been extended by the Buccaneer Inn and ample camping

facilities are available on the North end of the island.

FALL ROUNDUP - NOVEMBER 20-21 - CIVIC AUDITORIUM - JACKSONVILLE - GATEWAY CALLERS ASSOCIATION programming the Friday night dance and Vaughn Parrish of Boulder, Colorado calling the Saturday afternoon workshop and Saturday night dance. Helen Crout will program the round dancing.

TOYS FOR TOTS - DECEMBER 2 - FORREST HIGH SCHOOL - JACKSONVILLE - Through the efforts of Don Smith and George Millan, we will dance in order that underprivileged children within

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the Northeast area will have toys on Christmas morn. Your ticket to the dance will be a toy. With the cooperation of Forrest High School, the hall will be donated and there will be no charge by the GATEWAY CALLERS ASSOCIATION for the calling nor for the round dance programming. Duval Laundry has donated its trucks to pick up the toys. The entire affair will be an all-charity event for underprivileged children.

1971 STATE CONVENTION - The committee headed by Bruce Yongue is working hard towards the huge convention to be held in Jacksonville on June 17,18,19. From the effort the committee is putting forth, I know this will be the best convention we have ever held.

The new officers of NEFSDA for the coming year have been elected as follows:

Lou Connally, President
Gene Williams, Vice President
Dick Pierson, Treasurer
Norma Smith, Recording Secretary
Ada Kelly, Corresponding Secretary

I know that these new officers will have the same support that I have received and I join each of you in wishing them much success.

Jim Whiteman, President

GOLDEN ISLES SWINGERS say "don't forget
October 31st.

2nd, 3rd, 4th Saturday, Recreation Bldg.,
Brunswick, Georgia
Caller Dick Barker
President - Herman Lange (912/265-4264)

Once again this report must be early. Special out-of-town dances! This reporter won't return in time to meet the 20th deadline - so here goes!

Another class graduated in early September from Jimm's (Moore) effort at the Brunswick College. Although the class was small in number the quality is high, and the turn-out to support the Graduation Dance was encouraging. Those who were able to keep going and graduate are: Leanne and John Plunkett, Bobbie and Weldon Holiday, Thomas J. Coursen, Jr., Debbie Coursen, and Lucille Tait. We are looking forward to having these new dancers in our club.

With deep regret we report the loss of another dancing couple, Mary and Jon Whiddon have been "shipped" to Norfolk, Va. We have enjoyed Mary and Jon for a little more than a year and hope the Navy will send them back our way in the future.

Dora and Don Diamond have arrived at Glynco and will be dancing with us. From Statesboro, Ga. we have gained new residence and new dancers, Grace and Lum Edwards - they will be living on Jekyll Island. Louise and Bob Herrin have returned to the square and will

be dancing on a regular basis. We are delighted to have these added to our number.

Dick Barker skipped out on us for a "cooling off" visit to Fontana Dam. During his absence Jimmy Moore called our Sept. 12 dance. Pete and Harold Pillmore visited with us on this night and Harold gave Jimmy a hand with the calling. We appreciate the calling of Jimmy and Harold. In spite of the heat we had five squares of dancers on hand.

Pat Warren is back on both feet now and gave a try with one tip on the night of Sept. 12. Last month Jim Foley, cast and all, got in a full night of dancing. This month Jim is minus the cast and in the squares with just a slight limp.

Only 21 attended our club business meeting on Sept. 3, which began with a covered dish dinner at Plant Mc Mannus. The two major results of the meeting were: 1. The nominating committee recommended and the membership voted to continue the present officers for an additional six months, or until the by-laws are changed. 2. A by-laws committee was appointed to recommend certain changes having to do with: a. Tenure of office for elected officers, b. Responsibility and authority of membership committee, c. Inactive membership, d. Adjustment in dues and donations, e. Immediate past-president serve on executive board for one year.

Our club was reposed at the Knothead Konvention and our representative distributed flyers on our Oct. 31 Fifth Saturday Dance. We will also be quite well represented at the Beachcomber Weekend at Daytona Sept. 18-19 where once again our NEFSDA Oct. 31 Fifth Saturday dance will be plugged.

Jimmy Moore underwent surgery on Sept. 14. He is out and around now and looking very healthy. He wants everyone to know that Sept. 29 will be the starting date for his new class at Brunswick Junior College in the continuing education program on square dancing.

Gene Williams, reporter

JOSEPH LEE CENTER DANCE - Friendliness Pays
Tuesdays, Joseph Lee Center, 42nd & Perry St.
at Pearl Plaza
Caller - Bill Camp (388-3889)

This past month has sure been 100% square dance wise at the Center. We have enjoyed the usual number each Tuesday dancing.

We have had several out-of-state visitors with us during the vacation months and some of them have told us of experiences that are very disturbing.

We are hearing too much of square dancers being cold and unfriendly to visitors. This is not good. Some of the Northern visitors have attended dances, and maybe danced the

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first two tips, then were not able to get into a square, so after about the fifth tip they just left. Aren't you glad the people in our area do not treat visitors this way? Because they go away and tell others how they were ignored - we know - they told us. They always let us know before they leave the dance at Joseph Lee that we have a very friendly group and we are so glad they can tell others as they travel along that the dancers in Jacksonville are friendly.

September, the month for classes. There has been six square dance classes and four round dance classes announced to start, and I am sure there will be more. This is very good, but for these classes to be a success, every dancer should help in some way. Of course, the biggest help for any class is the dancer who gets a new couple interested and brings them to a class. You can have fun square dancing.

Bill Camp, reporter

The following article was found in a medical journal called MEDICAL ECONOMICS and written by W. Allen Conroy, M. D., who practices in Greenbrae, California. All square dancers will enjoy his writing. The date of issue was May 11, 1970.

