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Fontana Village, North Carolina

The Universal Clogging Championship held at Fontana Village, North Carolina October 12 - 14, 1984, was this reporters first competition experience. Competition, per se, has not been a part of Florida clogging, rather Florida has centered its attention on teaching-type conventions and workshops, with performances (non-competitive) a part of almost every convention.

While "one competition does not an expert make", this reporter's overview is that Competitions, if properly run, can be great fun. Preconceived notions of animosity between competitors, biased judges, and temper tantrums of losers were dispelled within the first couple of hours. They simply didn't happen, or at least this reporter did not see any of the above.

"Universal" is sanctioned by the National Clogging and Hoedown Council, with NCHC trained judges. (See NCHC, October issue, The Double Toe Times.) It is one of a number of NCHC

Waiting to compete.

competitions held throughout the year, with points accumulating toward several NCHC Grand Championship Annual trophies. Note: There are a number of promoters of Clogging Competitions, each with its own format, judges, rules and Grand Championships, but to the best of our knowledge, there is no one definitive "Clog Off". If the statement "he/she is the Galactic Clogging Champion" is made, the next logical question is "in which/whose competition"? Cloggers may enter ANY competition, we presume, but a win in one promoters baliwick does not constitute a win in another promoters area.



L-R Karen Broxton, Jeff Parrott, Scott Bilz and The Buckin' Mule Team. On stage Bill Nichols and Jo Ann Gibbs.

While most of the 850 dancers and 149 teams knew exactly what was going on at any given minute, this humble Editor would have liked a guidebook. The schedule of events was quite a

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White Springs, Florida

BY: Bobbie Adams

October 20, 1984, White Springs, Florida, Population (around) 1,000.

For years, the third Saturday in October has been the Sharin' Shindig scene of a covered dish supper and evenings clogging entertainment in this small north central Florida town. Folks come for miles around, set up their lawn chairs and enjoy live music and clogging. The Morgan Family, (at their farm and barn), along with their daughter Linda Waldron are the gracious

and delightful sponsors of this annual event. Morgan's Barn is the home of The Suwannee River Cloggers; Linda is the Director.

During the day an impromptu workshop for the cloggers was held, with no format other than volunteer sharing. Buzzy Ireland and his Orange Blossom Specials from Tallahassee, John Ross from Green Cove Springs, The Country Kickers from Madison, The Madison County Cloggers, The Suwannee River Cloggers and The Rebel Rousers from Live Oak were the attendees. (Our apologies if we missed anyone). A Morgan Family bluegrass group, The Suwannee River Five from Live Oak, and Sand Land Bluegrass from Jacksonville set up on

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FRONT & CENTER

We've held this column 'til last and have all kinds of bits and pieces for you.

The Florida Clogging Council held its meeting October 21, 1984 at the Ramada Inn, Jacksonville, Florida. For the second meeting in a row, little could be accomplished because of the lack of a quorum (51% of Active membership). Mr. Ray Grimm was appointed by the Board to prepare by-laws amendments correcting this plus several other necessary revisions. Changes will be done by mail, since they MUST be voted upon by 50% of the Active membership. All Active members are urged to vote. Watch for your ballot by mail.

A participant at the recent Jacksonville Jamboree reported that a hip-swiveling bunch took all the cloggers' fancy, and a group from the Foliage Capitol did a superb job. By some weird method the phone-in-reporter calculated

Mass : Chairs X Team Numbers
Square Footage

and came up with approximately 800 Dancers and 600 Spectators. Sally, corrections please?

Jo Ann Gibbs, President of C.L.O.G. has informed us that the C.L.O.G. National Convention is picking up steam — she has made arrangements with the various hotels to have rooms reserved directly by cloggers at the Convention discount rate. However, no mailed confirmations will be sent. If your confirmation has not been received, don't panic. The hotels are reissuing all of them. The recommended hotel nearest to the Civic Center is the Sheraton [205-438-3431], other hotels are: Admiral Sims/Best Western [205-432-4441] and the Riverview Plaza [205-438-4000].

The Thanksgiving Buffet at the Riverview will be on a cash basis — \$6.95 per person and will be held from 5 until 8 PM.
"Yours Truly" is hard at work on the Editors Workshop, and Jim Golik and Nancy Biehler have excellent programs prepared!

NOTE: For all those cloggers who are attending the C.L.O.G. National Convention and have made reservations at the Holiday Inn in Mobile, please be advised that the Holiday Inn has changed hands and is now known as QUALITY INN!!!

The Pirates Ball folks will be sending their "travelling Pirates" out soon — anyone interested in a visit, please call this paper and we'll get in touch with Capn' Hook!! We've also heard all about the "before" party and don't want to miss it.

Those Sunshine folks are so well known for their parties (before or after) that Sue & Tom Toor, C.L.O.G. members, are in charge of the AFTER Party at the C.L.O.G. National Convention in Mobile. It will be held Friday night at the Sheraton in Mobile, commencing at 11:30 PM. Those attending please bring your own refreshments and some "snackables" for our sharin' table. Music plus "Aunt Fanny" and "Oomie Goomie" will be there, and we understand that Ray Grimm has a new Funny Farm Friend for us! (After plowing through all those by-laws, he'll be a canditate!)

