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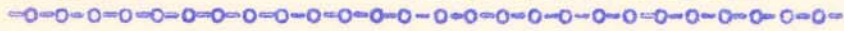
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NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

JANUARY 29, 1977 12 NOON PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA

Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Panama City 19th Annual Square & Round Dance Festival.

Plans are underway for the International Assembly of Square & Round Dance "Trustees" to convene May 5-8 in Memphis, Tennessee.

A local committee headed by Bill Crawford is handling hosting arrangements for the more than 250 persons expected to attend, which will include a Fri. nite dance and other special features.

Leaders of the square dance activity from over 40 states and Canadian provinces are already pre-registered, according to Stan & Cathie Burdick, executive secretaries. The theme is "The Memphis Emphasis--Leadership Training".

LEGACY is a non-legislative assembly of leaders of all facets of the square and round dance activity dedicated to maintaining high standards for the activity in general. Leadership training has always been a high priority subject since the organization was formed in 1972.

Meetings are held every two years. Both previous assemblies were held in Cleveland, Ohio.

Invitations are issued at the suggestion of present "trustees", and by approval of the Board of Directors, to men and women of proven leadership ability.



We wish each and everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

It is our hope that the special feeling of "peace on earth and good will" to men will continue throughout the coming year.



Joe & Doris V., Editors
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PANAMA CITY AREA NEWS:

Thanks to all the NW Florida dancers and dancers
from many other areas our Assn. dance was a big
success and Johnny Walter did a great job. We of the
Panama City Assn. would like to give a special
"Thank You" to the Miracle Strip Promenaders for
their outstanding performance.

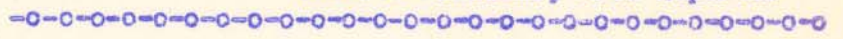
The SQUARE EIGHTS had a hobo party for the club
and class, all attending were in costume. A chili
supper was cooked and served by Dottie Deum and
Nancy Depue. Caller Ron Ray called appropriate to
the evening.

The SWINGING SQUARES held its Halloween Party
with cider and donuts, costumes and prizes for the
best costumes. A great time was had by all. Ticket
sales are going strong for the subscription dance
to be called by Stan Burdick on Nov. 26, 1976.

The TYNDALL TOE TAPPERS recently held an October-
fest with lots of delicious German food, German
music and of course square dancing. The annual
Thanksgiving dinner and dance were combined with the
class Half-Way party. Turkey with all the fixings,
and dancing with the class and visitors made for a
fun-filled evening.

The dates have been set for the Annual Christmas
Dance by the SWINGING SQUARES, Dec. 17, 1976 and
the TOE TAPPERS Dec. 14, 1976. There will be a
gift exchange at both dances and you can be sure of
finding lots of Christmas goodies.....

Celeste Williams, Area Reporter



Season's Greetings

From the officers and delegates of
the
N.W. Florida S/R Dance Association

Press Release

26th NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION, Atlantic City, NJ

You are invited to the largest, fun-filled convention in the world. Come dance at the ocean side on the Boardwalk of Atlantic City. There will be over 500,000 air-conditioned square feet of dancing space all under one roof. This convention has something for everyone:

Round Dancers: Do you believe a wood-floored ballroom complete with crystal chandelier? That's only one of the rooms available for rounds.

Challenge Dancers: 18-20 hours of challenge dancing are planned with the top challenge callers in the country calling. For experts only!

Advanced Level: Room for 130 squares with 16-18 hours of advanced level for those who enjoy a faster pace. Advanced level is all mainstream figures plus 50 more basics.

Intermediate Level: A step above mainstream, a step below advanced. Try this if you have only danced mainstream—especially the workshops. This level is mainstream plus 20 basics.

Mainstream Dancing: This is the "75" basic level plus Callerlab figures. There will be room for 180 squares simultaneously.

Basic Level: This is the Basic "50" or Callerlab "35" level. New dancers or those who wish to relax will find this a very comfortable level.

Contra Dancing: Workshops and contra dancing are planned for those who enjoy this form of dance.

Youth Rooms: Space for 60 squares in an area set aside for teens. Top callers are scheduled here, but its for teens only.

Clogging: If you are interested in a clogging workshop, write Harry Evans, Box 383, Glassboro, N.J. 08028.

An "Unconventional" Special Event: An honest-to-goodness CLUBBING. The menu is out of this world. Reservations requested. Forms available.



TO ALL OF OUR FRIENDS
WE WISH YOU

A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



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PLAYGROUND SQUARE DANCE COUNCIL

By: John Ward, Alton, Kansas

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I visited a Square Dance quite unexpected,
And the things I saw there I never suspected.
I arrived at the hall and was happily greeted;
We talked for a while, then were finally seated.

When outside the door there arose such a clatter
That I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter:
And what to my wondering eyes should appear,
T'was the Caller arriving with all of his gear.

With boxes and satchels he was all loaded down,
And some of the things were dragging the ground.
He spoke not a word but to the stage he did race
And hung up big bird boxes all over the place.

And when he had finished he turned to us there
And said, "Howdy, everybody, It's time for a square."
They rushed to the floor with a leap and a bound,
But I remained seated 'cause my mind was still sound.

But they saw me a settin' and grabbed me right there,
And before I knew it I was caught in that square.
At first we would circle as we went 'round the land
Playing "Ring Around Rosie" in time with the band.

