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FLORIDA SQUARE AND FOLK DANCE LEADERS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

At a very well attended meeting in Clearwater, Sunday, Oct. 8, the Florida Square and Folk Dance Callers and Teachers Association elected officers for the coming year.

Officers elected were as follows:

President, Gene Baylis
Vice-Pres., Bill Muench
Secretary, Helen Neilson
Treasurer, Ruth Bartley
Historian, Gordon Blaum

Various items based up for discussion and action. Among the most important was the Short Course sponsored jointly by the Association and the General Extension Division for the past two years.

The 1956 Short Course paid its own way and showed the same fine spirit and results as the 1955 session. Another Square Dance Short Course, perhaps under some other name, is being planned for the summer of 1957. While the dates have not yet been definitely set, it will probably be the week of July 4.

Other action was taken to bring about the incorporation or chartering of the Association.

While it is never possible for every member to make it to one of these state meetings, this one was very well attended.

VERO BEACH PROMENADERS DANCE FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAYS

The Vero Beach Promenaders, a relatively new club, dances twice monthly at the Community Center in Vero Beach. Dances are held every first and third Friday.

Evers Bennett is caller for this group. We have no information as to whether it is an open dance, but visiting dancers are usually welcome at all club dances, except where space is very limited.

FALL BALL DRAWS MANY DANCERS AND IS GREAT SUCCESS

While we haven't any official attendance figures yet, we gather from reports that the Bay area's FALL BALL at Clearwater was well attended and supplied an excellent program of dancing, although the Thursday and Friday night dances were more limited to local dancers.

Those dancers from a distance could, in most cases, get there only for the Saturday night dance.

Without fuller reports, not too much detail can be given. But the host clubs, the Clearwater Chamber of Commerce, and all concerned as hosts are to be complimented on their fine job.

DR. LLOYD SHAW RECEIVES NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE AWARD

At the 5th National Square Dance Convention in San Diego, June 22-24, Dr. Lloyd "Pappy" Shaw was the recipient of the National Square Dance Convention Award.

The award, a large trophy of gold and mahogany finish, with a figure of a square dance couple mounted atop, was presented by Jack Atkinson, of New York City, the donor.

The trophy was appropriately inscribed, and in his presentation, Atkinson noted Shaw's "rich contributions over many years" in the square and folk dance field.

Atkinson, an enthusiastic square and folk dancer and caller, is the author of a number of articles on square and folk dancing, and he has done much calling for charitable, religious and other groups who could not hire a paid caller. His vocation, he says, precludes any other arrangement.

NORTH FLORIDA ROUND-UP, Sat., Nov. 10, 8:00 P.M., Jewish Center, 3rd and Silver Sts., Jacksonville
Sponsored by Y. M. C. A. Dancers.

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INSERTS

Let me call your attention to the insert in this issue from the Miami Y.W.C.A., announcing their Square Dance Cruise.

We are glad to insert this sheet to give fuller information about the Cruise than our news item could possibly give. From time to time we have included inserts for Square Dance weekends, summer schools, camps, and are always glad to do so if arrangements are made ahead of time, so that we have enough copies.

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CALENDAR

With this issue we include again the CALENDAR OF OPEN DANCES. There are many omissions because we did not have the information, and there may be some errors, such as club dances which are not open, wrong days, etc. If you note errors or omissions, please drop us a card.

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FONTANA SWAP SHOP

By the time you receive this, the Fontana Fall Swapshop will be in session or be over (Oct. 18-21). Understand they have been refusing reservations for some time now, as the reservations made had already reached the capacity of something like 500. Haven't been there, but am told that this is one of the finest square dance gatherings in the country, at one of the most beautiful sites. Next session is early in May--first week-end, I believe. It's not too early to make your reservations now.

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CLUB NEWS

We'd like to have news of clubs--when and where they dance, caller or callers, club officers, type of dance program, etc. Send it along with as full information as possible. Would like to know more about the favorite squares, rounds, folk dances, in different areas, too.