We'd like to pre-notify all of our Advertisers, Subscribers, and Loyal Readers that our December and January issues will be ONE WEEK late. (Quit your fussin' Elvira — there is a GOOD reason!) We will have most of the paper done, and to the printer before National, reserving a number of pages to be completed after we get home so that you can READ ALL ABOUT IT before it is old news! The January issue will be late because our hard working printer traditionally takes a weeks vacation between Christmas and New Years. He has promised that ours will be the first job on the press in 1985!! Don't forget January is renewal time for all the ads and subscriptions.

We apologize to any of our readers who were interested in spending New Year's Eve with Jo Ann Gibbs and Marshall Flippo. The Yellowrock Shoppe has changed hands and the new owners are not in any way responsible for the New Years Dance. We have not been able to contact Ed Eberhardt or Mary Mixon by either mail or phone.



Upcoming Events

	CPCOM	ing Divertes		
Nov. 1-2	NCHC Leaders School Fontana, N.C.	Jan. 20	Florida Clogging Council Meeting - 10 AM	
Nov. 4-10	Cloggers Jamboree Fontana Dam, N.C. 1-800-438-8080 (Toll Free)		Deltona Inn, Deltona, FL For more information contact: Jane Grove - 904-357-0796	
Nov. 10	1-704-498-2211 (In N.C.) Goodtime Cloggers Hoedown 6:30-10:30 PM - Plant City, FL For more information contact:	Feb. 1-2	1985 Texas Clogging Rally Euless, Texas Theresa Eddins - 817-571-1975	
Nov. 10	813-689-7271 or 813-689-8225 (See Ad Page 5) Dixie Dance Hall - 8-11 PM Orlando, Florida	Feb. 2	2nd Annual Pirates Ball Expo Centre - Orlando, FL For more information contact:	
Nov. 17	(See Ad Page 16)		305-834-8255 or 305-695-6437 (See Ad Page 9)	
	Central Florida Kidney Foundation Harvest Twirl Sanford Civic Center For more information contact: Sandy Spain 305-322-5798	Feb. 3	CLOG-A-THON for Easter Seals For more information contact: Jane Grove 904-357-0796	
Nov. 23-24	(See Ad Page 25) C. L.O. G. NATIONAL CONVENTION	Feb. 22-23	4th Annual CSRA Clogging Festival - The Civic Center	
100. 20-21	Mobile, Alabama For more information contact: Jo Ann Gibbs 404-934-1691		601 7th St., Augusta, GA For more information contact: Peggy Gasgue 404-863-9074 (See Ad Page 8)	
Dec. 1	Dixie Dance Hall - 8-11 PM Orlando, Florida (See Ad Page 16)	Mar. 22-23	SPRINGTIME TALLAHASSEE CLOGGING FESTIVAL For more information contact:	
Dec. 1	Friends, Fools & Family Christmas Dance - 8-11 PM Loch Haven Neighborhood Center		Rex or Dot Akridge 904-877-6642 (See Ad Page 24)	
Dec. 13	Orlando, FL Sunshine Cloggers 'Tis The Season Dance - 8-11 PM	Apr. 20	2nd Annual Cypress Gardens Clogging Festival and Family Fun Day For more information contact:	
	Maitland Civic Center Maitland, FL (See Ad Page 5)		Bill McMahon 813-936-7989 (See Ad Page	
Dec. 22	Pacesetter Cloggers Christmas Dance - 8-11 PM Dixie Dance Hall	May 24-26	1st Annual FCC Florida State Clogging Convention	
	310 New Hampshire Avenue Orlando, FL (See Ad Page 16)		Curtis-Hixon Convention Center Tampa, FL Convention Director:	
Dec. 29	1st Alabama State Clogging Festival - Fultondale, AL	May 24-26	Lynn Cleary 305-671-2578	
1985	For more information contact: David Spencer - 205-342-4417 or 205-473-0300	May 24-20	Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention - Lakeland, FL Clogging Program held at the Mirror Lake Hall	
Jan. 19	Florida Clogging Council's Instructors Workshop Debary Fire Hall, Debary, FL For more information contact: Jane Grove - 904-357-0796	May 24-26	Florida Folk Life Festival The Stephen Foster Memorial White Springs, Florida	



The Double Toe Times Is....

