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COMING EVENTS		JULY 1984		DISTRICT
July	8	Special Jam	Senior Citizen Center	Salem Or 8
	20 & 21	Contest	Wallowa County Contest	Enterprise Or BMOTFA
	20 & 21	Contest	Pend Oreille International	Pend Oreille Idaho
	21	Smelt Fry	Yachats School	Yachats Or 8
	22	STATE SHOW	Bohemia Days Fair	Cottage Grove Or OOTFA
	25 thru 28	Campout	Maiken's Meadow, Rock Creek	Vernonia Or OOTFA
	29	STATE SHOW	Town & Country Days	Tigard Or OOTFA
Aug	1 - 4	Campout	Mt St Helens Viewpark	Ariel Wash
	4 and 5	STATE SHOW	Benton County Fair	Corvallis Or OOTFA
	15	STATE SHOW	Clackamas County Fair	Canby Or OOTFA
	18	STATE SHOW	Polk County Fair	Rickreall Or OOTFA
	24 - 26	Contest	Western Div OTF Contest	Carson City Nev NOTFA
July	28	Contest	Carlton Fun Days 1st Annual	Carlton Or ?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear OOTFA Members: This will be my last report as your State President. It has been a pleasure to serve such a nice group of people. And my job was made much easier with the help of my wife, Faythe, Vice-President Fred Virtue, the great assistance of our Secretary, a very talented lady Maxine Benson, and the Editor of our Hoedowner Lee Jones. I will soon be turning over the papers and bank records to our new President 'Buck' Milligan, and to further acquaint you with him, I was able to gather some information about him. Buck learned to play the fiddle and a lot of old fiddle songs from his father, who was a great Old Time Fiddler back in Oklahoma in the '30s and also played banjo and guitar. While owning and working a ranch in Montana Buck kind of forgot fiddling for a while, but when he retired and moved back to Oregon, he joined OOTFA in 1981. He entered his first contest in May '83 at Lebanon and placed 2nd in the Senior Division of Oregon State Contest. He then went to Weiser and placed 5th in the Senior Division there. Buck likes to fiddle, meet new friends and meet with old friends. With all these fine qualities, he will surely make us a fine President.

I want to personally thank every member of OOTFA for giving me your wonderful support. With this kind of support, our organization is the greatest. I sincerely Thank You All.

LEONARD MAHNS

NEW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well!! I do feel honored, to say the very least. I was happy, just being a member of this organization, as I've always thought it one of the best. But President? Wow-eee I hope I can serve you as well as all the past Presidents, who have done such a terrific job. And they must have, or your organization wouldn't be where it is today.

But the President can't do everything all by themselves so I know they had lots of

help from all of you out there and that is what it takes to build and keep an organization, such as this, going. I am very pleased to have Maxine Benson as Vice-President, along with Gynn Deaton as Sec-Treasurer and Thelma Berg as Editor. But remember, we will always need your support, your suggestions and your advice. This is your organization and it is great. Lets keep it that way. And don't forget the Bohemia Days Celebration in Cottage Grove. This is a State affair and we get a good donation, so we wouldlike all who can to attend.

To our outgoing President Leonard Maahs, and First Lady Faythe, Vice President Fred Virtue, Sec Treasurer Maxine Benson and Editor Lee Jones - you have our heartfelt thanks. You did a great job, and you have earned many rounds of applause.

HOWARD MILLIGAN - President

Ha - now you all know my real name.

SEC-TREASURER MESSAGE

I just want to take this opportunity to thank everyone of you for your support these past two years as your State Secretary-treasurer. I really enjoyed every minute of it and the privilege of serving under two excellent Presidents and Vice-Presidents, and with Lee Jones as Editor. Walt and I both love the people and what this organization stands for, as well as being thankful for the many new friends we have gained. I will continue to be doing the membership records as well as helping the new President as much as possible. Thanks again to all of you. DISTRICT SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE: Please do your July Bank Reconciliation before sending your books to Gynn Deaton for annual audit.

MAXINE BENSON - Vice President

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

First, I want to apologize for a monumental error I have committed for the past two years. For 1983 and 1984 I have failed to list the names of the winners of the Accompanist Awards at the Oregon State Contest. For the record the winners this year were First David Boyd, Second Joey McKenzie and Third June Secor. I think the 1983 winners were the same people, but I am not sure of the order. There is really no excuse or justification for doing this the second time and I am sorry.