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WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE CALLER?

No, that isn't quite right, either. I'm not concerned with who, but why. WHY is your favorite caller or leader your favorite? If we can get enough answers to that question, we might be able to compile something that would be helpful to ALL callers.

WEST PALM BEACH PROMENADERS

JOIN KNOTHEAD PARADE

Saturday night, Sept. 22, the Promenaders of West Palm Beach cancelled their regular dance to enable a group of their members to travel to Lakeland to become Knotheads.

So far as they know, this is the first time any club in Florida has had 24 members to become Knotheads at one time.

They attended the dance held at the Lakeland Civic Center and sponsored by the Buttons and Bows Square Dance Club of that city. The dance started at 8:00 P.M. and the host club served refreshments at 11:00 P.M. and then danced till 1:00 A.M.

The following members of the Promenaders attended: Garland and Mickey Allen, Earl and Erma Cook, Jack and Eleanor Davis, Gerald and Marguerite Kinch, Ray and Helen Norton, Don and Velma Northrup, Buddy and Louise Raney, Walt and Mary Vollmer, Walt and Dottie Carlisle, Paul and Helen Harlow, Fritz and Nelda Dupere, and Herb and Hazel Cassell.

PROMENADERS ELECT

Thursday night, Sep. 13, the Promenaders Square Dance Club of West Palm Beach held a business meeting at the Currie Park Clubhouse. Election of officers for the coming year was held. Results of the election were as follows:

President ----- Garland Allen

Vice-Pres ----- Buddy Raney

Sec.-Treas. ----- Max Corley

The following members will serve as chairmen for the year: Membership, Earl and Erma Cook; Social, Walt and Mary Vollmer; Publicity, Ray and Helen Norton; Dick Erwin, president, presided.

"We enjoy your newsy paper and think you are doing a fine job."
-Lillian Mosher

HAVE FUN SQUARE DANCING!

AMERICAN-JAPANESE FOLK DANCE

SCHOLARSHIP FUND ESTABLISHED

As a result of the teaching tour of Japan this past summer by the Hermans, Ralph Page, Jane Farwell, and Nelda Lindsay, a scholarship fund has been set up to bring Japanese students to study folk dance in the United States.

The Hermans were so inspired by their experiences in Japan that when Michael received his royalty check from the record companies he presented it to the National Recreation Association of Japan to start the scholarship fund.

A drive is being conducted for donations to the fund, with Ted Mauntz as treasurer for the American committee. Mary Ann Herman is assistant treasurer. Donations may be sent to either, in care of FOLK DANCE HOUSE, P.O. Box 201, Flushing, New York.

To date something over \$468 has been received and deposited in a savings account for the fund. Of this, \$31.29 came from various "stunts" at the Florida Folk Dance Camp, the Dance Fellowship Labor Day Weekend.

Those making a donation of \$2.00 or more by mail are asked to write their names in ink on a white sheet of paper, using only one line. These will be pasted in a beautiful scrap-book which will become a permanent exhibit in Japan when the fund drive is completed.

I N M E M O R I A M

Art Christensen, well-known St. Petersburg Square Dancer, passed away suddenly on September 11.

Art had danced in the area for several years, had been at both Florida Dance Fellowship camps, and had attended all state festivals and those in the Tampa Bay area.

He had a smile for all and will be greatly missed by all the dancers of the area.

Our sympathy is extended to his family and friends in the area. We will all miss him.

FLORIDA DANCE FELLOWSHIP AT LAKE WALES IS "BEST EVER"

The Florida Dance Fellowship Labor Day Weekend Camp for 1956 is over, and enough time has passed for reflections and reactions.

Opinions expressed by the staff and many campers label it the best Labor Day Weekend camp yet. Held again this year at Lake Wales, the camp had 72 full time campers in attendance, plus some visitors. This was almost the operating capacity of the camp, for comfortable dancing.

Director Don Armstrong says that two things especially helped, in addition to the fine spirit of the whole group. First, by selective registration, an almost even balance of ladies and gentlemen was achieved. Second, almost every individual there had a fundamental knowledge of dancing to begin with, so that the group could start immediately on the planned program.