was aimed primarily at one Club. It went rapidly to the Greater Orlando area, to the State of Florida, and by the January issue, had input from some of the Editors and Organizations in the Deep South, the Great Northwest and points in between. We happily have become a nationally distributed Clogging Newsletter, and welcome ANYONE who wishes to subscribe, contribute or advertise. Anyone who has ever had a simple flyer printed, knows that printing is expensive. Our printer is a fellow Clogger and gives us the best rates possible. Our advertisers are the nice folks who actually make the paper possible, and they are all enthusiastic about the response THEY get from their advertising, so we are both happy. Our news comes from fellow Cloggers who travel to a wide selection of Clogging Events, from fellow Clogging Editors for the individual State Clogging Association Newsletters (and they have been MOST helpful and generous), from bits and pieces in newspapers, magazines, Square Dance publications, and out of Bobbie's file of VERY short stories written over the last 25 years. (Inside every Editor is a frustrated Author!) For the most part, we are as regional as the information we receive. If there is a Clogging Festival in New Hope, Alaska or New Hope, South Dakota, or New Hope, Pennsylvania, or New Hope, New Mexico it is our hope that someone from New Hope will WRITE TO US. We have not printed Clogging routines because the individual State publications and the Flop Eared Mule do such a fantastic and thorough research and printing of them. We don't attempt to MAKE policies, we simply report them. (We DO censor Old Fickle and Elvira now and then - those two have a running feud!) We do not, nor have we ever, represented any one Clogging Organization. We endorse Shelia Popwell's Flop Eared Mule policy of reciprocity - the free trading of publications between Editors, with the codicil that we who reciprocate will each allow the other to reprint from our papers, providing proper credit to that particular paper is given in the reprint. If a clogging publication is copyrighted and we may not reprint (with credit given) from it, then we reserve the right to disallow that publication from reprinting from ours. If all the clogging steps had not been shared years ago, I reckon Lindy and I would be writing a Little League of Bottle Cap Collectors Newsletter!!!

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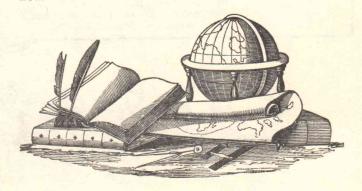
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Photos reproduce better if they are black and white. Most photos we receive are color which is acceptable. Photos are returned if requested.

Your Editors thoroughly enjoy putting together this paper! Each month brings new information, letters, subscriptions, ads, and of course Newsletters from other areas. We sincerely feel that Communication is the key to understanding! Please write or call, we'd love to hear from YOU!!





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Clogging History BY: JERRY DUKE

Appalachian clog dance, a foot shuffling version of early American Square Dance, apparently originated from a combination of folk dance movements performed by the settlers of the Appalachian mountains. During the past twenty years, the clog dance has become increasingly more popular within the region. During the last ten years its popularity has spread to folk and square dance clubs throughout the country.

There are several identifiable styles of clog dance from various parts of the Appalachian region which appear to be related in different ways and in various degrees to dances of Africa, England, Ireland, the Netherlands, France, and Moravia (now a part of Czechoslovakia and Germany).

The most significant differences in the clog dance appear to be found on opposite sides of the mountain range. In the easternmost parts (the Virginias, Carolinas, and Southern Georgia and Alabama) the dance is executed flatfooted with an earthward thrust of the body. In the western parts (Southern Ohio, Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee, and Northern Alabama and Georgia) the same basic dance of the foot. The earthward thrust of the body is often non-existent. The dancer strives for an erect posture and does not change level.

This investigator has observed a great mixture of style since 1968 among the clog dancers throughout the entire region. It is now sometimes difficult to identify the clog dancers according to regional style obvious at that time. These mixtures of style are natural changes that go with the surge in popularity of the dance and the high mobility of the dancers. If this trend continues regional styles will disappear.

The Appalachian Square Dance, the figures of which are usually called by one of the dancers, begins with a circle of couples (traditionally eight, but now with any number) which, after executing a few figures, breaks into sets of two couples each. One couple in each set moves to the next set between small set figures at the whim of the caller. The dance eventually goes back to the one big circle and soon ends.

On both sides of the mountains, the Appalachian Square is done without the fancy footwork known as "clogging", but on the eastern side it is called "Smooth Dancing" without the clog step and "Big Circle Mountain Dancing" or "Clogging" when the footwork is included. On the western side, clogging has not been popular until recently. Many leaders and dancers have never even seen it.

Further south in Tennessee and Northern Alabama, where Play Party games and the Appalachian Square (without the clog steps) are popular, a type of solo dance is found that is similar to the Irish "Slip Jig", or "Sevens and Threes". The participant (usually a man) stands tall, uses the arms very little and dances on the balls of the feet. (A type of clog with this look has been reported in upstate New York in the early 1900's and recently in Ohio. A flatfooted dance with the same upright body position is done in parts of Virginia called "Sure Footing".) This author calls the Tennessee variety "Cumberland Jig".

Across the Mississippi River in Arkansas, a jig dance (so called by the residents) is done which is executed high on the balls of the feet, Page 6

but without the rigidity of the upper body that is seen in the Cumberland Jig style and the "Sure-Footing" style of Virginia. The keynote factor in the Arkansas style is that — just like a precision clog dance step in norhtern Georgia — it is a three-count step done to either 2/4 or, occasionally, 4/4 time music.