Since this is my last issue I wish to express my appreciation to everyone for their support and encouragement over the past two years. I have received a great deal of personal gratification in the accomplishment of this assignment. Recognizing my lack of musical talent to help the organization I chose this method to help the best I could. Perhaps my editorial efforts may compensate to some extent for your having to listen to my music. Anyway, Many Many thanks to all the reporters who have been so faithful, and have kept this paper alive. This little speech is what I wanted to say at the convention, but when you guys all stood up to give me an ovation, I couldn't get the words to come. So Thanks to all and I'll be seeing you.

LEE JONES

CAMPOUT REPORT.

Welcome to the Campout. Once again we hope to see all our members at Maiken's Meadow July 25th through 28th. These are the correct dates, there was an error in the dates last month. Once again the campout must be restricted to MEMBERS ONLY, due to insurance and the fact that funds are raised by members at special jams. First we will list the no-nos. No early arrivals please, no open fires, no guests, no firearms, no cutting of brush or trees, fishing, wading and swimming are OK. Remember, our out of state members are very welcome and if you are not now a member, you can join after the first of July for half price. Please do not come before July 25th.

DISTRICT 1

Jul 4 Bar-B-Q Potluck at John Lewis'
Jul 15 Potluck Picnic at Moore Park (K.F.)
Aug 11-12 Camping and Jamming at Diamond Lake

Greetings from Klamath Falls! You must have fiddled up a storm at Weiser as we have been having Thunder Storms here. We hope you had a good time there and welcome back home again.

Our Jam Session was small this time due to those going to Weiser and also to the loss of one of our Fiddlers. Earl Furrey passed away June 12th. He will be missed. Our Sympathies, prayers and thoughts goes out to Sarah, his wife, and Angie Weeks, his mother, and to the rest of the family.

Our jam was fun even though it was small in audience as well as fiddlers. We had 11 fiddlers. Walter and Zelma Foote, from Fort Rock, but now living in Central Point were visiting us. Walter fiddled and his grandson, John, accompanied him. It was good to have you with us and hope you will come often. It is our District's loss and District 4's gain.

July 4th is Bar-B-Q time at the John & Irene Lewis home. They will be furnishing the hamburgers and you bring the salads and desserts or the goodies.

July 15th, Picnic at Moore Park - strictly POT LUCK. Be sure to bring your eating service too! All are welcome. This will be at 1:00 P.M.

August 11th & 12th will be at Diamond Lake. Please call Irene Ruddock at 884-1484 for more information. There are cabins available that she has reserved and there are camping spots for those who wish to take campers. Jam will take place in the dining room.

We also wish to extend an invitation to the BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL. This is sponsored by the Red Cross, Klamath Falls Chapter. Rose Maddox is our featured artist, bands from Medford, Yakima, Salem, Bend. Will be a good show. There are two local bands that will be playing, as well as some of our fiddlers.

We were able to give two plaques this time for the Most Enthusiastic Associate - Glenna Furrey, and the Most Improved Accompanist - Paul King. Congratulations to you both. The Most Improved Fiddler will be given out the next meeting, as they were not there. I wonder who it could be.....

LOIS TUCKER for ANNE JOHNSON - Reporter

This is my last "Bits & Pieces" you may want to print if you have room. God chooses men, not because of their worthiness, for none are worthy, nor does he choose them because of favoritism for God loves all with perfect love, nor are they chosen because of who they are for God is not impressed with their "so-called importance."

GOD CALLS AND CHOOSES PEOPLE SO THAT OTHERS MAY KNOW HIM THROUGH THEM.

DISTRICT 3

Jul 8 Jam Session Senior Center at 1:30 PM

We just received word that George Terrill, one of our most enthusiastic fiddlers passed away suddenly Sunday afternoon, June 24th. We will miss him immeasurably. We send our heartfelt sympathy to Thelma, Barbara, Terry and Jerry.

At the June jam, seven fiddlers and five accompanists spent a tuneful afternoon. Tim and Rene De Lude showed everyone how a schottische is danced in fine style. Cindy Ziegler from LeGrande Ore., and Audrey Marian from Colorado came with their father, Marvin Chadwick to hear the music. Marvin just moved to Bend from Monte Vista, Colo.