Betty McDermid's editing of "Fellowship Footnotes", the camp newspaper, points up the highlights of the day-to-day activities.

Besides the Armstrongs (Don, Marie, and Shorty), the staff included Michael and Mary Ann Herman and Ralph Page, but recently back from their teaching tour in Japan.

Special parties and activities added to the fun, and everybody got into the act at some time or other in addition to the folk and square dance activities.

It's impossible to give, in a short space, the full picture of such a camp. Betty McDermid wrote, "In years to come we may forget some of the steps to the dances we learned, but the fun of learning them, the friends we've made, the happy times, the silly giggles and sweet solemn moments we've shared will be part of us always. Thank you Don and Marie, Shorty, Ralph, Michael and Mary Ann."

Many dancers will be looking forward to another Labor Day Weekend of the Florida Dance Fellowship, - and many more to come.

MIAMI Y.W.C.A. SPONSORS SQUARE DANCE CRUISE NOV. 16-19

Again the Miami Y.W.C.A. is sponsoring a Square Dance Cruise. The cruise, set for Nov. 16-19, will consist of a trip to Nassau with dancing on board the "Queen of Nassau" as well as in Nassau.

Two outstanding Miami callers, Gordon Blum and Gene Baylis, will be guest callers. The feature dance of the cruise will be at the Ft. Montagu Beach Hotel in Nassau on Saturday night.

For details write to Helen Neilson, Y.W.C.A., 550 S.E. First Court Miami, Fla.

Frankie Lane, of Kansas City, Mo. will be guest caller for another cruise, planned for January 11-14. This Square Dance Cruise, aboard the "B. B. Evangeline", is being planned to include both Nassau and Havana, Cuba.

ED GILMORE TO CALL DANCE IN MIAMI JANUARY 9

Another in the series of Square Dances sponsored by the Miami Y. W. C. A. will be held at the Miami Woman's Club, 1737 North Bayshore Drive, Miami, on January 9.

Caller for this dance will be Ed Gilmore of California, according to Helen Neilson, Health and Recreation Director for the "Y".

BOB AND LILLIAN MOSHER MOVE

Bob and Lillian Mosher have moved from Largo to Clermont, Florida.

"Bob hated to leave his calling on the west coast," writes Lillian, "but he has a good setup here in regards to his work, and he still has to work for a living. He hopes to get something started here in square dancing in the near future."

Largo's loss is Clermont's gain.

THIRD ANNUAL NORTH FLORIDA ROUND-UP, Third and Silver Sts., Jacksonville, Saturday, Nov. 10. (The night after the Georgia-Florida Game) 8:00 P.M.; \$1.00 ea.



Y.W.C.A.



WEEK-END CRUISE TO NASSAU
VIA S/S QUEEN OF NASSAU
NOVEMBER 16 - 19, 1956

SQUARE DANCING FEATURING GENE BAYLIS AND GORDON BLAUM OF MIAMI, FLORIDA

SPONSORED BY Y.W.C.A. - 128 S.E. 3RD STREET, MIAMI, FLORIDA - PHONE: FR 9-1827

Nassau welcomes the members and friends (men and boys included) of the YWCA, Miami, Florida. This is an all expense cruise, (sightseeing trips extra) and you will enjoy every minute aboard the S S QUEEN OF NASSAU. The ship will be your hotel for the week-end, and all meals, beginning with dinner Friday, November 16, thru Monday breakfast, November 19, will be served in the dining room of the SS QUEEN OF NASSAU.

Day-by day itinerary - what we do every day for fun and relaxation:

Leave from Municipal Pier No. 3, Biscayne Boulevard, 6 pm. You may go aboard the ship at 3:30 pm. Please arrive at the EASTERN SHIPPING CORP. office, Pier 3 by 4 pm. so that you can secure your ticket and confirm your room reservation. Please specify on ticket that you are on Square Dance Tour. If you have made previous deposit with YWCA and filled out application, your ticket will be at the EASTERN SHIPPING CORP.