I SWING WITH THE SQUARES

Heading down a corridor toward the school gymnasium where I was to have my first square dance lesson, I was nagged by the feeling that I was about to make a fool of myself over something I really had no time or palate for. I was irritated-partly at my wife for pushing me into this predicament and partly at myself for submitting to the pushing. It had all started when some neighbors asked us to accompany them to a beginners' square-dance class. My bride of six months, an unrehabilitated folk dancer, was so happy I hadn't the heart to refuse. But I made it clear that I wasn't committing myself for the full course.

The first hour of instruction was every bit as bad as I'd feared. The dance patterns were confusing, the calls unintelligible, and in the confusion I actually had trouble telling my left hand from my right. But then the good, strong rhythm of the Western music began tugging at me. I began to catch glimpses of the geometry of the patterns, and almost guiltily I started to enjoy myself.

Right then, I concluded that anyone who could get through medical school could master square dancing-even if he did look like a fool in the process. I signed up my wife and myself for the full course without bothering to

consult her. Needless to say, she was overjoyed.

That was 15 years ago. In short order, I not only mastered square dancing, but I became an unabashed addict. Today, I dance 6 to 10 times a month, and I consider it the perfect recreational outlet for doctors. It combines mild physical exertion with a total mental concentration that erases all worries about practice and leaves you mentally refreshed.

The physical exertion can be as gentle or as vigorous as you care to make it. The basic step in square dancing is a shuffle, and it doesn't take a great deal of effort; men and women in their 70s dance regularly without undue strain. On the other hand, dancers who feel the need to burn up more energy can add all the kicks and flourishes they want. Colleagues who work in rehabilitative medicine tell me it's an excellent form of cardiac exercise.

The mental concentration required involves listening for and following all the complex moves dictated by the caller. Only rarely do you learn a whole dance. Instead, you learn a series of calls, such as allemande left, promenade, or gents star in, that direct you to take specific steps or go through certain movements. Eventually you learn 60 or 70 such calls, and during a dance the caller puts a number of them together to form a pattern. You do have to pay attention-to hear the call, understand the action, and respond in time to the music.

If you miss a call and spoil the pattern in an advanced dance group, the social stigma can be formidable. At best, you find yourself the target of reproachful stares from the other seven members of your square. At worst, you find that if you continue to miss calls, other couples will avoid getting in your square. If you can't team up with other couples, you can't dance. So, you must be prepared to give square dancing your total concentration. Most dancers, however, have almost infinite patience with the mistakes of a beginner who's genuinely trying to learn. It's the one who keeps breaking the pattern from lack of attention who is soon shunted aside.

Square dancing had one totally unexpected benefit for me. Not long after I got seriously involved in it, I found my rapport with patients improving noticeably. Thinking this through, I came to the painful conclusion that I had been something of a stuffed shirt who took myself and my medical mission in life too seriously. Most of my friends had been drawn either from people in medicine, with whom I could feel at ease discussing common interests in a highly specialized field, or from church acquaintances, who also tended to fit my rather stiff concept of life. Square dancers, as a group, are far more relaxed and outgoing, and I could only conclude that as my exposure to such people increased,

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I began relaxing and acting more friendly myself. My patients were responding by meeting warmth with warmth.

Another aspect of square dancing that I enjoy is that no matter where in North America I travel, I'm never among strangers. I nearly always carry a pocket-size directory of square dance clubs with me. So when I find myself with a free evening in a strange city, it's simple to locate a local club willing to welcome a visitor to its midst. I've square danced in Miami, Vancouver, New York, Montreal, San Diego, and many points between.

The only time I've had trouble finding a club or dance was years ago when I found myself in Manhattan without my directory. But perseverance paid off. After interrogating such sources as a bellhop, the assistant manager of my hotel, a phone company operator, and the director of a Y. M. C. A., I finally tracked down a Long Island group that was dancing that night. I rode out on a commuter train and was met at the station by the caller and his wife. I had a fine time at the dance and afterwards picked up the tab for most of the dancers at a local ice cream parlor. I have been to New York twice since then, and both times I've danced with that same club.

Square dancing is a relatively inexpensive activity. My costs run well above average because I am involved in dance organizational work, often travel to dances, and go all out on clothes - Western trousers and boots, fancy Western shirts, and so on. All that can cost a couple about \$500 a year. The average couple may spend little more than local club dues - \$6 or \$8 monthly in the San Francisco area - plus about \$5 a month for Saturday party dances.

I've had some luck combining medical meetings with square-dance events. The most notable success was in 1967, when I came East and attended three medical meetings, Expo '67 in Montreal, the National Square Dance Convention in Philadelphia, and danced with five clubs - all on one trip. If you're traveling alone and want to square dance, the caller's wife will usually consent to be your partner. This is standard procedure; square dancing is for couples, and singles rarely attend.

I'm occasionally asked if after 15 years of it I don't sometimes get bored with square dancing. My answer: "I've already won the Knothead Badge, which is awarded for taking four couples and a caller 100 miles to a dance and coming back the same night. Now I'm shooting for the Knucklehead Badge, which you earn by dancing seven nights in a row."

BISC JOCKEY - A fellow who makes a lot of chatter about a platter that doesn't matter.

STARLITE SHUFFLERS - Hell's Angels coming back?

Thursdays, Joseph Lee Center
 Caller - James Maxey
 President - David & Evelyn Branch (733-6065)

With vacation time coming to an end, things have begun popping at the youth center on Thursday night. On the 20th of August we had visitors from the WESTERNAIRES. It seems as though someone in their group needed a new shirt, so they tackled poor James in the middle of a dance and relieved him of his. Also, we had Ray and Liz Smith visiting with us. They are from the SPINNING WHEELS in Tampa. On the 27th of August the 441 Club from Gainesville decided to visit us and claim their banner. Also, on this same night we had visitors from the PAXON PRANCERS, WESTERN CUTTERS and GATOR PROMENADERS. We enjoyed having everyone visit with us and invite you back anytime.