For instance, the basic step is left, right, ball of left, right, counted 1, 2, &, 3 (slow, slow, quick, slow) musical counts of either 1, 2, 1, 2; or 1, 2, 3, 4. The step counted across the music would be: 1, 2, &, 1; 1, 2, & 2; to 2/4 time music, or; 1, 2, &, 3; 4, 1, & 2; etc. to 4/4 time music. Apparently these are the two predominate geographical areas for this particular rhythm.

In Arkansas the dance is done either as a solo or in old-time square dance figures where one couple visits all the other couples in the set to execute figures one at a time. In the precision clog, figures range from the older grand march type to variations of modern square dance figures.

The area including Mississippi, Alabama, and Southern Georgia is the home of the "Buck Dance", a traditional Negro solo dance. History reveals that the early slaves in the Virginias called it the "Buck" for buccaneers who were the Irish, etc. immigrants. They called them the "poor bucks". — The dance is executed flatfooted, similar to the North Carolina clog, the main emphasis in the "Buck Dance" is a backward chug. The step sequence includes a heavy step followed by a chug backward on the same foot. The body is usually bent forward, and, in one version known as the "Buzzard's Lope", the arms appear to flap like wings.

It differs from the North Carolina clog, in that the buck dance does not emphasize toe shuffles as does the clog, and the body is held more upright in North Carolina. The term "Buck Dance" has changed in recent years to mean any kind of solo dance.

There are many references to the "Buck Dance" contests on the plantations. The Blacks learned the square dances that were done in the main plantation house and apparently added the chug, shuffle, and body movements that were done in dances of African origin. The descriptions of plantation Black "square dances" sound much like a description of what we now know as "Big Circle Clog Dance" as seen in Western North Carolina.

The Blacks and the Whites both added embellishment steps to dances such as the "Virginia Reel" and other contra dances. The Whites added English and Irish type steps that emphasize an up and down motion as in hopping and skipping. The Black style is a downward thrust of the body on each step.

The Black square dance, with many variations, was performed in minstrel shows, and later the steps were done in vaudeville. Along with influence from the Irish Jig and the English Clog, this style developed into the tap dance, the Charleston and other forms of popular dance. At first look it does not seem that the Charleston and the Clog had a common origin, but the relationship is clear when considering the forerunner of both — the Ring Shout (a Black religious dance) and Buck Dance. A dance similar to the Charleston is currently popular among Whites in the hills of West Virginia, called Flat-footing.

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One dance in particular collected recently from Yoruba, Africa, and exhibited to a class at UCLA by a professor from Yale, resembles the Charleston and more closely resembles Flat-footing as done in West Virginia. Add the arm embellishments of the old Buck and Wing, and it resembles a dance said to be from Africa done by Negroes in the South called the "Buzzard's Lope". Fancy footwork added to this dance in America, but it is still done without chugs or shuffles in the Georgia Sea Islands.

In Southern North Carolina and Northern Georgia, clogging takes on the flavor of a performance more than a recreation. This is the style already mentioned as precision clogging. The figures used are the same as in Appalachian Square dancing with the addition of figures from other sources.

Precision dance teams appear more trained and execute the step sequences in unison. Big Circle Clog dance teams and groups seem more relaxed and use individual variations of the step sequences. The latter also change to a walking step if the clogging interferes with the figures.

The step sequence in both of these styles begins with a double-toe tap. It looks more like a double-toe bounce than a brush because the foot usually moves neither forward nor backward. Immediately following the double-toe is a step on the same foot in the same spot. This double-toe is predominant only in those two styles of group clog dance and one style of solo dance — the "Blue Ridge Clog" step from Virginia which has a double heel tap on the opposite foot.

In the eastern part of Virginia there are two distinct styles of clogging. One, sometimes called "Sure-Footing", is practically the same as the North Carolina style except for the lack of the double-toe tap. Instead the stepping appears a bit faster and with more up and down motion of the body. The other Virginia style (both styles are simply called "clogging" by most participants) utilizes a brush through with the whole foot that gives the appearance of kicking something across the floor. The upper body is bent forward and the step sequences are always in unison.

Clog is an English word not usually found in books about Black dances. At one time it referred to a "clock" dance in England. However, most people relate the name of the dance to the type of wooden-sole shoe of the same name. The English clog has a foot flap similar to the double-toe or shuffle, but there is no chug (foot slip while supporting the body). The Irish and Scottish jig steps are executed with a skip on the ball of the foot. Bavarial dances utilize heavy stamps and heel taps and African dances utilize upper body movement combined with foot shuffles and chugs.

Publicity for the Asheville, North Carolina, Clog and Smooth Dance Festival held every summer says that the clog was influenced by the Cherokee Indians. Of course this is possible, but Cherokee dancing is characterized by easy bounces through the ankle and knee not at all like any of the clog dance styles.

So, from the research done by this writer, it seems that the popular Appalachian clog dance has been influenced by many styles of dance. Some areas obviously influenced more by one style than another, but most of the Appalachian styles

are unique and cannot be traced to a single origin.