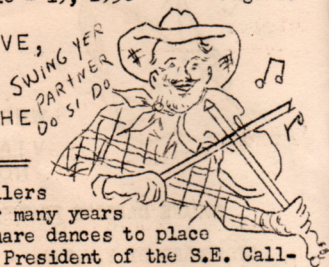
Dinner is enjoyed in the dining salon, and then for an evening of deck games, square dancing or just relaxing under the tropical moon.

SATURDAY November 17. You awake this morning to find us nearing hospitable NASSAU, the centuries-old capital of the BAHAMAS - Colorful "Isles of Perpetual June" and the one-time haven of adventurers, buccaners, blockade runners - and one of the world's most celebrated international playgrounds. NASSAU is the hub of a 70,000 square mile area of Bahamian Island Resorts. In Nassau, life is gracious, leisurely OLD WORLD traditions - a charming background for an exciting different vacation. A tour guide aboard the ship will explain the various sightseeing trips and you may take your choice.

THE NASSAU CITY TOUR includes: Ancient Ft. Fincastle, Forts Montagu and Charlotte; the Queen's Staircase and the Government House. Then to picturesque Gregory's Arch, the Water Tower, Legislative Council, House of Assembly, and the Law Courts, unique Native Markets offering Bahamian Craftwork, including handwoven fiber hats, purses, baskets, slippers and many other things. Our Tour also includes the Bahamian Country Club, residential section and other historic sites. We will return to the SS QUEEN OF NASSAU for luncheon aboard ship.

THIS AFTERNOON is left open for shopping on Nassau's famous BAY STREET, only a block from our dock here in Nassau. Nassau is literally Britain's showcase, for you can buy the Empire's finest goods here in these quaint shops. Woolen suitings, unusual cottons, soft cashmeres, famous china, silver and crystals. Too - you will find prices on French perfumes, leather and other products, low. Still another type shopping is Nassau's colorful native markets where you can buy the native crafts made from palm strips of sisal, novelty jewelry made from sea shells, fish scales and coral. With the low rate of exchange due to the devaluation of the British Pound, you'll save on all purchases. You may bring back up to \$200. worth of merchandise duty-free with exceptions. Our dinner will be enjoyed aboard ship.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR SAT. EVE,
 NOV. 17, FOR A VISIT TO THE BEAUTIFUL
 FT. MONTAGU BEACH HOTEL... WHERE SQUARE
 AND ROUND DANCING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE
 FT. MONTAGU JUNGLE CLUB BALLROOM.



Gene Baylis and Gordon Blaum are two outstanding callers from Miami. They have been in the calling profession for many years and each one has a background of teaching and calling square dances to place them among the top callers of the State. Gene Baylis is President of the S.E. Callers and Teachers Association, caller for the Kalico Kicker's Square Dance Club and instructor for various classes throughout the city. He and his wife, Ima, are specialists in the field of Round Dancing.

Gordon Blaum is past president of the State Callers and Teachers' Association, Chairman of the 1955 State Square Dance Convention and is caller for the Hurricane Squares and Gator Promenaders in Ft. Myers, Florida.

Busses will provide transportation to and from ship-side. We know you will long remember the evening and the hospitality of the Ft. Montagu as all others have in the past.

SUNDAY November 18. You may take your choice of trips or spend your leisure time as you wish. If you take the SEA GARDEN trip, you will see: one of the most famous sights in Nassau - the fabulous SEA GARDENS growing underwater along the eastern tip of Hog Island. We cruise down the harbour in glass bottom boats, enjoying vistas of the colorful waterfront, with its trim yachts, native sponging and fishing crafts, and an occasional schooner under full steam sailing from the Out Islands. We return from our special cruise in time for those who may prefer to do so - to take a CARRIAGE DRIVE in a fringe-topped carriage, along Nassau's Old World thoroughfares, between rows of stately palms, and seeing more of the beautiful homes of the wealthy Bahamians and visitors who winter in Nassau. Then to return to our ship for lunch... and the afternoon free to explore more of this quaint British island. We sail at 6:00 pm aboard our ship, SS QUEEN OF NASSAU for another restful overnight cruise through blue tropical waters. Dinner and square dancing is enjoyed aboard the ship.