We would like to extend to Dan and Mary Williams a hearty welcome on becoming new members of the STARLITE SHUFFLERS. We hope you will feel right at home with us and enjoy lots and lots of fun square dancing.

On August 29th the STARLITE SHUFFLERS were host for the 5th Saturday night dance at Wolfson High School. There were 24½ squares dancing to the superb calling of James Maxey, Bill Bishop and Mariann Hidding. After the dance all of the SHUFFLERS "shuffled" over to Georgia and Forrest Addington's home for a very bountiful midnight feast. It was delicious and we thank you Georgia and Forrest. "You are all right".

The STARLITE SHUFFLERS parted ways for the Labor Day weekend. Some of the group went to the Knothead Konvention, while some of the others went to Laurel Walker State Park at Waycross, Ga. Don't know about the ones that went to the convention, but the ones that were camping had a ball. The motorcycle riders covered every square mile of territory between the State Park and Waycross. Couldn't believe they went the whole week-end without even skinning a shin. Eleanor Zeluski is making progress. She can find neutral one time out of ten, and if you understand motorcycles and Eleanor that is pretty good odds. All the fellows think Helen Maxey has been spoofing everyone. They invited her to ride in the sand pits with them and dog-gone if she didn't show them she met up with Big Daddy that she was a "Big Mama" with the Hells Angels. Guess we will have to assign District Attorney Zelusky to this case and I'm sure he will uncover all Helen's hidden skeletons in her closets.

We are making plans to try to get a new class started on Sept. 22. The classes will be held at the Holy Rosary Church on Cottage street. All club members be sure and remember this date and come out and help others to learn to dance.

Sunday, Sept. 12 found most of the STARLITE SHUFFLERS at Marge and Bill Reitermayers

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home for a business meeting, swim party and covered dish supper. Plans were made for Camp O'Leno and a small portion of the work was done. The supper was delicious and the weather was just right for the swimming pool. During the evening Herman Ibach brought over his film from Camp O'Leno in April. They were hilarious. A great big thanks to Margie, Bill and Herman for a very delightful afternoon.

Yvonne Hart and the "Honky Tonk" man,
reporters.

DIXIE CHAIN GANG - A gallant crew.

2nd & 4th Saturday, Philips Highway Plaza
Caller - Frank Clements
President - John Tyson (249-4869)

Hold onto your hats landlubbers and listen to the tale of seafaring Mariners, with Captain John Tyson (our most honored President of Ye Olde DIXIE CHAIN GANG) at the bow, observing his able-bodied crew, as we gallantly and bravely departed down the perilous "Itchtuchee Springs" on fleet operation "Cold Creek", logged as of August 30, 1970.

Our main oarsman, Tommy Emond, Frank Clements, Ray Witte navigated our convoy safely down the rough, treacherous, swift rapids of "Itchtuchee". Even our fearless captain took a turn at the oar.

The weather was hot and the water was freezing cold. Just right for this seafaring crew. After about an hour or so of gaiety and laughter, our crew began to show signs of all being ripe, red tomatoes, or I should say hot peppers, but of course, from the waist down, it was more like frozen popsicles, but we had no fear for, of course, we had Doc Helen Crout for such need-be emergencies for those who were not seaworthy travelers who were on board. Doc carried her supplies of medicine - aspirin, baby oil, etc., etc., etc. When Chief Engineer (which should, by the way, have been in the Marine Corp.) yelling at the top of her head, "Move it, move it, move it". Isn't that so, JO-Ann? After about cruising 6 or 7 knots, the hearty crew was starting to lapse into silence, but not for long. Action soon took over again when one of our look-outs spied a water moccasin sunning itself in deep slumber up on the bank.

So, on we sailed, with a cool soft breeze blowing by occasionally to fan our not-so-cool oarsmen. Jack and Pam Jobs, munching on water-soaked snacks, and trying to keep afloat with the help of Dave Woodworth. Oh yes, let's not forget to give credit to our after stern watch, Jimbo Williams, who kept us away from the mossy banks and low-hanging branches. After 4½ hours, land was finally sighted and what a joyous crew

responded with yells, cheers, bravos, and so on. We were soon loaded into our overland barges and taken back to our original Port of Entry, where we came upon our 3 land lubbers, Katherine, Jerri and Inga, starving to no end. Soon, hotdogs, hamburgers, beans, salads, etc., started coming out of nowhere and the feast of feasts began. Even those on a diet couldn't stand up to such goodies and I can't say as I blame them. Right Jerri?

The ladies, as usual, outdid themselves with gusto, as the food was delicious they had prepared. Now with our bellies full, and I do mean full, we sat for awhile in harmony and friendship and laughed about our strange, but exciting voyage and things that happened and would like to see happen again. Well, soon, it was time to leave our Shangri-la and start our weary journey homeward. Sunburns, sore arms, tired backs, etc. Gee, what a wonderful time was had by our friendly group THE DIXIE CHAIN GANG. But would we do it again? You bet your BP we would, (and will).

Frank Clements, you have been doing a wonderful job of calling, and now, it's our turn your DIXIE CHAIN GANG to turn about and call one for you.

I know it was a wonderful surprise in Orlando when we went to visit the PLANTATION SQUARES for our Knothead badges, that a Frank Clements fan club badge was presented to everyone in the DIXIE CHAIN GANG square dance club. This was to let you know, Frank, we think you're the greatest in our book, not only in calling, but as an all-around great guy. You are one of many of us, who have the club's interest at heart, and you make us feel real proud to wear your badge. Just remember, Frank, we are all with you 100% and look forward to our next class, and many more to come.