Endnotes:

Sections of this paper appeared in "Square Dancing", February 1978, under the title "Clog Dancing in the Southeastern U.S." by Jerry Duke.

Jerry Duke's long awaited book "Clog Dance in the Appalachians" just came off the press in mid-September. Jerry Duke first became interested in Clog Dance in the late 1960's and has closely followed its development. He has taught classes and staged Appalachian Folklore and Dance throughout the U.S. and seven European countries. He is Associate Professor at San Francisco State University where he lectures in Dance History, Ethnology, and Folklore, in addition to teaching classes in Folk, Ballroom, and Ballet. Dr. Duke is currently President of the Congress on Research In Dance (CORD) and has been selected for two national and two international Who's Who publications.

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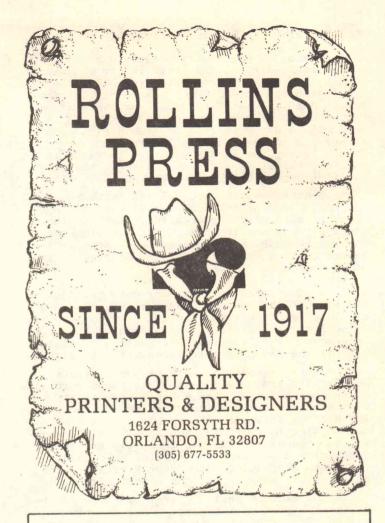
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Buck Dancin'

BY: SCOTTY BILZ

In previous articles, I have put one of my steps at the end of each column and tried to write it down in a way that folks could understand easily. Well, after seeing the finished



copy written down in The Double Toe Times, and seeing some people standing in the corners of a Clogging Hall with The Double Toe Times folded to my page, scratching their head and trying to distinguish their right foot from their left, I decided to find a better way of writing them. After several months of studying and searching through some old files, I came across something mighty interesting. There is a couple living in South Carolina who have already pondered over this problem, and have come up with a suitable solution. They are Bill and Simone Nichols, (two people I highly respect for their knowledge in our native folk dance), and this is the way that they write out their steps.

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I hope that the looks of this writing style doesn't scare you, IT REALLY IS EASY TO UNDER-STAND.

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I will be teaching some Buck Steps in Mobile. Alabama at the C.L.O.G. National Convention, and hopefully, I will be able to pick up some additional steps, and share them with you when I get back.

A Can of Worms

Today we have pried open the worst can of worms possible, and from now on there will be no way to shove all those squirming worms back into the can. We will never be able to reseal the lid, pick up our lives and go on as if the worms in that can do not exist. But most of all. . . .

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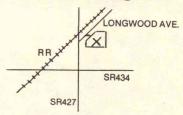
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help, but as a novice observer, some idea of the criteria used in judging would have been delightful - it's always fun trying to second guess the judges. One particular event had only two participants, and one brought the entire audience to its feet for a standing ovation, the other however, was judged the winner probably because of intricacy of steps, or execution, or some facet known only to the judges. The losing team did not complain, stating that the judges probably had their reasons. That attitude seemed prevalent with ALL the competitors. My travelling companion Kaye, remarked that not once did she see a crying child, or a spanking, or any arguing during the entire weekend.

As the evening wore on, little ones fell asleep in parents laps, in spite of the music and taps. The judges exhibited the most stamina, sitting at their desks hour after hour. Spectators were free to move around, but most stayed glued to their chairs. This reporter was asked if it was "boring" — absolutely not!!!! The teams or individuals were in their places, ready to dance, and their enthusiasm was contagious. How could the audience fail to applaud and support them?

Tennessee, Virginia, Mississippi, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, were all well represented, and two groups from Utah flew into Atlanta, rented cars and drove to Fontana.

Some of the Overall Winners were Kalico Kids, Georgia Belles, Georgia Mountain Dancers, Orange Blossom Specials (B. Ireland), Flatland Travellers, Leather and Lace, Blue Grass Country, and Buckin' Mules. Jeff Parrott of Versailles, KY was Grand Champion Male, and Karen Broxton of Alpharetta, GA was Grand Champion Female. Karen was in the 6 and under category during her competition. Nine teams received Sportsmanship Trophies, with the Grand Sportsmanship trophy going to Kerry's Klogalongs from Lilburn, GA. Buckin' Mule from



Orange Blossom Specials



Gold Coast Cloggers Page 10



Diamond Jubilee



Buckin' Mule

Soldiers Creek, FL was Saturday's Dance-Off Grand Champion. Special Mention must be made of the Parking Lot Team, composed of two 4 couple teams, the Buckin' Mules and Diamond Jubilee, who entered the Young Adult Southern Appalachian category, just for fun, with Bill Boyette calling the figures. Clogging Machine, Gold Coast Cloggers, Orange Blossom Specials, Diamond Jubilee and Buckin' Mule all Florida based Clogging groups "did the Sunshine State proud".

