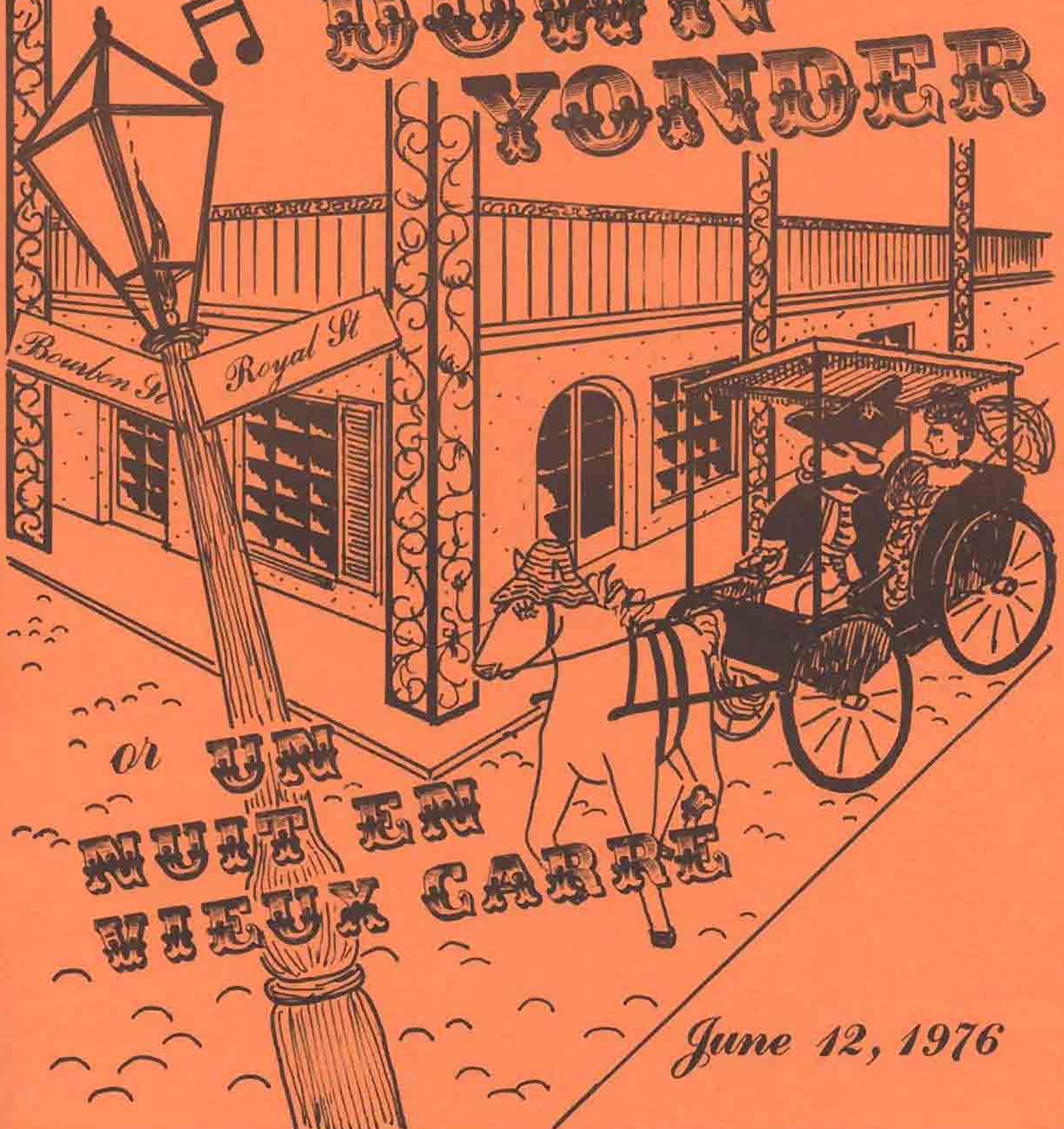


Krewe of Bowleges presents . . .