Aggie Clements, you stand right beside Frank in taking a bow a lso. You're a perfect team for the enjoyment and pleasure of square dancing. With both of you on the team, harmony and joy will reign. We all luff ya.

Sept. 11 Franks new class got started. As always, we will enjoy our new found friends, and will help Frank and his pupils with gusto. Don't forget gang, we wear Frank's badge - let's show him how much we really do care. We welcome not only those of the DIXIE CHAIN GANG but those from any or all clubs.

Our dance held Sept. 12 was really way-out, and we welcome our guests from the STARLITE SHUFFLERS. They are trying real hard to get their D.C.G. tags which some have received already. Ya'll come, and see what it's all about? An American and State of Florida flag were also donated and presented to the club, and stands on each side of our caller. Oct. 24 will be a Halloween dance. Entrance to the dance will be through the back door. (Dracula's door that is)

Tommy Emond, reporter

PAXON PRANCERS - planning Halloween Carnival Dance

Thursdays, 8 p.m., Mary Hammond Youth Center
N. Edgewood & 12th St. West

Caller - Bob Rust

President - Theron & Bonnie Smith (389-1731)

Notice new telephone number for our President and MAKE A NOTE as the old number plays a record saying it has been disconnected.

PAXON members were pleased with the success of our Charity Dance in August when a \$300 check was presented to the Florida Society for Prevention of Blindness. But we don't rest on past performances and are planning to have booths for extra fun at our regular dance, Thursday, Oct. 29. Proceeds will go to Hope Haven Childrens Hospital. Visitors and members may wear Halloween costumes and prizes will be awarded.

One night we had 5 callers present -- Bob Rust, Bobby Keefe, Eddie Millan, Buz Ruis and John Robbins. PP Badges were presented to Eddie and Ann Millan, and we had Eddie's parents as visitors. Ann's parents, Al and Margaret Bowie are PAXON members.

Convention News: Even in the big Gasparilla room of Tampa's Curtis Hixon Hall, it was easy to spot PAXON PRANCERS and others from Jacksonville. We saw square dancers all over Tampa and at the beach and at Clearwaters Kapok Tree Inn. The City of Tampa knew we were there; at breakfast Sunday a waitress was heard to say: "Hurry up, because soon all those square dancers will be here"!

Theron and Bonnie Smith had a nice After Party at the Sheraton Saturday and we counted 32 PAXONS present. Lots more could be said about people on the streets in night clothes, about a lady forgetting her ruffled undies at a workshop (she kept saying, "Don't swing me!), about a couple who were supposed to be baby-sitting but just had to go to the Konvention, so they drove their granddaughter by Ocala Forest where her parents were, about a missing shoe that turned up on the other side of the hall, about a group swimming at 2:00 a.m., about someone getting lost; how when some Go-Go dancers passed by where Idiots were dancing, squares broke down as the men watched them, but all reporters were sworn to secrecy.

PAXON PRANCERS have been going a lot, and plan to go more! A large group went to Fontana. A square performed "Black Lights" and from all reports it was beautiful. This reporter keeps hearing about Black Light exhibitions, and hopes to get to see one. Maybe they'll do it at PAXON.

At Fontana a joke was played on Wayne Ledbetter, when they pinned a gold ribbon on him to signify a "single" and Betty was with him.

We've visited local clubs and especially enjoyed the benefit dance at Roundoleers on Sept. 9th with 5 callers.

A square from PAXON went to STARLITE SHUFFLERS and retrieved our banner, and as always, had a friendly welcome and enjoyed dancing and visiting. PAXON took 2 squares to GATOR PROMENADERS and got their banner and heard Hayes Herschler, a caller from Pennsylvania.

Square dancers who enjoy camping are planning a big get-together at Walker State Park near Waycross for Sept. 26.

Several couples from PAXON will go to Camp O'Leno and will have to miss the regular business meeting which will be held at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, followed by dancing to records. Bring your favorite record to try out on our Stereo! Maybe some of the campers can get back in time to attend.

Nancy Baker, reporter

ANCIENT CITY SQUARES have variety of callers and visitors

Fridays, St. Augustine visitors' center
Caller - Bobby Keefe

September 21st is (or was; at the time you read this) the big date for the beginning of our fall class. We're planning a party, to which we've invited oodles of people, and hope we wind up with 15 squares (or at least 5?) of happy people.

This has been a busy time for many of us, getting plans all lined up for the new classes, Knothead, 5th Saturday dances, benefit dances, round dance clubs, etc., and our club has been no exception. We had four couples at Tampa, all of whom report a wonderful time.

We've had lots of visitors -- dancers and callers. R. J. Hogan called for us on Sept. 11 (he must have been taking an accelerated course of some kind - he really kept us moving), and Johnny Robbins on the 18th. FRIENDLY PHOLICS, BEACHCOMBERS, AND SWINGING SQUARES from Gainesville were among the clubs who danced with us recently, in addition, of course, to our usual out-of-town guests, tourists, that is.

Ruth Gran has been on the "ailing" list and hope she is much better by now. Bernie and Barbara Taylor took a late vacation, and it was great to have them back. Our booth at the "Day in Spain" Fiesta was a great success, thanks to the usual fine cooperation present among our members.

Until next month, or 'til we square-up -- and don't forget to talk up Fall Roundup -- (DO YOU KNOW WHAT A VP IS? - ASK SOMEONE).

"Scoop" Shuler, reporter

WESTERN CUTTERS planning gala event at Waycross, Georgia

2nd & 4th Saturdays, Mary Hammond Youth Ctr.
Callers - Chuck Durant and Johnny Robbins
President - David & Lee Helmsly (781-3251)

Our class has started off with a big bang and with the great support of the club members we have been having a royal good time sharing our joy with the new comers to the art of the "ole barn shuffle". Johnny is doing a great job and the CUTTERS are enjoying a fine tip in between lesson tips.