The Fiddlers played in the Sisters Rodeo parade Saturday June 9th and got a blue ribbon for their efforts.

Dist 3 Cont'd

Birdie Hawes, Bob's wife, has been troubled recently with a heart problem, but at this writing is feeling some better

Eight members played in the parade at Redmond, Ore. for the High School Rodeo. Another first place ribbon and a plaque were received. Several members have been missing recently with various trips and summer activities. We want you to know you are missed. Have a good time, but hurry back.

MARGE NIMMO - Reporter

DISTRICT 4

Jul 8 - Sunday Jam Session, Rogue River Valley Grange Hall, Grants Pass. NO POTLUCK. Doors open at 12:00, Open to public at 1:00. Short meeting and installation of new officers. Take G Street N.W. (Chapel of the Valley Funeral Home is on left. Grange hall on right. Parking in rear.)

Our June 10th Jam Session was well attended with 14 fiddlers and 9 specials. Visitors were Ruth Wagner from Weed, Calif., Mr and Mrs Johnson from Winston, Ore., with guests Mr and Mrs Unruh from Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Sam Stelle was MC. Noah Couch has been in the hospital. He came to the jam but wasn't quite able to fiddle yet. He was celebrating his 89th birthday that day. Congratulations Noah.

Carvil "Jiggs" Rost, Co-Chairman and Sam Stelle want to thank all of the fiddlers and accompanists for their support during the Applegate Fair.

Julian Christiani, Chairman, Jiggs Rost Co-Chairman and Pat Wheeler Sec-Treas extend to all of you their thanks and appreciation and support for the 1983-84 year. We welcome our new '84-85 officers and know they will find their work rewarding.

Have a happy and safe summer.

PATRICIA WHEELER - Reporter

DISTRICT 5

Jul 7 - White Cedar Days at Powers
14 - Senior Center in Coos Bay
20 - CB Break in North Bend
22 - Ocean Festival in Winchester Bay (DISTRICT 5 JAM) Sorry I didn't catch this in the calendar. Ed.

Last month I did not get a chance to tell you about our week-end at the Azalea Festival in Brookings. On Saturday the 26th we were almost scared off by the rain, but the sun came out and we got aboard our float to play for the "thousands" of people along the parade route. Our experience has always been that parade watchers like fiddle music. At least their waves and applause lead us to believe that they do.

That afternoon at 4:00 we gathered at the VFW Hall to welcome our fiddle friends and to play for a large crowd. It was a four hour program and many of the people sat through the entire evening. Our thanks to all of you who came from all over to help out and share in the fun of playing music together.

June 2nd we played at the Greenacres Grange dance. "Everybody" turned out that evening so there was a lot of good music and fellowship. We won't be there in July so won't you come and join us for the first week-end in August.

June 9th we went up the coast to Florence to play for the good people up there. The people always make us welcome there, and we always have a good turnout.

District 5 people hear about it all the time, but I want to mention that by the time you read this, I will have been retired for a week. Never having been retired before, it is an exciting time for me. I will lose my excuse of not having time to learn a new tune, so will have to make up a new one.

Summer is a time for vacations and picnics, but not a time for fiddlers to rest. We will be in Powers on July 7th for White Cedar Days. Last year the rain kind of dampened our spirits, but we are hoping for better luck for our float this year. The parade starts at 11:00. At 2:30 we will gather in the County park to play. Powers is an old sawmill town. Look it up on the map and come and join us.

On the 14th we will play for the dance at Senior Center in Coos Bay. On the 20th we will play for a CB Break in North Bend at the North Bend Junior High at 8:00. Sunday the 22nd we will have a District 5 Jam at the Ocean Festival in Winchester Bay. For a number of years we have played for the festival and especially enjoyed fiddlers from other Districts coming to play with us. We will play at the Grange in Downtown Winchester Bay which is just a few miles south of Reedsport. The music will start at 1:00. Come early if you enjoy crafts, food, and the sights.

LEW HOLT - Reporter

DISTRICT 6

NO JULY JAM SESSION

Jul 6 & 7 -	Coburg Golden Years Festival	Coburg
Jul 21 -	Trudy Kaufman Center Yard Sale	Eugene
July 22-	"Bohemia Days" Show	Cottage Grove
Aug 3 & 4	Benton County Fair Show	Corvallis
Aug 5	"Applegate Trail Days Show & Contest	Veneta

Evidently some of us missed a good time at the Brownsville Pioneer Picnic on June 17. But those who weren't gone to Weiser or other places played at an outdoor stage for a couple of hours, then unofficially for a long time afterward in the midst of a community picnic, logger's jamboree, and games. With us was visitor, Albert Langlitz, a Blue Mountain Fiddler from Enterprise.