Then they would grab me and give me a fling
And spin me around like a top in the ring.
Like a big rubber ball they bounced me around
'Til I didn't know up or I didn't know down.

The Caller went crazy before we got through
And the strangest things he asked us to do.
He asked us to box with the gnats and the fleas;
I looked all around but no bugs did I see.

Now this is the part I can't understand:
He said, "Chain your lady to the opposite man."
Now that is something I never would do.
Would you want some lady chained to you?

Then things got much rougher and a bandage I wear
For allowing myself to get caught in that square.
The lady across seemed so friendly and gay
As she extended her hand across the way.

But before I knew it with a Half Nelson twist
She twisted my arm and that snapped my wrist.
I said, "Why, lady, did you ever do that?"
She said, "You silly galoot, I was boxing the gnat."

And so, my dear friends, I left them right there.
All people are crazy that go to a square;
And I heard them exclaim as I walked out of sight,
"There will be dancing again next Saturday night!"



FORT WALTON BEACH

SPECIAL NOTICE

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The Northwest Association is hosting the Florida Federation of Square Dancers meeting (State) in Tallahassee on January 15-16, 1977. A special dance will be hosted by the Tallahassee Twirlers, details below. All square dancers are invited to enjoy the buffet dinner and attend the special dance. Hotel headquarters will be the Capital Inn, 1027 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee 32301, Phone (904)877-6171. State delegates from the five Area Associations will meet Sunday morning, Jan. 16, 1977, at the Capital Inn.

Tallahassee Twirlers Special Dance
Elmer Sheffield, calling
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Elks Club, Magnolia Rd., Tallahassee, Fl.
Buffet Dinner \$5.50 per person 5:30-7 PM

If you desire the buffet dinner or assistance with housing, advise:

Paul & Evalyn Smith Elmer & Marge Sheffield
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Happy Holidays

FROM THE

*Singing Squares
Panama City*

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a



Happy New Year



Bow & Swing

On October 31, 1976, in Panama City, eight enthusiastic squares of dancers met for the first advance level dance in this area. As there seems to be a growing interest (and some concern) in this type of dancing, we are listing below two of the requirements for participation in these groups:

1. To join these groups a dancers must be completely familiar with the Collieriab Mainstream Basics (or SIO 75 Basics) and the Quarterly Movements. Some groups require at least two years dancing experience, some require less.
2. All members of these groups are required to continue to support club activities on a regular basis.

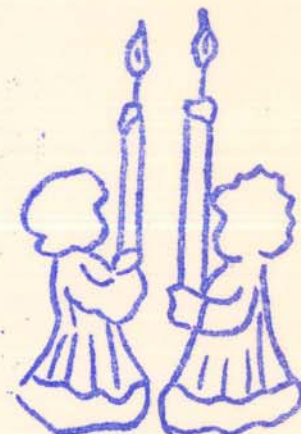
If you are interested in this level of dancing, the following areas have advanced groups: Chipley, Enterprise, Ft. Walton Sch., Panama City and Tallahassee.

SPECIAL EVENTS

DEC 10-11 J'KILL IS. GA Holiday Happening; Ken Bower, John Swindle, Gary Shoemaker, the Pierce's
 JAN 12 FT WALTON Playground Council Dance; Frank Lane
 28-29 PANAMA CITY 19th Annual Festival, Municipal Auditorium; Mac Letson, Jerry Haag, the Smoyer's
 FEB 4-5 MCNTGCC FRY 17th Annual Dixie Jamboree, Civic Center; Jerry Helt, Jon Jones, the Tasterday's
 5-6 TUPFLO, MS 1st Annual Tupelo Two Step Weekend; Jerry Haag, Ken Bower, Gary Shoemaker, Pierce's
 11 FT WALTON Playground Council Fund Raising Dance, Perry Berg
 24-26 LAKE LAND FL. Florida Sunshine Festival, Civic Center; F. Bedell, R. Chapman, J. Lasry, S. Mitchell,
 J. Saunders, A. Springer, the Martin's, Lovelace's and Stone's
 25-26 MOBILE, AL 25th Annual Azalea Trail Festival, Auditorium; Melton Luttrell, Beryl Main, Smith's

FUTURE FESTIVALS AND SPECIAL DANCES

1977
 MAR 5 Old Spanish Trail Festival, Crestview, Fl.
 18 Ancient City Square Up, St. Augustine, Fl.
 APR 1-2 Alabama Jubilee, Birmingham, Al.
 15-16 10th Annual Dixie Federation Jamboree, Tallahassee
 MAY 14 Cotillion, Tallahassee, Fl.
 18 Chris Veer Special, Ft. Walton Bch. Fl.
 27-29 24th Florida State Convention, Lakeland, Fl.
 JUN 3-4 Billy Bowlegs Festival, Ft. Walton Bch., Fl.
 16-19 24th Annual Festival, Pensacola, Fl.
 23-25 26th National Convention, Atlantic City, N.J.
 JUL 15-16 Cal Golden Jamboree, Pensacola, Fl.
 23 5th Annual Bob Poyner Jamboree, Ft. Walton Bch., Fl.
 AUG 5-6 15th Annual Festival, Biloxi, Ms.
 SEP 9-10 3rd ANNUAL ROUNDUP NW FLORIDA S/R DANCE ASSN., PENSACOLA, FL.
 OCT 15 Peanut Festival, Dothan, Al.
 29 Dixie Federation Dance, Chris Veer, Tifton, Ga.



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