MONDAY November 19. We clear the U.S. Immigration Office aboard ship and soon after reaching the docks in Miami at 8:00 a.m., we will have our baggage inspected by the U.S. Customs officials.

3 DAYS ALL EXPENSE (EXCEPT SIGHTSEEING)
 3 NIGHTS AND MEALS
ship your Hotel
 Rates as follows:

OUTSIDE - A-B-C	DECKS	(Prices	Total	\$71.85	(TWO)
"	D	Include	Total	\$61.85	(IN)
INSIDE - A-B-C	DECKS	Tax)	Total	\$61.85	(A)
"	D	"	Total	\$52.85	(ROOM)

Deposit of \$10.00 required at time of reservation. Register with Mrs. Helen Neilson, at the YWCA, 128 S.E. 3rd Street, (FR 9-1827) or go directly to EASTERN SHIPPING CORP. Municipal Pier #3, Miami, Florida and ask for YWCA Cruise Ticket. Please specify on ticket that you are on Square Dance Cruise.

COMING SOON!! Square Dance Cruise to Havana and Nassau aboard S.S. EVANGELINE - Friday, January 11 through Monday January 14, Frankie Lane, Kansas City, Mo. Guest Caller. Make your reservation NOW!

 ** YOUR OPEN DANCE CALENDAR **

MONDAY

LAKE WORTH - Mary's Dance Studio, 19 S. Dixie. Round Dance Group.
 CLEARWATER - Beach Rec. Center - Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce.
 Now in eighth year. R.R. Orcutt, Caller.
 DAYTONA BEACH - Boardwalk - George Hoyt, Caller

TUESDAY

FT. LAUDERDALE - Coral Reef Rec. Center, opposite Bahia Mar. Led
 by Annette and Tommy Thompson.
 WEST PALM BEACH - Howard Park Rec. Center - Free Square Dance
 sponsored by City Rec. Dept. - Harold Emery and Guest Callers.
 TAMPA - Ho. Blvd Rec. Center, 214 North Blvd. First, Third, and
 fifth Don and Marie Armstrong; Second and fourth Tuesdays,
 Tampa Square Dance Club, with club callers.
 FT. LAUDERDALE - Holiday Park - Beginner and intermediate level
 dance. Frank Michael, caller.

WEDNESDAY

POMPANO - Mackie Recreation Bldg. - 7:30-9:30 - Frank Michael

THURSDAY

WEST PALM BEACH - Phipps Park Basketball Court - Ivan Wall, Caller
 TAMPA - Clearfield Community Center, Clearfield and Indiana. Helen
 Magnuson in charge. Free. Guest Callers welcome.
 CLEARWATER - Beach Rec. Center - C. og C. Dance - R.R. Orcutt.
 MIAMI - YMCA, 350 S.E. First Court. - FOLK DANCE - Elberst and
 Elizabeth Bennett in charge.
 LAKE WORTH - Casino Ballroom - Starts Oct. 18 - Herb Cassell,
 ORLANDO - Boone H.S. Gym - City Rec. Dept. - Jimmy Glossin, Caller

FRIDAY

ST. PETERSBURG - Sunshine Hall, 314 Fifteenth Ave. So. - Ray
 Kennedy, Caller
 WILTON MANOR (Suburb of Ft. Lauderdale) - Hagen's Pavilion -
 Wilton Swingers - Frank Michael, Caller.
 HOLLYWOOD - Lions Club - 2nd and 4th Fridays - RUFFLE AND SPURS
 CLUB OPEN DANCE - Jay Fenimore, Caller.
 RIVIERA BEACH - Park (open air) - Jack Davis, Caller.

