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COMING EVENTS		JULY 1985	DISTRICTS
July	4	Parade & Jam in Park	Springfield 6
	5	Jam at Senior Center	Langlois 5
	6	Timber Carnival	Albany OOTFA
	6	City Park	North Bend 5
	7	Jam, Elementary School	Tri-City 4
	13	Jam & Fish Fry	Yachats 8
	13	Jam, Waldport Sr. Center (eve.)	Waldport 8
	13	Dance, Senior Center	Coos Bay 5
	14	Bohemia Days	Cottage Grove OOTFA
	17-20	Vernonia Campout (MEMBERS ONLY)	Vernonia OOTFA
	21	Jam & Mtng, Isom Patterson home	Merrill 1
	27	Tigard Town & Country Day (5-7) at Tigard Feed Store on Main	Tigard OOTFA
	27	Big Springs Carnival	Bonanza 1
	28	Ocean Festival Jam	Winchester Bay 5
	28	Applegate Trail Days	Veneta 6
August	3	Washington Park	Portland Special
	3,4	Broiler Festival	Springfield 6
	9,10	Benton County Fair (Fri 4-5, Sat 3-5)	Corvallis OOTFA
	11	Jam & Picnic, Palmerton Park	Rogue River 4
	14	Clackamas County Fair (1:30-8 p.m.)	Canby OOTFA
	17	Polk County Fair (3-5)	Rickreall OOTFA
	24	State Fiddle Contest	Canyonville OOTFA
	25-31	Warwick's Campout	Williams OOTFA
Sept	7	Benefit for Civic Center	Drain HELP!! 4,5,6
	14	Centennial Celebration	Springfield 6
Ict.	20	Jam, American Legion Hall	Lebanon 6

PLEASE NOTE DISTRICT NEWS FOR SUMMER JAMS THAT ARE CANCELLED DUE TO FAIRS, ETC.

FROM YOUR OUTGOING PRESIDENT:

We really had a great time at Weiser this trip. I haven't come down to earth yet but will tell you some of our winners. They were: Bill Sprunger-3rd, Jr., Jr., Tony Spatz-5th, Jr., Jr., Jr. Div. Grant Wheeler-3rd, Dan Emert-4th, Laura Weber-5th. Grand Nationals, Joey McKenzie-2nd, Carol Ann Wheeler-10th, Senior Div., Bill Yohey-1st. Ed Hjelseth placed in the top 10, so Oregon really did well this year. I stayed busy and got a lot done. Will tell you more when I get home. I learned one thing: once you make up your mind to do something, stick by it, and don't drive yourself crazy wondering if it's right. You'll find you are right more often than wrong. Anyone who aint wrong once in awhile ought not to be trusted! As this will be my last letter for awhile, I would like to say this to all the members: May your days be better than the best you've had, all your wrinkles

from laughs, not frowns, and may your nights being dreams that make you glad and your joys be mountains, not nounds. God bless you and keep you. I wish I could.

Love you all, BUCK

FROM YOUR NEW PRESIDENT:

Well, July 1st is here! Happy New "Fiscal Year" to you all! Want to thank you (I think) for the privilege of serving as your President for the coming year. Plans are already undersay, thanks to Buck and his good meeting, June 1st. It was so neat working with you, Buck, but you're not finished yet! As those

who attended the 4th Quarterly State Meeting already know, BUCK Milligan has been appointed "AMBASSADOR AT LARGE" for the young people. His job will be to help them through the public schools and other ways. We are expecting great things next year from Buck and his young-uns!

It was also announced at that meeting that an Advisory Board for the President had been set up. Those accepting this office are: LES TUCKER, Klamath Falls, WAYNE HOLMES, Eugene, and BUCK MILLIGAN, Springfield. So, with this board, the Board of Directors (consisting of the Chairpersons from each district), the newly elected LEW HOLT, aa Vice-President and GYNN DEATON, our competent State Sec.-Treas., how can we help but have a good and fruitful year!

Our first Quarterly State Meeting will be hosted by Districts 3 & 9, Sept. 22, at a place of their choice. So, Dist. Chairpeople, please plan your jam around that date.