Waycross plans coming along real well and the 12th and 13th of February will be here before you know it. We hope to have all levels of dancers pleased with the dance program. There will be high level, challenge level, and workshop hours. Also, rounds as usual, by the delightful Loyelaces. And don't forget our after parties are some of the best in the Southeast, and from what I hear from the callers this after party will be the AFTER PARTY to END all afterparties. CUTTERS should have tickets in their hands for sale in a few weeks. Be sure and get yours.

We had a grand time making a few Knotheads out of the visiting WHIRL AND TWIRLERS from Orlando. They were great sports and we hope they will come back and visit again.

Speaking of Knothead, Jim and Lo Donnelly went to Tampa for the big blast and said it was the greatest yet. (Sure sorry this reporter couldn't make it for this fine fellowship, but we are headed to the Pontana Fling in October and just can't make everything.)

CUTTERS were rerepresented at the Byrdie Martin Dance and although our visit was short we did enjoy the time there. Congratulations to the Rhythmaires and Roundoleers for this goodwill gesture.

The CUTTERS are sure investing great sums of money in the local hospitals. We hear that Lo Donnelly will be in St. Vincents and that Sue Robinson is out of that place. Pat Hartman is resting under doctors orders. If any other CUTTERS have been under the weather we haven't heard about it. Hope everyone gets back in the swing of things soon.

Chuck Durant will be calling our October 10th dance and Johnny Robbins will tackle the dance of the 24th so you folks be sure and come for a visit. We have awild time and the old Paxon Hall just rocks on its foundation. Be lookin' for YOU.

We have rounds too at our dances!!!

Larry and Harriet Hedgecoth
reporters 388-6655

"Hey! How come you're walking with one foot in the gutter?"

"Is that what I'm doing? Thanksh, ol' pal. I thought I had gone lame."

WESTERNAIRES - Classes starting.

1st and 3rd Saturday, Westconnett Civic Center
Callers - Tom and Mariann Hidding (771-6272)

Plans have been finalized for the two classes to be taught by the Hiddings this fall. Mariann will be teaching on Tuesday nights beginning October 6th. A ten week course in square dancers rounds. And on Thursday nights Tom and Mariann will be teaching the squares. Both classes get under way at 8:00 p.m. and will be held at the Westconnett Civic Center.

By the time you have read this the summer class will have graduated and five couples will be added to the ranks of the Jacksonville square dancers.

During this month we invaded the STARLITE SHUFFLERS and as their banner was not home we made off with James Maxey's shirt. We are looking forward to a return visit as they are a real fun group to dance with.

We were all pleased with the large enthusiastic turn-out at the recent fifth Saturday dance, at which Mariann was one of the participating callers. A large enthusiastic crowd makes the calling job easier and when you have callers like MAD MAXEY and WILD BILL BISHOP and our own MARIANN the program is bound to be good. It's also a pleasure to see the hall fill up with round dancers. Seems like this is the coming thing in Jacksonville as well as state wide, and we are happy to be a part of this movement.

The WESTERNAIRES along with their callers were very happy to help ROUNDLEERS and RYTHMAIRES make their benefit dance a success. We understand their goal was exceeded and we had lots of fun too.

Remember visitors are always welcome at WESTERNAIRES 1st and 3rd Saturdays.

Mariann Hidding, reporter

ROUND DANCE NEWS

ROUNDLEERS - Byrdie Martin Benefit netted \$108.00

Wednesday, 7:30-10:30, Woodstock Community Ctr.
Instructor - Helen Crout
President - J. Russell (264-4975)

Through the combined efforts of RYTHMAIRES and ROUNDLEERS \$108 was sent to Byrdie Martin. The Benefit would not have been such a success without the aid and contributions of the ones who attended. Our many thanks go to the callers who helped with the program. Bill Bishop, Tom and Mariann Hidding. Lil' Tom Hidding and James Maxey. Helen Crout cued the rounds and it was a very nice dance. It has been said many times that Square and Round dancers are the greatest people and it is true. We all love to dance and while we are having fun it is a really

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good feeling to know that others are being helped.

For those who are not acquainted with Byrdie Martin, she is a member of the BUTTONS AND BOWS of Lakeland. In August she was struck down by a Cerebral Hemorage. On August 16 she underwent major surgery and even though she is on the road to recovery she will later need to undergo another major operation. Unfortunately she has no hospitalization insurance. If you did not attend the Benefit Dance and would like to help out send it to:
Byrdie Martin Fund
% Buddy Ireland
4508 Dail Road
Lakeland, Florida 33801

What a way to end the summer. The Knothead Konvention was enjoyed by all. A Labor Day Weekend full of Square-Round dancing, swimming, eating, camping, sunning, and a lot of just getting to know other dancers. ROUND*OLEERS who were in the midst of all the fun: Bill & Ruth Fleshman, Emerson & Theo Deckerhoff, Helen Crout, Grace and Harry Radvansky, Claude & Kathryn Hewatt, Jim & Betsy Kavin, Charlie & Pauline Shufford, Ginny Sadler and Gene Wythe. The group reported that it was a great opportunity to see such wonderful dancers as Irv and Betty Easterday. The Easterday's are from Boonsboro, Md. Their activities are enormous. Both are busy furthering their education on the college level along with the many miles spent each year traveling to further Round dancing. A couple so busy they always have time.

At the Konvention they had for Workshop and Exhibition such dances as SNOW BIRD, HI SOCIETY, BY MY LOVE, IN MY DREAMS, AT SUNDOWN, SHADOW OF YOUR SMILE, PEPPI, COST OF THE SUN, and CANADIAN QUICKSTEP. What a program!

Sounds like we whould make plans for the Easterdays to come to Jacksonville,

A group of us who did not attend the Knothead Konvention spent a very lazy Sunday afternoon down at Lake Brookland. Margie and Russell are so thoughtful in extending an invitation. Thanks a lot from all. We really enjoyed the fellowship, water and eats.