SATURDAY

ST. PETERSBURG - St. Petersburg Rod and Gun Club - R.R. Orcutt.
 LARGO - Don Armstrong's DANCELAND, with all the Armstrongs.
 WEST PALM BEACH - YMCA, Fourth and Olive. PROMENADERS CLUB
 open dance. Jack Davis, Caller.
 WEST PALM BEACH - SADDLE CLUB, 2121 Belvedere Road - Bill Embury.
 RIVERVIEW (South of Tampa) - AMERICAN LEGION HALL - Ray Kennedy.
 FT. LAUDERDALE - Holiday Park - Ehythm Squares - Frank Michael.
 COCOA - City Hall - Cocoa Rock-8's Club - Open - Evers Bennett, Caller.

SUNDAY

MIAMI BEACH - Tenth Street Auditorium - City Rec. Dept. - Les Linn
 LAKE WORTH - Mary's Dance Studio - Square Dance Night - Mary
 and Andrew Leitheuser.

IS YOUR DANCE OMITTED? SEND US THE CURRENT INFORMATION ON IT.

CLEARWATER SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE INFORMATION TOO LATE FOR CALENDAR

An open dance is held each 1st and 3rd Saturday night at Roebeling Hall in Clearwater, an air-conditioned hall. From 8:00 to 8:30 new rounds are taught, with squares and rounds for all from 8:30 till 11:30. Squares, Rounds, Folk, and Contras by Bill and Ruthe Muench and Ed and Kay Mack.

"Swing and sway with Bill and Ed and Ruthe and Kay." Y'all come.

TAMPA TRAVELERS MEET FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAYS

The Tampa Travelers Square Dance Club meets at the Tampa Men's Garden Club on the first and third Friday nights each month. Dancing is on an advanced level, with Bill Muench doing the calling and Isabel Ammerman instructing in rounds. This is not an open dance, and out-of-town visitors wishing to dance with the Travelers should contact Bill Muench at 3011 San Miguel, Tampa.

CLEARWATER CRACKERS

The Clearwater Crackers dance the 2nd and 4th Thursday nights at the Fort Harrison Hotel in the Crystal Ballroom. Dancing is on an intermediate level. Bill Muench is caller, Charley Walker, president, Paul Snyder, vice-president, Peggy Clark, secretary, and Evelyn Rockhold, treasurer. Out-of-town visitors wishing to visit the Crackers may contact any of the above.

CLEARWATER H.S. GIVES ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES IN SQUARE DANCE

The Adult Education classes in Square Dancing at Clearwater High School started off with a bang. The Tuesday night class overflowed into a Wednesday night class, too. Six squares of beginners each night in the air-conditioned Visual room. Ruthe Muench says a new 10 week course will start in November, and now has a waiting list.

CHATTER WITH MY CORNER

DANCELAND is planning its usual series of mid-week dances during the winter. A well-known out-of-state leader will take over these dances, formerly so well handled by the late Gus Walsh.

Frankie Lane at Roebeling Hall, Clearwater, December 29. Other dates elsewhere in this issue, so far as we have them.

Record prices going up. Most that were \$1.05 are now \$1.25. At least that's true of the western producers.

Thanks to the Hermans for the material on their trip to Japan. More of that in later issues.

Thanks to Joe Hritz for copies of various festival and jamboree programs from the Cleveland area.

Wish I could have been with one crowd out for coffee after the Saturday night FALL BALL dance. Understand they had the whole restaurant in stitches, including all the help, with their games and merry-making.

The more I hear about the FALL BALL, the teaching of the Hamiltons, the well-attended dances, etc., the worse I feel about having had to miss it all.

"There's nothing newsunder the sun," says a correspondent, "and it's the same malarkey under the moon, too."

Tune in on the FRED KELLEY SHOW - every Saturday at 1:00 P.M. - Radio Station WDCI - 1470 on your dial.

RICHMOND, VA., FALL FESTIVAL OF SQUARE DANCING, Saturday, Nov. 3.

Happy Square Dancing.