The only standing Committee, thus far, is the By-Laws Committee, consisting of BILL YOHEY, McMinnville, RUSTY MORDRELL, Rockaway, and JIM MILLER, Garibaldi. WAYNE HOLMES will be our Parliamentarian, and THELMA SHEPHARD will continue as Hoedowner Editor. MAXINE BENSON will remain in Membership, assisted by our two OOTFA computer experts, LEW HOLT and PHIL EMERT.

July and August Fairs are fast approaching, as all of you know. If you plan to attend, and we hope you do, WAYNE HOLMES is your contact for TIMBER CARNIVAL, BOHEMIA DAYS & BENTON COUNTY FAIR. HELEN HAKANSON is your contact for TIGARD TOWN & COUNTRY DAYS and the CLACKAMAS COUNTY FAIR. LEE JONES is your contact for POLK COUNTY FAIR. These fairs are our biggest source of income and should be well attended by musicians well prepared to play for these paid events. All of us are welcome to attend. We need to be there to support those who are playing. Let's get it together and give the audiences their money's worth so they will ask us back!

In the meantime, I'll be working on plans for the Convention and the State Contest, but I am asking YOU to feel free to contact me with any of your ideas. I need your help and response.



Outgoing President, BUCK MILLIGAN welcomes new President, MAXINE BENSON

Thanks again, and God Bless each one of you real good 'till we meet atain.

MAXINE BENSON

P.S. We want to welcome all the new District officers and also extend our deepest sympathies to Barbara McLeod, our new Secretary-Treasurer from Dist. #5, on the loss of her husband, Les.

DISTRICT 1

Hello, Fiddling Friends, this woman is glad to be getting back in the swing of things. I want to say "Many thanks" for all the nice cards, prayers and good wishes. Friends are such a wonderful gift in life.

June 16 was a good jam day - nice and warm and a good turnout, even if there were several of the musicians off to other interests. Some went to Weiser, to the national contest and some were ill. We miss everyone that's not there.

June 29th, fiddlers will help out in the Sprague River Parade and Fun Day, July 4, fiddlers will be in the parade in Klamath Falls. The Fun Night at Shasta Grange Hall was cancelled, because of the date, A lot of us are still kids enough to want to go see the fireworks.

July 21 jam will be at Faye and Isom Patterson's home in Merrill, across the highway from the Wild Goose Motel. Business meeting at 1 and potluck lunch - all afternoon of fiddling and fun.

July 27 the fiddlers will play at the Big Springs Carnival at Bonanza. It will be a big day and lots of food and fun.

At our last Jam, the newly elected officers, Al Nelson, Chairman, Cecilia Sipinen as Co-Chairwoman, took their places with new zeal and plans for a very busy summer for our district. We think they will be great leaders, and hope to be good support for them. We also enjoyed our past Chairman, Chuck Bruneau, and helpers and we can't forget Chuck's wife, Betty. Behind every successful man is a busy woman (Huh, Betty?)! Irene Ruddock replaced Harold North as Music Coordinator for the fiddling at the nursing homes on the 4th Sunday of each month. We were happy to have 2 new members to join our group, Andrew and Julie Crow, from Alturas, Calif.

We hear Grant Ellington has had surgery and been pretty ill. Hope you a speedy recovery, Grant. We'll be remembering you.

Here's something nice to know. In Oregon, C.B. Radio Channel 8 is now the official OOTF channel. You may be surprised who you may hear say, "Breaker, Breaker".

LOUISE POLLICK, Reporter

DISTRICT 3 no news

DISTRICT 4

July 7 Reg. Jam, Elementary School, Tri-City

Aug. 11 Picnic & Jam, Palmerton Park, Rogue River

On June 9th, members gathered at Central Point Grange Hall for a short monthly meeting presided over, jointly, by outgoing Chairman, Dusty Yancy, and newly-elected Chairman, Dave Winkelman. Tom Barkley was unanimously elected Co-Chairman and Mona Givens has accepted the position of Sec-Treas. for the second year. All will take office the 1st of July. Members wish to express their gratitude to Dusty for taking over the Chairmanship last March and to Jiggs Rost, for his assistance. It was decided to dispense with the pot-lucks for July, August and September, same as last summer. We will vote in Sept. whether to continue them. Vic Flood emceed the afternoon program, with Neva signing in participants. Sixteen fiddlers, with several backups and eight specials did a great job of entertaining an enthusiastic group of listeners and dancers on a hot day. Thank you to all, especially kitchen help and cleanup people.