WAY DOWN YONDER



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June 12, 1976



PIRATE
CAPTAIN
BILLY BOWLEGS

The Billy Bowlegs Festival has William Augustus Bowles, a notorious old boy, as its patron pirate. He arrived in what was to become Florida's Playground Area in 1778 when the Spanish, English and Americans were maneuvering for control of the Gulf shores and its shipping lanes. Believing himself destined to command instead of obeying, Captain Billy Bowlegs gathered a force of a "couple hundred plundering Indians, relics from the American Army and White Banditti", a rollicking piratical crew which grew to be the concern of all three of the power-hungry countries. Captain Bowlegs (Bowles) created his own throne and the three nations considered everything from murder to a general's commission to get him on the right side. Financed by loot from a Spanish ship and surrounded by a handful of Indians, Captain Billy invaded English society for support. He was rewarded with a flag of 'English and Indian colors mixed', a silver pipe, tomahawk, a Chain of Friendship and trade supplies, with which he formed the State of Muskogee. The Spanish enticed him to New Orleans and grabbed the head of the State of Muskogee. He was shipped out to Madrid and then to the Philippines, but he jumped ship and returned to his 'state' and greater deeds of piracy. He raided on the Gulf and on shore. His schooners flew his pirate flag, except when they switched to the British Flag to claim their 'salvaged' loot at international ports.

But all good pirates must have an end, and Captain Bowlegs' came after he was seized when he was lured to peace talks in the presence of Spanish, American and English agents. The Spanish paid his disenchanted Indians a reward and took poor old Captain Bowlegs to Morro Castle, where he starved himself to death in 1803 rather than 'sink' so low as to speak to the Cuban general!





HISTORY of the FESTIVAL

Back in 1953, a ski show was sponsored by the Fort Walton Beach City Recreation Department to give the local residents and tourists something to enjoy over the Labor Day weekend. It was a crowd pleaser, but the City decided it was too large for them to handle - so they asked the Jaycees, then in its first year as an organization, to take it over.

The event became so popular that the following year the Jaycees decided to follow a pirate theme and name it after the infamous pirate, Billy Bowlegs, whose base of operations was the area waters. Each successive year, the growing popularity of the festival reflects a cooperative community spirit and many manhours and dollars contributed to the success of an idea.

The Festival finally grew into a week-long affair and was moved to "open" the beginning of the summer tourist season. The Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce's Attractions Committee was asked to assume the responsibility of planning the events. Steady growth finally dictated an entirely separate committee under the Chamber to operate the event. This active committee is the Bowlegs' Festival Committee:

Chairman, Charles Born; Co-Chairman, Bob Blizzard; Charles Shoff, Dick Bixby, George Brenner, Patricia Gibson, Dr. Daniel Houghton, Jr., Fred Pryer, Fran McCartney, Claudine Reed, Don Anchors, Bob Gates. Bob Blizzard is Chairman, Attractions Committee; Claudine Reed is Coordinator for the Festival Committee; Bob Gates is Chairman, Parade Committee; and Iris Baughman, Executive Secretary, Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce.

This Committee is grateful to the City of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, for their continuing support and assistance.

the **KREWE** ...

..... Although the Krewe of Bowlegs is a mystic order, under charter rules and regulations there is nothing occult in the minds of Miracle Strip residents and participants concerning its value as a lofty, social contribution and an invaluable public relations identity.

The Krewe, currently active in its twenty-second year, is a direct and brilliantly promising multiple of the Billy Bowlegs' Festival. The overwhelming acceptance and ensuing success of the early initial celebrations sparked vigorous local interest and resulted in some extremely gratifying publicity beyond its intended boundaries.

Cognizant of other Gulf Coast events such as Mardi Gras and its Krewe organizations, the Krewe of Bowlegs was conceived and born of a small group of area civic leaders. The Krewe's active membership consists of 181 and is governed by a President (the Captain Billy), Vice-President and Board of Directors who meet at regular meetings to discuss policies, procedures and the general welfare of the group.