The Fall foliage was magnificient, the clear crisp air invigorating, the mountains awesome. We brought home cider, punkins, and red and yellow leaves. (Almost bought some peanuts until I spotted a huge bag of peanuts in a back storeroom labelled "Product of Portugal". If I'm gonna eat Georgia peanuts, they'd better have red clay on 'em!!!) The roads on Sunday were lined with Leaf Peepers — a Georgia term for all the tourists who go to the Mountains to see the beautiful Fall colors.



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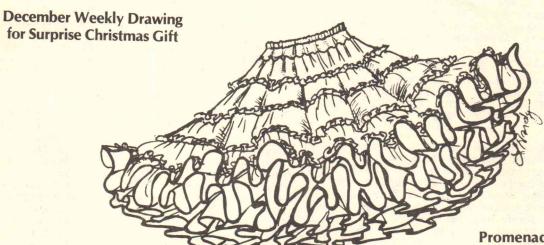
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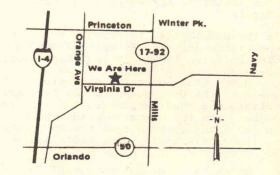
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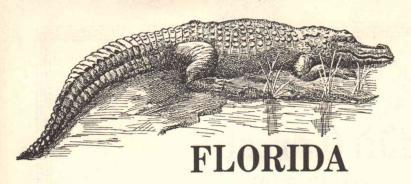
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FLORIDA!!! Back home in Pennsylvania, when the ice storms and dirty grey snow seemed like they'd last forever, we dreamed of moving to sunny Florida. The Florida Bureau of Tourism has done its job well; at least 1 out of 5 Northerners has the same dream. Some of us made it!!! There are those who have a foot in two camps. The "Snowbirds" take up Florida residency in Fall, just before the first snow flies "back home" and leave around Easter, in time for the first Jonquil. And of course Tourists! Long before Disney World, there were Tourists. I have a wonderful hand-written journal by a young woman who came, by train, to a Winter Park Resort/Hotel with her elderly companion. She marvelled at the alligators and the all day trip via horsedrawn carriage to Orlando. Entertainment took the form of afternoon lemonade and musicales by the various guests of the Inn, or row boating on the Lakes. This in 1897!!

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The Florida Caves, The Last Supper Mosaic, Rainbow Springs, Monkey Jungle, Stars Hall of Fame have all disappeared. Some of the old ones survived and modernized; Silver Springs, Busch Gardens, Weeki Wachee Springs, Parrot Jungle, Marineland and Cypress Gardens. And lest we bite the hand that feeds us, let us not forget all the new ones: Disney World and Epcot, Sea World and Circus World.

The tropical climate is hospitable not only to Tourists, but Flora and Fauna as well. The hydrilla that chokes our waterways was brought in as an innocent water lily. Kudzu, brought from Japan to the Carolinas in the 1930's to control erosion, has crept South to cover hill-sides, trees, and even abandoned houses. Palms, native orchids, bananas, avocadoes and citrus of every kind, thrive in most parts of Florida. Our critters include the armadillo, the prolific alligator, the flocks of now wild parakeets (once domestic) in the lower West Coast, plus the endangered manatee, Bald Eagle, Pileated Woodpecker, the fox squirrel, Key deer, wild hogs, flamingoes and egrets.

In the mid 1960's, there were three "Clogging" groups statewide: The Stompin' Stump Jumpers and The Spinning Wheels in the Tampa area, and The Orlando Squares (Cloggers), an all teen Square Dance Club under the direction of Mary McDonald of the Orlando Bureau of Recreation. Jim Harness, a square dance caller from the Carolinas, was the first to teach the Orlando teens "clogging", which took the form of one step, the double basic, done while Square Dancing.

A subsequent Orlando teen group, The Sunshine Squares, under the initial direction of Bill Schell and later Wade Driver, travelled to Kansas Page 12

City, Missouri to perform at the National Square Dance Convention in 1974, and met Shelia Popwell who did a beginning Clogging Instruction segment for the Square Dancers. This group of teens had about 4 steps at that time, and did some of the first line routines, which included "JACKSON" and "MACHINE GUN", "KANSAS CITY", and "THE HUSTLE".

The Florida Clogging Council was formally organized May 28, 1978 by seven Clogging Instructors, now known as Charter Members. Currently, the FCC has — Active or voting members, — Associate members, and — Dancer members. In 1978, the Florida Clogging Council participated in their first Florida State Square Dance Convention and attendance grew so rapidly each year that the Square Dance organization could supply no additional facilities for the thousands of Cloggers who wished to attend. In May 1985, The Florida Clogging Council will host its first independent Convention in Curtis Hixon Hall, Tampa Florida.

There is a misconception that Florida Cloggers do only line routines and high kicks! Not so!! Free style, mountain style, buck dancin', flat footin' and jiggin' are ALL represented in Florida.

There are currently 107 known Clogging Clubs or Teams in Florida from the Northern Panhandle area/Tallahassee State Capitol to Hemmingway's Key West, from the Atlantic Ocean coastline to the Gulf of Mexico shores; Clogging is here to stay in the Sunshine State, FLORIDA!!!!!