On July 7 the jam will be held at the Elementary School in Tri City. The building will be available by 12 noon. There will be time enough for a short meeting and the doors will be open to the public at 1 p.m. Remember, there will NOT BE A POTLUCK. For those traveling from the south on I-5, use Exit #103 for closest access to the school. The school will be located to your left.

An annual picnic is being planned for Aug. 11th in Palmerton Park in Rogue River. To get there, cross the railroad, take 1st turn to the left, go to the next left turn and turn onto W. Main. Continue to W. Evans Creek Rd. and turn right for approx. 4 blocks. The park is to the right, with signs out front. This picnic is for members of the OOTFA only. More information will be in the next Hoedowner. We have the park from 10 a.m. until dusk, so think of bringing a comfortable chair and your instruments for jamming. A Thank-You message: "Thank you to all of you fiddlers and backups for being on hand to help us celebrate our father, Jim Firestone's 90th birthday celebration, held at Talent Community Hall on Father's Day. It was a momentous day for all of us. Gratefully, Lois and Bob Jenkins" Welcome back into the organization, Bob and Lois; You have been away much too long.

MARIAN JORGENSON, Reporter

DISTRICT 5

July 5 Langlois Senior Center 6:00
6 North Bend City Park 2:30
6 Greenacres Grange Dance 7:30 Business meeting 7:00
13 Coos Bay Senior Center Dance 7:30
28 Ocean Festival at Winchester Bay, Dist. 5 Jam 1:00

Greetings from District 5. Fiddlers and back-ups have been busy and there is plenty of fiddling coming up, too. The Dist. jam at the Azalea Festival in Brookings on the 25th of May was great. Our "thanks" go out to all of you fiddlers and back-up who came from all over to help us out. We want all of you to know that you are appreciated.

The next week, on June 1st, Fred Virtue, John Allen, Carl Dean, Mapril Combs, Al Lively, Abbie Shaffar, Ella Savery, Ernest Allen, Shorty Dow, and Dennis Allen played for the REA picnic at the Coos County Fairgrounds in Myrtle Point.

That evening a good group of musicians gathered at Greenacres for their dance. The next week-end, Dist. 5 fiddlers went to the Senior Center in Coos Bay to play for their dance. We were pleased to have John and Dorothy Settle, Abbie Shaffar, Shorty Dow, Fred Virtue, Les McLeod, Carl Dean, Norma Allen, Catherine Hall, Murrell Walton, Gene Gosney, Bob McGee, Ella Savery, Ernie Allen, John Allen and Dan Pullis. Carl Dean, Dale Alley, and Minnie Dean played for the retired teachers' picnic in North Bend on the 15th. You'll notice that Alice and my names are missing. We have been out of town every week-end since mid-April but we worked our calendar to make all of the get-togethers in July.

Speaking of July - it is a busy one. The Senior Center in Langlois invited us down for a potluck at 6:00 and then playing afterward. This will be on Friday, the 5th. The next day, on Sat. the 6th, we are asked to play at the Jubilee Days in North Bend at Simpson Park at 2:30. Then that evening we will be at Greenacres for the grange dance. Hamburgers will be served at 6:00 and we will have a Dist. 5 business meeting at 7:00. On Saturday, the 13th, we will again play for the dance at the Senior Center in Coos Bay. We want to extend a cordial invitation to our friends from the northwest to join us at the Ocean Festival in Winchester Bay on Sunday, the 28th. This Dist. 5 jam has been a favorite of many people for years. It will begin at 1:00 in the grange hall. It is easy to find. Winchester Bay isn't that big.

It isn't too early to start thinking about the Cranberry Festival Dist. 5 Jam in Bandon in the later part of September. Watch future Hoedowners for details.

LEW HOLT, Reporter

DISTRICT 6

Many of our faithful members journeyed to Lebanon, June 1st, to the two-day Strawberry Festival. We played for many hours, both Sat. and Sun. in the park there, to a faithful audience. We certainly appreciate the great help we had there from the many players from all over. It was a great two days! Several members also played for the Couples' Potluck and Dance at the Willamalane Sr. Center, June 7th, and for the annual Strawberry Feed at Peterson's Barn on July 14th.