The Krewe is composed of prominent citizens and civic leaders whose business help form the foundation of the City and County's economical stabilization and are, therefore, invaluable as Festival supporters.

Visitors to and citizens of the area are annually in for many days of unprecedented fun and frolic during the celebration with the spotlight of pompous ceremony focused on the Krewe's participation. Hours of volunteered time and sizable sums of money are expended each year on colorful floats, impressive decorations and gaily colored costumes used by the Krewe during the Grand Torchlight Parade and at the Coronation Pageants and Balls. The beautiful floats carrying out a "theme" which the masked Krewe ride allow the members to throw showers of souvenir trinkets and coins to the thousands lining the parade route.

The last evening of each Festival week, a Coronation Ceremony discloses, with the unmasking of a new succeeding Captain Billy Bowlegs, his Queen, First Mate and the new Honor Guard. The Captain is selected by a secret committee and he, in turn, chooses his entire court.

The Krewe wishes you, one and all, a very wonderful evening and ask that you be on board next year when they once again can be your host for the pageantry of the BILLY BOWLEGS FESTIVAL.



WESTWARD HO!

..... Susan Johnson

A weary and homesick Bowlegs,
The scourge of many nations,
Readied his krews for the voyage west
In time for "big" celebrations.

Across the sea, to the mighty Mississippi,
Sailed our hearty pirate band
For their sights were on the Crescent City
Down yonder in "Cajun" land.

At last, under cover of darkness,
And laden with treasures of Spain
The ghostly "BLACKHAWK" anchored
By the shores of Lake Pontchartrain.

Quaint streets echoed sounds of jazz
And heavenly aromas filled the air,
While dark-eyed beauties beckoned
With each and every stare.

Excitement gripped this scurvy bunch,
And made their spirits soar
For the merriment of Mardi Gras
Promised much was yet in store!

22ND

CORONATION

"Way Down Yonder" Overture Bourbon Street Six
..... Suzanne Sweeney
vocalist

PREMIER SCENE

THE HONOR GUARD OF 1975
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PRINCESSES PRESENTATION OF 1976

NANCY ELLEN BIXBY
Presented by Mr. Richard G. Bixby

TINA ANN BROCKMAN
Presented by Warren D. Brockman
Col USAF Ret.

DRU ELLEN COLEMAN
Presented by J. Drew Coleman
Col USAF Ret.

TAMI COX
Presented by Mr. James C. Cox

TERRI HARBESON
Presented by Mr. William B. Harbeson III

SUSAN KAY MILLS
Presented by Dr. James E. Mills

LAURIE LYNN WRIGHT
Presented by Mr. Eldridge P. Wright

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TREASURED TROPHIES

RETIREMENT OF THE HONOR GUARD

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INTERLUDE

SECONDE SCENE



a bicentennial salute . . .

NAVAL AIR TRAINING COMMAND CHOIR

The men who go down to the sea in ships have long been known through history for their group singing and the men of our Air Navy in Pensacola, Florida are no exception; But sea chanty has given way to "Air Chanty" for the singers are flying sailors. The choir is composed of 40 highly spirited volunteer Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard Officers and Aviation Officer Candidates currently undergoing flight training in the Pensacola complex. Since 1949, the performing unit has been showing its talents to the world.

The Naval Air Training Command Choir is a patriotic performing unit singing selections which cover the whole evolution of music including; patriotic songs, sea chantys, humorous songs about aviation, popular, spirituals, religious, country, classical and barber shop quartet selections.

The Choir is under the direction of LTJG Earl Crisp.

The Youth of America speak . . .

NARRATORS Tammy Fortenberry, First Runner-Up, Florida Junior Miss; Winner Florida D.A.R. Citizenship Award; Valedictorian Class '76, Choctawhatchee.