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If there are Florida Clogging Clubs that we have inadvertently missed, please let us know and we will print an updated list in a future issue. EDITOR.

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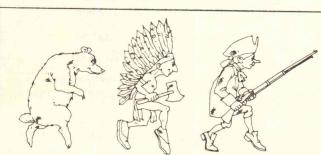
Old Fickle just discovered that J.A.G. is <u>very</u> anxious to meet Oomie Goomie and Aunt Fanny in Mobile. Aunt Fanny just loves parties!! and cameras!!

Old Fickle is proud as punch of all the folks who participated in the Universal Clogging Competition in Fontana, North Carolina, October 12th-14th. The Gibbs Girls who worked so hard and got their time to Rise & Shine; the Judges and JoAnn and Bill and David — yeah they DO know how to Clog!

Since Fickle lives in Central Florida, and since Florida teams are relative newcomers in the competition arena, we can hitch up our memories of the local teams. As we observe more competitions, we'll get to know other groups too — (and number our photos so that when we get back in the office we'll know who we took pictures of!)

Buzzy Ireland, Orange Blossom Specials, Tallahassee, 1st in Adult 8 Couple Precision, took High Score for 8 couple, John & Alice PerMar's Clogging Machine, Apopka, Florida, placed 2nd in Junior Show (out of 12 teams) and also get J.A.G.'s Personal Opinion Award of the Most Improved Team! Barbara Kohler's Gold Coast Cloggers from Ft. Lauderdale took 2nd in Adult Line, 1st in Adult Open, and 1st in Adult Show. Diamond Jubilee, Chris Boyette, Orlando took 1st in Young Adult 4 Couple Precision and the new kids on the block, Buckin' Mule, Scott Bilz, Soldier Creek, Florida, took home a trunk full of trophies, including the Dance Off Grand Champion in their First competition!

Special thanks to my mind-reading travelling/driving companion Kaye Grant. We'll bet AAA doesn't even know about some of those Blue Roads! Where to next????





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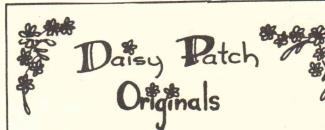
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Is it? Or will you be frustrated and exhausted from trying to see and hear the instructor without having much success? No matter how often the instructors ask people to move back or to spread out, the people do not seem to listen.

Will you be able to hear the instructions? Are the people next to you going to be dancing while the instructor is talking? Some people do not seem to realize how much noise their taps make.

Or you can have worse luck! Will the people next to you know everyone at the workshop and choose the dance floor as the place to greet them?

I am reasonably sure we are all guilty of this or similar behavior at one time or another, however unintentional. So, at the next workshop, why don't we all try to remember. . . .

It is a classroom situation and class rules for behavior should apply.

The instructor should <u>never</u> have to compete for the dancer's attention.

Keep feet still while explanations and instructions are being given.

Save reunions for the breaks or step outside the hall.

Never smoke inside the dance rooms. Many people are allergic to smoke and cannot breathe in smoke filled areas.

And above all.

ENJOY YOUR NEXT WORKSHOP AND LET OTHERS ENJOY IT and EVERYONE WILL HAVE A GREAT TIME!!!

Editors Note: The following article, while aimed at workshops, is important for regular class situations as well.

This article has been reprinted from THE TEXAS CLOGGER, Volume V, No. 2, May 1984.

Note: Mavis McGaugh is the director of The Clickety Cloggers in Austin, Texas and a member of the Education Committee of the TCC.)

CONSCIENCE — When it has lost its delicate sensibility, and its power of direction, there seems to be only one method of restoration, and that is by placing it alongside of a pure standard of right and wrong, as the magnetized iron which has lost its virtue is restored by being bound up for a time with a correctly pointing magnet.

C.L.O.G.



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John and Shirley are directors of the Lil' Footstompers of Georgia. They have been teaching clogging for more than 20 years and organized the first clogging team in the Greater Atlanta, Georgia area. MCC members and visitors enjoyed their wit and experience.

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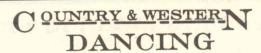


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Editors Note: We understand that Howard is organizing a bus trip to Texas to try some Rocky Mountain Oysters. !!!!!!!



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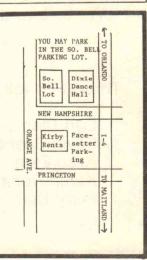
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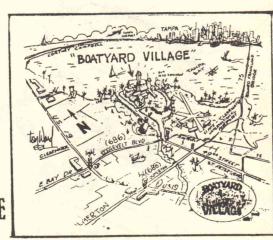
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Pickin' & Dreamin'

BY: Foreman Heard

My mother said, "Some day you'll wish you had kept up your piano lessons." I have agreed with that statement on numerous occasions. I remembered it again last night, only this time it was concerning the banjo.