We all miss a very charming couple, Bill & Ruth Fleshman who are on vacqtion. I am sure they will come back full of ideas from other clubs to share with us. They are always ready to help and work with anyone interested in Sq uare or Round dancing and to them we wish a very good trip.

Our Intermediate Class is in full swing. The first night was spent working the Cha-Cha basics and I am sure it will be a big help in smoothing out our favorite Folsomm Prison Blues. These basics are used in a lot of the dances so come on out and join the group. We may not be polished dancers but we're still having a lot of fun.
Jo Ann King, reporter. 264-5302

JUBILEERS - "Football Widows"?

2nd & 4th Saturday, Arlington Congreg. Church
Callers - Harold Pillmore and Dick Goedert
President - Genevieve and Wilton Fipps
(744-5471)

The JUBILEERS were the guests of H.C. Stinnett at his CO's annual cook-out at the Chief's club in August at Mayport. We put on an exhibition dance for their entertainment (we were really putting them on, too) ha, ha. But Harold got everyone into the act. We all had a grand time on the ocean (otta get a badge for that) and enjoyed it all. Thank you H.C.

Most of the JUBILEERS turned out for our new class on Sept. 18th. We had seven squares sweating it out and they really did too. Harold had them doing 14 basics, and got them through a singing call before the evening was over. We counted 11 couples and 3 singles in this new group. We hope they continue and bring more next week as we start in Earnest. We welcome the chance to have such a large class and just know that they will be dancing like old pros in no time.

Our first dance in Sept. had a square of "Football Widows". Eight gals got together and Wanda Goedert, Polly Smith, Joy Stover, and Betty McCall danced the man's part. When they got through they decided it was a man's dance after all. It looked like "Custer's last stand". Poor Dick Goedert (the thin man, Wanda and I think) had to call that night, and man, did he sing "Lonesome Road". But we are glad it wasn't on film.

Girls in the JUBILEER club, "I'm giving you notice". This is pick on "Harvey Chambers Month" (Oct.). He picked on me and I want him "blackballed". I'll see that you get your rewards, later. Wear your loudest lipstick and perfume to our next dance!!!!

Doris Turner is on our sick list. Gee, I missed her and her side kicks, Helen and H. C. Stinnett. Helen has been helping her out! We hope her hospital stay is a short one and that she and her "vice" Elton will be back with us real soon, no worse for wear!

We have a "ghost writer" in the Grapevine. People said it was one of my best last month. But, I know better. Thank you Ray Wixson (I don't know a thing about it, Jean).

Talking about a big bash in Sept. We had 25 couples at our steak cook-out in Polly and Hart's back yard. Hart had mowed and combed the grass and was the master host. When it came to cooking those steaks with the help of the "sidewalk" supers, everything went off fine, which led up to a delicious dinner, a beautiful night. We sure do thank you, Polly and Hart Smith. We had three squares dancing and one danced for an hour without a stop. I heard a complaint of someone getting their shoes dirty - You better wash the grass next time, Hart.

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And now all you out in Square Dance Land. We'll see you around, and be sure and buy your tickets for the Fall Roundup from Harvey Chambers (Please). Our club will love it this year. Ya'all come

Jean and Rip Rippel, reporters

FUN AND FROLIC - A reporter reports while enroute to Mississippi

Monday, Woodstock Community Center
Caller - Jack Griffiths

Guess everyone wonders about our "news". I have been gone so much lately that I can't seem to remember my reporter duties.

Yes, FUN & FROLICS still dance every Monday night with rounds being taught and practiced at 7:30 p.m.

We have not been able to do much visiting this summer with so many members on vacations.

Last Monday night we had our first night of our beginner square dance class. We had some interested people and our regular members helped them get started. We hope to recruit some others and have a good, enthusiastic class. Thanks to Bettye Turrentine for all her telephone calls and also thanks to Susan Connally for having charge of tasty refreshments.

Come and dance with us and enjoy our newly painted and air-conditioned building. Tell your friends about our class and bring them to help us have a good turn-out.

Faith Butner, reporter

FIRST IMPRESSIONS AT THE KNOTHEAD KONVENTION

We had a reporter chosen to give his impression at his first Knothead Konvention, but we understand his wife bought a new pair of dancing shoes and the very first night danced blisters on her feet so badly that they had to come home. So, Margaret and Ray are going to try and remember some first impressions as that is the year you have the most hilarious fun. Of course, they are always fun but we remember many things from our first year.

This was when the Konvention was held in Clearwater and dancing was on the 10th floor of the Jack Tar Hotel. We always stayed on the 9th floor so we could continually hear that thump, thumping of the dancers on the 10th. Arriving there it was always so exciting to check in and get settled so you could hurry and get dancing. Many familiar faces from Jacksonville and the surrounding Northeast could be seen immediately and this is where you meet many new friends too. Ray met one caller from Ft. Lauderdale, Bill

Roundtree, whom he found he had gone to high school with back in Michigan.

Harper Smith was our very first caller and we had one hard time trying to hear what he said and along with the slick floor we were goofing considerably. When he workshopped us through some new calls we even goofed on that. But we always had more fun and enjoyment. Seemed like Harper Smith "improved" on his calling the following year.

The first night after the dance along about midnight after we had showered, the thumping picked up again on the 10th floor. Margaret asked Ray if he was going to put on his P.J's and go to the Idiot party and Ray replied, "What do you think I am? an idiot? I'm not going to parade around in my P.J.s" But you know, after we got up there and saw the crazy P.Js and the fun everyone was having, Ray came down, got into his P.Js and never missed another Idiot party. Honestly, to see some of those originals it was out of this world.