Our jam at Brownsville, helping celebrate their annual Picnic, in the park, had a fine turnout of both players and listeners. The audience was wanting "more" when we finished several hours of playing. (That's the way to leave'em). Bob Crump and Les Johnson came down from Dist. 8 to help out.

THERE WILL BE NO REGULAR JAM DURING JULY so you can participate in the many events being held throughout the state. See next Hoedowner for August.

Alta Bance, our dear little lady fiddler from Springfield, is in need of someone who could take her to and from the many different fiddling functions she would like to attend. She will be glad to pay for the transportation. If you would be interested, call her at 747-0605.

Help! Fourth of July, Springfield Centennial coming up. There will be a parade at noon from 12 to 1:30, with Stan Gonshorowski chairman of the float and its players. Parade starts at the Coast to Coast on Olympic and goes to Willamalane Park at Mohawk and G St. by the pool. There will be special overnight camping and parking at the west end of the pool on G. St. There will be signs & someone to direct you. The afternoon program will be opened by Lou Johnson singing God Bless America, then the fiddlers will play.

MC's will be WAYNE HOLMES & THELMA SHEPHARD during the afternoon. Hot dogs, buns, coffee & pop will be served free to the OOTFA members. Get your tickets from DOROTHY SANSON. Free swim, so bring your suits. A dance floor will be available for dancing during the afternoon. The EMERT BOYS & LAURA WEBER, DAVID KOHL & WAYNE HOLMES will be bring specials. Other groups will be Stan the Fiddler's group, the Booher Family, Alex & His Ukranian Band, Jack Walker & the Country Cousins and some Irish music; hopefully, polka music, along with our regular music. It is very hard to make up a definite schedule because we don't know who is coming. We hope many of you from other districts will join us. We need your help. There will be a YODELING CONTEST at 5:30, with the audience judging. (1st, 2nd & 3rd place ribbons)

At 7 p.m. there will be a dance on the patio of the pool. We hope some will stay for that. The Strawberry Jam will be playing for this.

There will be food vendors in the park, a wagon train and their wares, Centennial Time Capsule, Umpqua Musket Club will be featured, a beard contest, children's games and many many other things going on all the time. Good picnic grounds. Bring your lawn chairs and come on out.

We have not been told exactly when we play at the APPLGATE TRAIL DAYS, but keep in touch. We've always had a good turnout and lots of fun. From what I hear they want us to have the jam then the fiddle contest as usual.

Many members held a potluck and jam at the Thurston Grange Hall to welcome members Charlie and Vi Jenson into our district. They have recently moved to the Coburg area and are always a welcome addition to our functions. They would like to thank all of you who have made them feel so welcome and to tell you they love all of you.

THELMA SHEPHARD, Reporter Pro-Tem

DISTRICT 7

Our June 9 jam at Gresham brought a good turnout of fiddlers and an appreciative audience. Thank you, Gary and Anne Evans, Forrest Jacklin and Dulcie Fast for all the time and energy you put in to make the past year a success for Dist. 7. We start the new year in good shape financially and with many new members to add interest and variety to our shows.

WE WILL NOT HAVE DISTRICT JAMES IN JULY OR AUGUST so we can all have time to participate in the State functions and make them a real success. Don't forget the Vernonia campout July 17 thru 20. Also mark Aug. 14 on your calendar for the shows at the Clackamas County Fair in Canby

HELEN HAKANSON, Reporter

DISTRICT 8

News from our district must, of necessity, be short this month. Almost all of our musicians have flown the coop, this week, and I have been too ill to take much heed of what's been going on. (Would have gone to Weiser with the rest, had I been able).

The benefit Jam at Rockaway was a huge success. A beautiful hall next to the beach - a beautiful day, an enthusiastic, generous crowd that overflowed the hall and surrounding yard, musicians from Dist. 6 and 7. Many thanks to all of you, and especially to St. Mary's By The Sea who furnished the hall and insisted that we keep all proceeds.

The Jam at Woodburn, June 9, was well attended and the dinner was especially delicious and well served, thanks to our wonderful ladies. Also our thanks to Co-Chair., Phil Emert, for an M.C. job well done.