Robert Harden, Second Speaker of the House, State of Florida Youth Legislature; Outstanding Speaker, Forensics Team.

DIRECTOR Joe Yeager, Speech & Drama Dept., Choctawhatchee High School.

".... a thoughtful mind when it sees a nation's flag, sees not the flag but the nation itself"



INTERLUDE

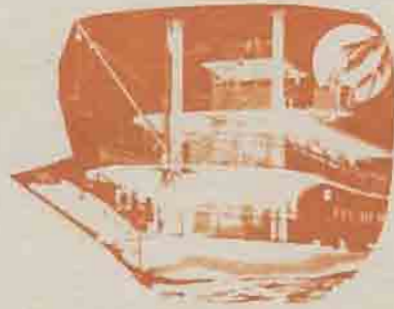
TROISIEME SCENE



un nuit en vieux carré . . .

FORT WALTON BEACH BALLET

..... Bennadette Clements, Director



PRESENTATION OF
THE HONOR GUARD OF 1976

ATTENDANTS

FIRST MATE



CAPTAIN BILLY BOWLEGS XXII & HIS QUEEN

MARRI
GRASS

MAÎTRE DES CÉRÉMONIES

Jim Kay
J.J. Allison

Coronation guests are cordially invited to approach the new Captain Billy Bowlegs XXII, his Queen and Court, to extend their congratulations following the ceremony and prior to the Coronation Ball....

COURT OF 1975

Captain Billy Bowlegs, A.D.I., Dr. William West Thompson

..... His illustrious gentleman was born and grew up in Hallsboro, N.C. He received his B.S. in medicine and his M.D. from Duke University. He was in the U.S. Army Medical Corps for eight years, serving in Tokyo, Korea and Texas.

He is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics and the American Board of Allergy and Immunology.

He came to Fort Walton Beach in 1956 and started practicing pediatrics and allergy at the White-Wilson Clinic in 1957. He was Mayor of Fort Walton Beach in 1966 and 1967 and President of the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce 1967-68.

Dr. Thompson served as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Fort Walton Beach Hospital. He has served on the Judicial Council of the Florida Judicial Council of the Florida Medical Society for six years and has been appointed Chairman for 1975-76-77.

His hobbies include hunting, fishing and spectator sports, especially football. He and his wife, Melba, live at 153 Beal Parkway with their three daughters, Kenya, Rhonda and Karen and their nephew, Roger Ratcliff. His other three children, Emilie, Helga and Wes live in Virginia. He has three grandsons, Robert, Scott and Britt.

Queen Mickey, Mrs. William B. Harbeson, III

..... Mickey was born and raised in Youngstown, Ohio. She came to Fort Walton Beach in 1957. She was a charter member of the Junior Service League and served as chairman of the Hearing Committee. She was also a charter member of the Junior Women's Club and served as Treasurer of that organization. At present she serves as a volunteer driver with the Transportation Division of the American Cancer Society. Among her hobbies are bridge, bowling & painting. She is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

She is married to William B. Harbeson III, and they have two daughters, Terri and Melli. The family lives at 889 East Miracle Strip Parkway in Mary Esther.

First Mate, C. LeDon Anchors



..... Born in Pensacola, Don grew up in Crestview. He is a graduate of the University of Florida with B.A. and L.L.B. degrees. He is a partner in the law firm of Estergren, Fortune, Anchors & Powell.

He is Past-President of the Fort Walton Beach Jaycees, Kiwanis Club, Fort Walton Beach Ballet Association & Okaloosa-Walton Bar Association and is currently President of the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, a member of the University of West Florida Advisory Council and a member of the Board of Directors, First National Bank of Destin.

Don is active in the First Methodist Church where he is a past Chairman of the Administrative Board and Past Chairman Council on Ministries.

His past honors include "Young Man of the Year" in 1968 (Board of Realtors) and the Distinguished Service Award in 1969 (Fort Walton Beach Jaycees). He is listed in "Outstanding Young Men in America", 1971 edition.