There was a little restaurant down the street that stayed open all night and about 2 a.m. we went down there for coffee. It was quite full at that time and there was a fellow sitting in the corner that had a little bit too much to drink. After we sat down, there was a couple that came in from the Idiot party all dressed in their night attire including night caps. This fellow took a look at them and exclaimed "I know I am drunk now".

We never slept that night with the pounding on our door and the noisy people in the hall (guess we contributed too). Next day we danced again with scattering of some rest in between. Someone was always having a party in their room or playing games. Herschel Lee was with us at that time and he put us "in orbit". He could really think up the goofiest games and we all enjoyed playing them.

And then a trip to the Kapok Tree Inn had to be a "must" on the list of most of the dancers. This is a fabulous restaurant whose owner has traveled much of the world and copied much of the art that he has seen. Each year there seems to be more added to this restaurant and we had to travel through each room to see if there was anything new. Margaret always told the ladies not to miss going to the restroom, but the men's room has nothing like that to see! Meals are a regular square dancers delight and reasonable too. You would have to spend two or 2½ hours at that place.

When the time arrived to depart we always looked back with nostalgia on the food times that had passed and began looking forward when next year we would again pass that way - we hoped. We know the Konvention gets better each year, and it is great that square dancers can go there and come away feeling "that here is something we will always treasure in our thoughts". We wouldn't trade our first year there for anything in the world - but what
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squame dancer would? People outside the square dancing world just don't know what they are missing. Let's get more people to enjoy our recreation!!

CALICO SWINGERS - Some new Idiots

2nd & 4th Sunday, Westconnett Civic Center
Callers - Tom and Mariann Hidding
President - Robert Miller (771-2800)

We got a new class started. At our last dance we had Mr. and Mrs. Hidding's anniversary cake for refreshments. Some of the dancers went to the Miller's and made their Idiot badge after the 5th Saturday dance.

And while Kim Clark was on her vacation in Tennessee, she had to have an appendectomy

We are glad to have Jimmy Pattillo back dancing.

A barbecue picnic is being planned for Oct. 11 at the Westconnett Civic Center. The picnic will start at 5 o'clock and dancing starts at 7 o'clock p.m.

Lenora Thompson, reporter

SWINGING SQUARES OF GAINESVILLE - Lots of Convention fun

Tuesday, Northeast Recreation Center,
Gainesville, Florida

Caller - R. J. Hogan
President - Pete and Tom Schmidt (372-2884)

Another Knothead Konvention is over leaving pleasant memories and lots of sore feet plus one shaved toe nail. Let the good times roll and never run out of food (which we had plenty of) was the theme of suite 309 and food like you've never seen better.

Things started rolling Saturday evening when a certain gal from the SUNSHINE TWIRLERS wanted everyone to see what she had seen the evening before. It turned out to be dancing of all things, unlike square dancing. Some were so impressed by this demonstration that a certain caller stood upon a chair to clearly observe. One afternoon suite 309 had a milenary (hat) fashion show starring Poppa, Dot and Tom Schmidt. For further information and bookings please contact either Dot or Tom. Sunday evening "Chez" Pierson wandered over into the hall and got herself locked out of the room. With only a peek-a-boo on and who should round the corner none other than Ken Anderson - needless to say there was a few red faces at the dance that evening. On the way to the dance that evening a few music lovers observed for their first time window dancing and again that certain caller was in the crowd. By now he should have quite a lot to teach his square dance classes and club.

Many games were floating in and about the hotel. Sunday evening and the most popular was HYPNATIZE game, so spookie it was that between Ken Anderson and the very mention of hypnotism sent "Baby Cakes" to the other end of the hotel to play black magic, which I might add, she never guessed - maybe next year she'll take on both games.

Totta run for its late and almost time to go to press. Come to Gainesville and square up with us sometime. We'd like to see you across the square from us.

Dick Pierson, reporter

GATOR PROMENADERS haven't slowed down for the summer

Fridays, 8:00 p.m., Forrest High School
103rd St. & Firestone Rd
Caller - Bill Camp (388-3889)
President - Gene Wythe

Didn't slow down much during the summer months. Our club is enjoying a busy and eventful season at the present time. Our covered dish supper on the evening of August 28 was well attended and everybody had a real good time. We are thinking of having a supper at least about each quarter. A songfest was enjoyed after the supper and before square dancing began.

Our attendance is holding up well this summer and we enjoyed having callers Hayes Herschler from Colmar, Pa. and James Maxey call for us the past two Friday nights while Bill Camp is on vacation.

Several GATOR PROMENADERS visited the WESTERN CUTTERS Saturday night, Sept. 12 and enjoyed dancing to the calling of Chuck Durant. Also, several of our members attended the Knothead Convention in Tampa last week and report having had a wonderful time. They said about 1,600 Knotheads were there.

Our new class has already begun on Friday night, Sept. 25 at our regular dance location. Bill Camp is the instructor.

We are talking up the advantages of everyone signing up for the Grapevine and enjoying the information published in this magazine. This is a fine way to keep posted on what is going on in square dancing in this area.

Frank and Lucille Sullivan, reporters

"How is Martha doing with her driving lessons, Harry?"

"Great! Now when she passes a truck on a narrow road, she doesn't scrunch up her shoulders and shut her eyes anymore."

FRIENDLY FROLICS - Class starts October 1st.

1st & 3rd Saturday, Philips Highway Plaza
 Caller - Bobby Keefe
 President - George Ephrem (724-5243)

If you were at the annual Florida Knothead Konvention in Tampa, you were one of 47 of our club members who attended. For some of us, it was our very first trip and what excitement. It was quite impressive to see 640 dancers in the grand march on Saturday night, and everyone was so friendly. All of us have wonderful memories of a great time.

Many of our members have been having lots of fun visiting other clubs this summer, in and out of town.

For most of us, vacations are now over and as we settle back down to routine, we have a lot of things to look forward to.