While in the twelfth grade, a friend and I boarded a train (The Nancy Hanks) in Macon, Georgia and rode to Atlanta, where for \$60 each we both bought a five string banjo. It was the height of the folk music craze. I learned to strum and pick a little. I knew thirty or so chords, but I was far from being an Eddy Peabody. Over the years that banjo got assigned a spot in the closet. Now it hangs on my wall as a decoration. I have another banjo which I bought two years ago. It's sitting in its case with loosened strings, But, I'm going to take it out.

Last night I stood next to the banjo player. My fingers itched. Listening and dancing to Bluegrass music on a record is fun. Sitting and listening to Bluegrass music at a concert is enjoyable. Standing next to the banjo player, while a group plays tune after Bluegrass tune, is unsurpassed excitement. I wanted to say "Give me that banjo and let's play Bye, Bye, Blues", but I couldn't. My fingers knew limitations that my heart didn't. "Someday you'll wish...."
I know, I know...

Last night was a thrill. I was in the middle of a picking session with not one group, but three. Those guys are amazing. They never say, "Let's play Sally Goodin'" or "How about Shuckin' Corn". One person just starts playing and the others join. (I guess since so many Bluegrass tunes sound alike, it doesn't matter what you play for the first eight bars, until you figure out what everybody else is playing.) The bass player was a lady who had to stand on a box to reach the neck of the bass. She was good.

On some of the faster tunes I found my feet trying to move. I resisted the urge out of respect for the musicians. Not that they would have minded, but I didn't want to destroy that perfect blend of non-amplified instruments, with the sound of steel against concrete. That is also why I am not going to tell any cloggers where I was last night. They'll start showing up with shoes and petticoats, and groups of people yelling when the band plays Uncle Pen, and I won't allow that. This was pure Bluegrass, and that's the way it should stay. I don't want to be told to take my friends and go home.

Am I being selfish? Sorry, but for the moment, this little bit of back woods music is all mine. Next week I'm going back and stand by the fiddle player.

TEAMWORK -

We may call it by this name, or call it by that — "teamwork" or "cooperation"; together we stand, by ourselves we fall flat; together, my friend, we're the Nation! Whatever we do, or whatever we plan — we can't stand alone, e'en the best of us; but must share of our gifts with our good fellowman — for we're only a part of the rest of us!!

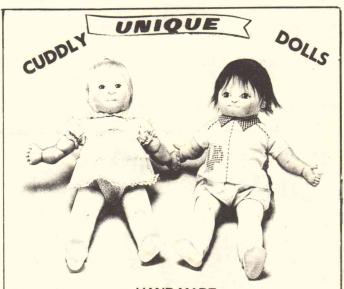
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the back porch of the Morgans home and had everyone tappin' their toes.

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The friendliness of all the folks and especially Linda and Mrs. Morgan, and the delightful country setting made this old-timey get-together a real treat. This Editor plans to go back next year and take two Mincemeat pies — my Gramma's recipe!!!

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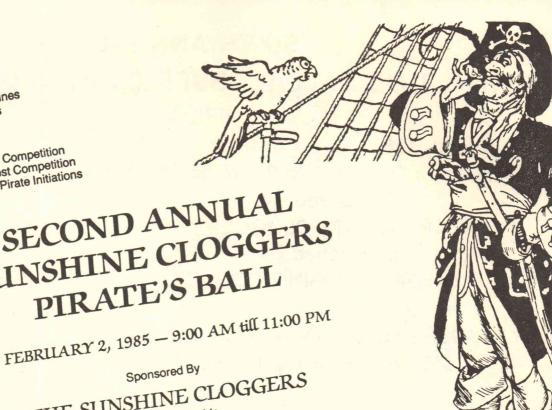
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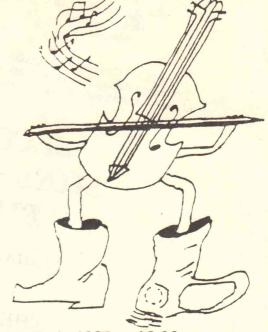
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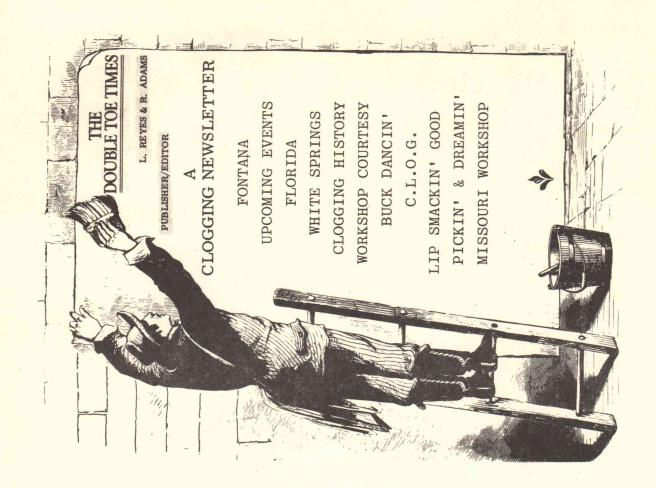
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