His wife, the former Annette Lee, recently completed a Master's Degree program in Counseling. She is a member of the Fort Walton Beach Junior Service League and is listed in 1971 edition of "Outstanding Young Women of America".

Don and Annette are parents of three children - Michelle, Laurie & Rusty.

Honor Guard...

These salty, good and sturdy lads, who were the "inside men" of ye Krews and listed alphabetically so that, among peers, all are equal and should be given recognition along with their "wenches"

..... WILLIAM A. BOGESS

hails from West Virginia originally and has been a resident of Fort Walton Beach for 11 years. He is a military and industrial marketing consultant. He attended Concord College in Athens, West Virginia, and Vanderbilt University; was graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1954. He spent ten years in the U.S. Air Force in various assignments as a fighter and bomber pilot. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce's Host and Military Affairs Committees, Air Force Association, Association of Old Crews, Navy League, and is a past director and officer of The American Defense Preparedness Association. A member of the Fort Walton Yacht Club, his favorite hobby is sailing. He is married to the former Diane McClellan of Fort Lauderdale, and they are the parents of two children, Eve and David.

..... JOHN W. BROOKS

is a native of Fort Walton Beach and is the grandson of the late John Thomas Brooks, the City's founder. He is a graduate of Choctawhatchee High School and also attended Marion Military Institute in Marion, Ala. In addition to other business interests in the area, he owns and operates John W. Brooks Realty, Inc., is part owner of Brooks-Hummicutt Insurance and Investments, and Brooks-Sherman Roofing Company. He is a member of the Fort Walton Beach Board of Realtors, the Florida Association of Realtors and the National Association of Real Estate Boards. He is presently a member of the Board of Directors of First Federal Savings & Loan Assn. of Okaloosa County where he has served as Past-President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and Chairman of the Board. He is a member of the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber Hosts Committee and has served as Chairman of the Beautification Committee. He is also a member of the Destin and Navarre Chambers.

He was Campaign Chairman for the Playground Area YMCA building fund, is a charter and Century Club member of the Playground Area Boy's Club and a member of the Gulf Coast Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He is Past-President of the Fraternal Order of Police Association and presently serving as trustee; is a past director of the Retail Merchants' Association, a member of the Okaloosa-Walton County Historical Society, and is on the Board of Directors of the Choctawhatchee Style Marchers. He is a charter member of the First Baptist Church, where he presently serves as Vice-Chairman of the Educational Building Committee and a member of the Finance Committee. He has supported and worked with many other civic and charitable organizations in the community. He enjoys water sports, horseback riding and hunting. He and his wife, Sara, have three children Patricia, Cynthia and John III. They live at 18 Circle Drive.

..... DR. ADANTO A.S. D'AMORE

is a transplanted Ohioan. He received his B.A. and M.D. degrees at Ohio State University. He entered the Regular Army Medical Corps in 1935 and was the first physician to win the parachute wings when he was sent to Ft. Benning, Ga. to begin duty with the Paratroop Medical Service. Upon completion of these duties, he flew as the Flight Surgeon with the 19th Bomb Group to the Philippines where he was taken prisoner by the Japanese. He ended his 39 months as a prisoner in a camp outside Tokyo. He transferred to the Air Force Medical Service and served as commander at successive Air Force Hospitals, coming to the Eglin Hospital as Commander in 1964. He is a Fellow of the American College of Preventive Medicine and American College of Hospital Administrators. Upon retirement from the Air Force, he chose to make his home in Fort Walton Beach where is in the active practice of family medicine. He is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Playground Area YMCA and a member of the Local Medical Society. He is married to the former Helen Sech and they have three grown children who live elsewhere.

..... SCOTT FISCHER

is a native of Clovis, New Mexico and has been a member of the Krewe of Bowlegs since 1973. He and his family moved to Fort Walton Beach following his appointment as Publisher of the Playground Daily News. A graduate of Clovis High School, he also attended Eastern New Mexico University, where he received degrees in Computer Science and Business Administration.