On account of numerous other activities scheduled for July, we won't be holding a District Six Jam Session, but when you hanker for some fiddling, consider these possibilities: -- July 6,7 we'll play at the Coburg Golden Years Festival; on Friday we play for dancing from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturday we jam from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Coburg Park at Mill and Harrison. For more information call Stan Gonshorowski 343-5868. July 21 is the Trudy Kaufman Senior Center Yard Sale, and they'd like fiddling between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. The Center is at 996 Jefferson in Eugene. July 22 is the "Bohemia Days" fiddling Show at Cottage Grove. The program starts at 2:30. August 3 & 4 we play at the Benton County Fair. Fridays Show is from 3 to 4 PM, and Saturdays show is 3 to 5 PM at the Benton County Fairgrounds in Corvallis. August 5, is "Applegate Trail Days" in Veneta. We jam from 1 to 2 PM, with a fiddle contest following. The festival grounds are on Territorial Road between W. 11th and the turn off to the coast.

All these events are likely to be fun and deserving of our best efforts. But a special effort is required when people are putting out money for our services. Coburg, Cottage Grove, and Benton County Fair are all paid engagements, so you'll be helping to support us by playing at these events. Please join us for whichever ones you can.

As of July 1, Charley Sanford becomes the new District Six Chairman, with Joe Barta, bless him, continuing as secretary-treasurer. Since Charley stepped up to the position after Buck Milligan, originally elected, became state president, a new co-chair will be appointed. I'll continue as reporter, having been co-chair, but guess we wore out our District chair, Thelma Berg. "Never again will Thelma Berg attend any event of this organization," she said to me. I was shocked and distressed, for about three seconds, until she explained that after June 26 she is Thelma Shephard--she and Courtney will be married that day. And Mr and Mrs Shephard will both be with after that, we hope. Loyal energetic Thelma will not only be with us; she's taking on the editorship of the Hoedowner starting with the August issue.

Incidentally, I received a card from Don and Ruth Loring. They're in Pennsylvania for the summer, having visited the Blue Ridge Mountains, Shenandoah Valley, and New Orleans with all its jazz and Dixieland. They said they were having a great time and I believe it. See you all at the Fairs and Festivals.

LINDA DANIELSON - Reporter

DISTRICT 7

No report from District 7, but a phone call was received stating that the fiddlers were asked to play at the Oral Hull Park for the Blind at Sandy, Oregon on July 18th at 7.00 PM. (A change from July 14th.) For further information call Judy Layman 657-7778.

DISTRICT 8

Jul 8 - Special Jam, Senior Center, Salem Ore. (Funds for Vernonia campout)
Jul 21 - Smelt Fry and Jam, Yachats School, Yachats Ore.

June always means vacations, contests and Weiser! (A dearth of musicians around here when we need them) We unlucky stay-at-homes who must keep the home "chunes" churning, wish them the best of everything and a speedy, safe return.

The benefit show at Woodburn was well attended and very worthwhile, money wise, for the charity we promoted. A short business meeting was called by Chairman Leonard Maahs and Joyce Crump was elected Secretary-Treasurer by unanimous vote. After a sumptuous pot-luck dinner, a crowd pleasing show was put on by 22 fiddlers, 8 specials, (mandolin, guitar, vocal and accordion) and accompanists (guitars, banjo, bass, piano and rhythm). An hour of dancing followed the program.

We are happy to report that Floyd Beck, who recently underwent major surgery, is out of the hospital and doing fine. Has even been playing "fiddle a liddle."

Don't forget the jam at the Senior Citizen building in Salem on July 8th. Hall opens at 10:00, dinner at noon and program at 1:00. Purpose is to raise money for the campout at Vernonia, 4th week of July. Remember the good eats we had last year? Thanks to the fine management of Bill Yohey, who by the way, is in charge again this year. Then there is the Smelt Fry and Jam at Yachats on the 21st. Lots of good times ahead! Be there!!