First of all, our new class will begin Thursday night, Oct. 1 at our regular dance location. Bobby Keefe will be the instructor. If you know of people interested in square dancing, be sure to let them know about the class.

Next, Fall Roundup will be Nov. 20, 21. George Ephrem and Herman Itach have tickets. Be sure to get yours early.

Plans are already being made for the New Year's Eve Dance. You will be hearing more about this.

Al Edmunds has been on the sick list with back problems. We're glad to report that Herman's brother, Rudolph, is improving steadily from a massive heart attack.

To Jean and George Ephrem, we express our deepest sympathy in the loss of Jean's mother. Jean has been in Pensacola taking care of her for several weeks.

We also express deepest sympathy to Tom Holt in the recent loss of his mother and to Russell Kelly, whose brother passed away.

Louise Ibach, pinch-hitting for
 Jean Ephrem, reporter

SOMETHING NEW!!

A square dance calendar for 1971 is going to be printed shortly. This is going to be a professional printing job listing all square dance events as they are coming along in 1971 under that particular date in the Northeast Florida region and surrounding territory. If you would like advertising space for your club in a particular month call the Grapevine Editors at 724-0467 and we'll be glad to fill you in on all the particulars. Or we can come out and see you and show you exactly how the calendar will look.

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- Oct. 10 .. John Saunders sponsored by the 441 CLUB.
- Oct. 16 .. Johnny Everett sponsored by the Challengers.
- Oct 24 .. Rod Blaylock sponsored by the 441 CLUB.
- Oct. 24 .. Halloween Dance sponsored by Dixie Chain Gang - Philips Highway Plaza.
- Oct. 29 .. Halloween Benefit dance for Hope Haven Hospital sponsored by Paxon Prancers
- Oct. 31 .. NEFSDA Fifth Saturday Dance at Jekyll Island with Dick Barker and Bob Rust calling - host club - Golden Isles Swingers.
- Nov. 6 .. Jim Rice sponsored by the Challengers.
- Nov. 7 .. 2nd Annual Hobo Dance, Laura Walker State Park, Dick Barker, James Maxey, Callers.
- Nov. 14 .. Art Springer sponsored by the Challengers.
- Nov. 20-21 .. NEFSDA FALL ROUNDUP, Civic Auditorium with Vaughn Parrish calling.
- Nov. 28 .. Bobby Keefe sponsored by the 441 CLUB.
- Dec. 4 .. Bill Shell sponsored by the Challengers.
- Dec. 4 .. Learners Hoedown #6, Forrest High School.
- Dec. 12 .. Tex Brownlee sponsored by the 441 CLUB.
- Dec. 18 .. John Saunders sponsored by the Challengers.
- Jan. 9 .. Harper Smith sponsored by the 441 CLUB.
- Jan. 12 .. Frank Lane, Estes Park, Colorado sponsored by Joseph Lee Center Dance.
- Feb. 12-13 .. The Swamp Stomp at Waycross, Ga., sponsored by the Western Cutters.
- Feb. 13 .. Ron Schneider sponsored by the 441 CLUB.
- Mar. 12-13 .. St. Augustine Square Up with Callers Bob Rust, Bobby Keefe, Oscar Erwin.
- Mar. 17 .. Anniversary Dance (St. Patricks Day) Woodstock Community Center sponsored by the Roundoleers.
- June 17-18-19 .. State Convention at Civic Auditorium in Jacksonville, Florida.
- June 24-25-26 .. National Convention at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dates, Places and Callers subject to change without notice.

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TUESDAY SWINGING SQUARES Weekly N. E. Recreation Center
Gainesville, Fla. R. J. Hogan

THURSDAY PAXON PRANCERS Weekly Mary Hammond Youth Center Bob Rust

THURSDAY STARLITE SHUFFLERS Weekly Joseph Lee Center James Maxey

THURSDAY SWINGING SWAMPERS 2nd & 4th Folkston, Georgia Dick Barker

THURSDAY SUNSHINE TWIRLERS Weekly City Recreation Center
Gainesville, Fla. Scotty Thomas

FRIDAY ALLEMANDARINS Weekly Wolfson High School Bill Bishop
Dick Barker

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St. Augustine, Fla. Bobby Keefe

FRIDAY GATOR PROMENADERS Weekly Forrest High Cafetorium Bill Camp

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SATURDAY FRIENDLY FROLICS 1st & 3rd Philips Highway Plaza Bobby Keefe

SATURDAY GOLDEN ISLES SWINGERS 2nd, 2rd, & 4th City Recreation Bldg.
Brunswick, Georgia Dick Barker

SATURDAY JUBILEERS 2nd & 4th Arlington Congreg. Church Harold Pillmore
Dick Goedert

SATURDAY 441 CLUB 2nd & 4th City Recreation Ctr.
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SATURDAY WESTERN CUTTERS 2nd & 4th Mary Hammond Youth Ctr. Chuck Durant
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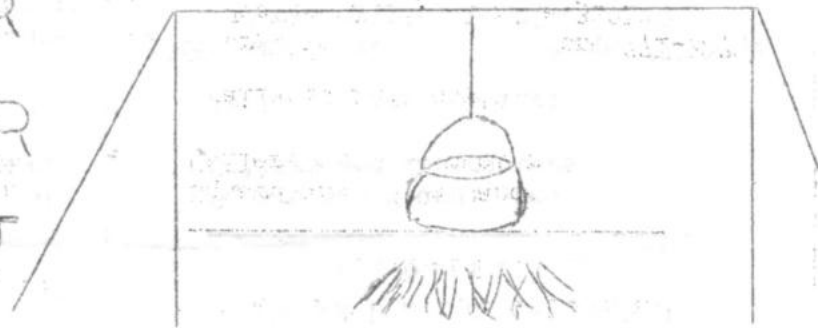
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