A recently installed member of Hadji Shrine, he is a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Scottish Rite Lodge and the Elks Lodge. He has served as Chairman of the Advertising Committee for the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce as well as being a member of the Hosts Committee. He is presently a member of the Okaloosa County Port Authority Board. He and his wife, Linda, and daughters, Carl and Elizabeth, live at 203 Country Club Road in Shalimar.

..... G. ROBERT GARNER

A native of Trenton, Tennessee, Bob moved to Fort Walton Beach from Stuttgart, Arkansas. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee. Currently he is serving on the boards of the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, Fort Walton Yacht Club and Choctawhatchee Quarterback Club. His memberships include Fort Walton Beach Homebuilders Association and Florida Bankers Association. Past offices have included President of the All Sports Award Banquet Association and President of the Okaloosa County Bankers Association. He is past Chairman, Group I, Florida Bankers Association and the Fort Walton Beach area United Fund. In 1962, Bob was named Jaycee Young Man of the Year in Stuttgart, Arkansas and runner up for Man of the Year in the State of Arkansas. He and his wife, Elinor, live on Pocahontas Drive with their two sons, Greg and Bobby. They are members of the Presbyterian Church.

..... DR. A.N. "OSCAR" O'STEEN

Is a native Floridian, born in Jacksonville. He attended the University of Florida, Medical College of Virginia and the School of Dentistry, University of Alabama Medical Center in Birmingham. He is Past-President of the Okaloosa-Walton Dental Society and is serving on the Board of Directors of the Playground Area YMCA. He holds memberships in the Fort Walton Beach Jaycees, Florida Society of Oral Surgeons, American Dental Association, American Society of Oral Surgeons and the Southeastern Society of Oral Surgeons. He and his wife, Judy, and their children, Shannon and Moree Lynn, live at 600 Beach Drive in Destin.

..... THORNTON C. PECK

Thornton is presently the manager and part owner of the Edgewater Motel. As a former Air Force Colonel, he came to this area in 1963 when he was assigned to the Tactical Air Warfare Center, Eglin, as Director of Material. In 1965, he was assigned to Vietnam, Headquarters, 7th Air Force. Upon his return to the States in 1966, he was assigned to Eglin as Base Commander and he served in this capacity until his retirement in February, 1970. Peck is a member of the Niceville-Valparaiso Rotary Club, Retired Officers' Club, the Air Force Association, the Power Squadron, and is one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Destin; also a member of the Board of Directors of this new bank in Destin. He is married to the former Evelyn Lee of Dallas, Texas, and they have one daughter, Linda.

..... DICK PETERMANN

Dick came to Fort Walton Beach from Texas 17 years ago. He was a broadcaster for 13 years and now owns Dick Petermann Associates, a local advertising agency and is President of Audio Visual Producers. He is married

to the former Ditty Falcon; they have two sons, Richard, Jr., attending the University of South Alabama and Steven, just graduating from Choctawhatchee High School. Dick is Past-Chairman of the March of Dimes for Okaloosa County and has served as Public Relations Chairman for the Red Cross Disaster Committee. He is also a member of the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce. The Petermanns attend St. Mary's Catholic Church.

..... GILLIS E. POWELL

Judge Powell is a native of Okaloosa County and a member of pioneering families of Northwest Florida. He is currently a Circuit Judge in the First Judicial District of Florida. His education includes degrees from the University of Florida as a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Juris Doctor of Laws. He served in the Air Force from 1942 to 1948, going in as a Private and discharged as a Major. He has been active in civic affairs throughout the county and has served as President of the Kiwanis Club of Crestview and Commander of the VFW of Crestview. Before becoming a Circuit Judge, he served as President of the Okaloosa First National Bank of Niceville. He and his wife, Avis, were high school sweethearts. They now live in Mary Esther. Their three children are Gillis, Jr., an attorney, and Ava and Dix, who are attending Florida State University.