MINNIE BENNETT - Reporter

DISTRICT 9 Not received

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*                                     SILENT FIDDLES                                     *
* EARL FURREY, Fiddler, Klamath Falls, Oregon, June 12th 1984. Husband of Sarah. *
* GEORGE TERRILL, Fiddler, Bend, Oregon, June 24, 1984. Husband of Thelma. *
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Mt St Helens FIRE MOUNTAIN Hoedown and Campout. Old Time Fiddlers Jamboree at Mt St Helens Viewpark on Speelyai Hill, Aug 1 to Aug 4, 1984. Campground, full hook-ups available. Reservations required. \$5.00 first night, \$3.00 each additional night. 25 miles east of I-5 Woodland exit on Hwy 503, 25 miles north of Battleground on 503. Write Volcano View Campground, Hwy 503, Ariel, Wash, 98603 or call 206 231-4333.

FAIR SCHEDULE

"Bohemia Days" Fair, High School, Cottage Grove Or. Starts at 2:30. July 22
Town and Country Days, July 29, 2:30 to 5:00 PM, Cooks Park, Tigard Oregon. Same as last year
Benton County Fair, Aug 3rd, 4 - 5 PM, Aug 4th, 3 - 5 PM, Fairgrounds, Corvallis Oregon
Clackamas County Fair, Aug 15, 11:30 to 1:00 and 5:00 to 6:00, Fairgrounds, Canby, Ore
Polk County Fair, Aug 18, 7:00 to 10:00, Fairgrounds, Rickreall, Oregon

ENTERTAINER OF THE MONTH

WALTER "SLIM" SCHULTZ

Walter "Slim" Schultz was born Oct 13, 1912 at Freeport, Illinois. He learned to play harmonica about the 7th grade. He moved to Rockford, Illinois, 1929, where he learned a few chords on a ukulele, acquired a "tiple" (size like a tenor ukulele, 10 steel strings, ukulele tuning), then traded it and a WWI mess kit for an "El Kroydon" Gibson guitar with loud parrots painted on the front.

Slim met his Waterloo (1930) when he moved across the street from Fern, to whom he shortly after tossed a rose from his motorcycle. He wooed her singing "The Prisoner's Song" from his front porch and, after a quarrel, sang "I've got no use for the Women."

During those years, Slim was learning the steel heat treating trade at Ingersoll Milling Machine Co., and also teamed up with a neighbor, Don Lake, messing around singing with guitars. Then during the year previous to their 1933 marriage, Slim and Fern sang on WROK, Rockford, as "Fern and Freddie". About this time Slim's friend, Don, bought a Montgomery-Wards accordion and, along with Red Bicknell (guitar), and Slim with a borrowed three-string bass fiddle, they formed the "Blackhawk Valley Boys". Slim was called "Sleepy" then.

Their first job was a "roadhouse" - 50 cents a night, plenty of beer and a fish-fry after closing. The Blackhawks, after adding Pete Fall (tenor guitar), and playing gratis a little over a year, once a week on WROK, were hired as "sustaining" staff musicians (1935-38), 4 programs per day 5 days per week. They joined the musicians union. There was also WROK's "Rock River Barn Dance" at the Palace Theater on Wednesday nights.

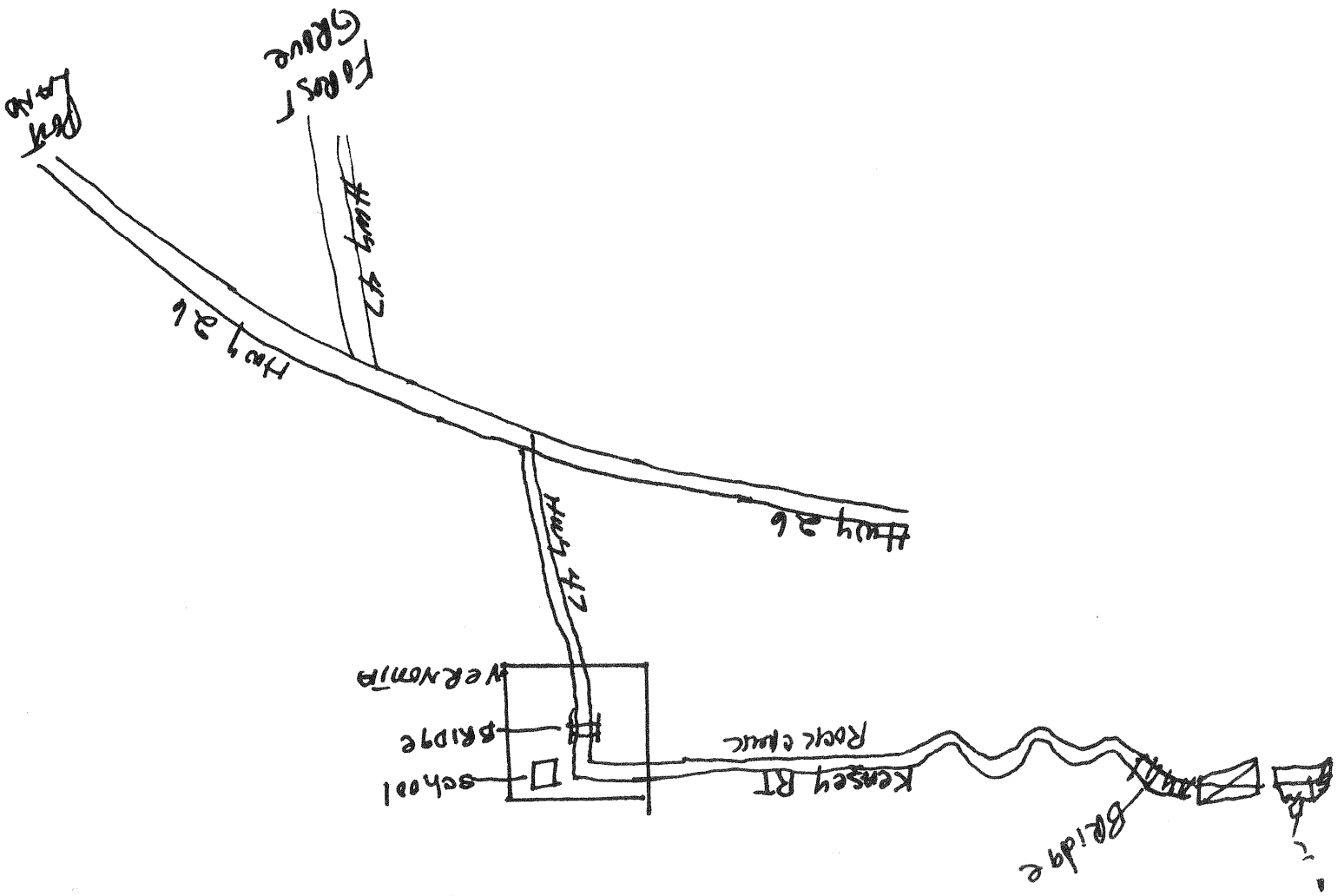
The last half of 1938 included Spanish style night club work at Corpus Christi, Texas, and an aborted job starting opening day on KXOK, St Louis. The Blackhawks mixed pop with country and were dropped at union request.

The group was hired through a Chicago booker Jan 1939 at WOWO, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, where Slim quit the business in May 1941, and headed for Los Angeles where he plied his heat treating trade in aircraft and shipyard. In 1945, Slim and family went to Bonners Ferry Idaho, where he met and worked, farming, for Leonard Maahs.

Slim worked his trade again from 1951 thru 1974 at the Boeing Co., Seattle---he had no musical instrument all that time. He finally bought a guitar that last Christmas week and retired with Fern at Sweet Home, Oregon, and has been active in the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Assn since joining at the Buell Grange about 1975 or 76. He is now Secretary-Treasurer of District 8.

He is now playing with the Leonard Maahs Mavericks Dance Band at McMinnville Grange every Friday night. Also at several Rest Homes in McMinnville, Newberg and Salem. He is a very fine musician and plays accompaniment on Guitar, Bass and also sings beautifully. Anyone is always welcome at their house for a round of music.

1st Annual Carlton Fun Days Old Time Fiddling Contest. 3 levels of competition.
OPEN- Registration \$4.00, 1st \$75.00, 2nd \$35.00, 3rd \$15.00. INTERMEDIATE - Registration \$3.00, 1st \$40.00, 2nd \$20.00, 3rd \$10.00. BEGINNERS - No registration fee, Prizes donated. Registration time, 3:30 until competition begins. First round 5:00 PM Second round 7:00 PM. Hoedown, Waltz and tune of choice. Everyone invited. Carlton, Oregon near McMinnville



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