..... DAVID L. SELBY

Moved to Fort Walton Beach in 1967 from Washington, D.C. He was born in Knoxville, Tennessee and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Carson Newman College and his Juris Doctorate from George Washington Law School, Washington, D.C. He currently holds memberships in the Florida Bar Association, American Bar Association, Okaloosa-Walton Bar Association, Delta Theta Phi law fraternity; is a member of Parkway Kiwanis Club, Board of Directors of the First Baptist Church of Fort Walton Beach and is a former member Board of Directors, Playground Area YMCA. Dave works with the USO and the United Fund on the annual Bob Hope Golf Tournament. His hobbies are golf and fishing. He and his wife, Pat, live on Country Club Drive in Fort Walton Beach with their two sons, David II and Charles. Dave is currently serving on the USO Council and in addition to his private practice, serves as attorney for The School Board of Okaloosa County.

ATTENDANTS

JOHN SHOFF

.... Billy's Sword Bearer

JANET KAY STOKES

.... Queen's Crown Bearer

MARTIN LESTER

.... Billy's Medallion Bearer

LAURIE ANCHORS

.... Queen's Medallion Bearer

DEANA ROBBINS & SUSAN WARRINER

.... Queen's Attendants

Society of Bowlegs and Society of Queens



I	NATHAN FLEET	... DIAN SLOAT
II	JOHN COX	... MELLIE JO PEACOCK
III	ROGER CLARY	... SHELIA LEWIS
IV	DOCTE BASS	... KATHERINE TRINGAS
V	FINLEY DUNCAN	... ALEX PATTON
VI	THOMAS BROOKS (deceased)	... BETTYE WILLIAMS
VII	WILLIAM ROBERTS	... JEAN LONG
VIII	HILARY STEWART (deceased)	... AGNES BASS
IX	WILSON MINGER	... CAROL DUNCAN
X	DR. H. C. WHITE	... ELLA CLARY
XI	WINSTON WALKER	... 'SUG' BROWN
XII	DR. MALCOLM CROTZER	... BOOTA' WALKER
XIII	H. FRENCH BROWN, JR.	... CAROLYN CROTZER
XIV	ERWIN FLEET	... 'NEEN' GILL
XV	MAURICE McLAUGHLIN	... MARY ELLEN RICKS
XVI	JIM KENDRICK	... LYNNE MATHEWS
XVII	CLIFF LONG	... DOT BUCHANAN
XVIII	ROBERT L. MORRISON	... JO FLEET
XIX	JOE GUIDRY	... HELEN KENDRICK
XX	G. V. PARDUE, JR.	... TENA McLAUGHLIN
XXI	DR. WILLIAM WEST THOMPSON	... MICKEY HARBESON

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Executive Secretary: Alyce Anthony	



Bon Voyage !

Credits

Coronation Coordinator	Jim Kendrick
Costumes	Queen Mickey Harbeson
Gown	Mary Jay Shop
Honor Guard	Clarence of Murray's Costumers New Orleans
Honor Guard Ladies, & Attendants	Joyce Light Florida Fabrics
Set & Costume Design	Jim Kendrick
Stage Set Construction	1975 Honor Guard & members of Krewe of Bowlegs
Lights 	Fort Walton Beach High School Students
Sound	
Ushers	Choctawhatchee High School AF Jr ROTC Cadets
Program Cover Design	Kathleen Robinson
Program Typing & Publicity	Alyce Ankney
Plants	Randall's Nursery
Stage Crew	Bill Afford, Bob Blizzard, Charles Born, Denzil Robbins

The Krewe of Bowlegs wishes to extend a special "thank you" to Fort Walton Beach High School for the use of its Auditorium facility ... the Krewe is particularly grateful to C.F. Reynolds, Principal, James D. Pogue, Head Custodian, and their most cooperative personnel.