Don't forget the Fish Fry in Yachats and jam following in Waldport on the 13th. Also the Campout at Vernonia 17th thru 20th.

I am so fortunate to have so many wonderful friends who are always so willing to give me a hand (or arm) and are always so genuinely concerned. May God bless every one of you as He has blessed me.

MINNIE BENNETT, Reporter

DISTRICT 9 No news

Jeannie Morris reports that there are many free concerts in the River Park at Albany during the summer months. A picnic lunch may be purchased there each time, or bring your own. Three upcoming concerts may be of special interest to fiddler members. Bluegrass/Newgrass, Berline, Crary & Hickman will be there Thurs., July 18. The Sawtooth Mountain Boys (traditional bluegrass music) will play Thurs., August 1st, and our very own HOLLIS TAYLOR and her band will perform bluegrass and country swing on Thursday, August 29th. Dinner is offered for sale each time at 6:00 and concert begins at 7:00. In case of rain, concerts will be moved to LBCC Forum Bldg.

Lee Jones got home with the wrong bow recently. The accidental "switch" might have been done at Rockaway or at the Lebanon Strawberry Festival. If anyone finds they have the runaway bow, please contact Lee by phoning 843-3638 or writing him at 930 W. Main, Sheridan, OR 97378.

Notice..... Helen Bogh, who has been a member of the OOTFA, passed away May 5, 1985. She was well known in the Sheridan area.

District 5 was saddened with the passing of Les McLeod on June 22nd. Les was the heart of fiddling for many years in Dist. 5. He served the organization as an officer and as a faithful participant. His jolly twinkle and laugh and his fiddle tunes will be missed. We all want to extend our sympathy and our encouragement to Barbara.

LEW HOLT

FLASH NEWS!!! There will be 650,000 paper bags coming out this week at the Fred Meyers Stores all over the west coast with our name on them, along with advertising the TIMBER CARNIVAL activities. We will also be in the TV Guide state-wide and some radio spots (lots of advertising for our association).

The TIMBER CARNIVAL, July 6th, begins at 2:30 p.m. There are 2 ways into the park, but they want us all to go to one entrance where you will be required to present your OOTFA Membership Card to get in. Directions to Timber Linn Park: Coming from north or south on Freeway, get off at Hwy.20 and go east 1/2 block then north. On the corner you will see Tikana Lodge. Turn left on Price Rd and keep going to park entrance. Present your card and they will show you where to park.

BOHEMIA DAYS SPECIAL!! Those of you who would like to camp overnight may camp at the south edge of town on the west side of Hwy 99 just before you get to the bridge. Or you may also camp free at Schwarz Park on the SW edge of Dorena Res. Take 1st C.G. exit & turn left under overpass. Follow signs to Dorena & take a right at Andersons grocery. The park is 1/2 mi. past, on left. Bathrooms & hot showers, water and dumping station provided.

TS: The richest person is not the one who has the first dollar they ever earned, but the one who still has their first friend.

NOTICE: There have been a few more changes in the U.S. Postal Service. I desperately need addresses for these people who have moved and their Hoedowners can't be delivered: AL MASON, Roseburg, ROBERT HINCH, Medford, BRUCE MOORE, Portland, JAMES TOUSSAINT, Los Angeles.

For those who have recently moved, the P.O. has been returning your Hoedowners 2 or 3 times (even with an extra stamp I put on) but I hope to clear this with them right away. The main problem has been with their hand stamping ("Return to Sender") and forwarding address labels. The P.O. sorting machines pick up the special ink on them and shoot them all back to me, regardless of what I do, or what the Postmaster says. Anyway, those of you who did not get your June Hoedowners, please excuse, and we should catch up OK this issue. It really helps a lot if you let me know in plenty of time when your address changes, so I can catch it at the printer's before they mail.

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To the editor,

Please inform our members that we are working very hard to get fiddling and old-time music in the public schools and community colleges. We already have several teachers teaching the method in music stores and Suzuki classes and two teachers are applying to offer group fiddle classes at the community colleges in Bend and Klamath Falls. However, there must be dozens of other facilities to offer such classes in the Northwest! If you know of any one who might be interested in teaching part-time this fall, would you please have them contact Greg Baker for assistance? Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

Gregory N. Baker

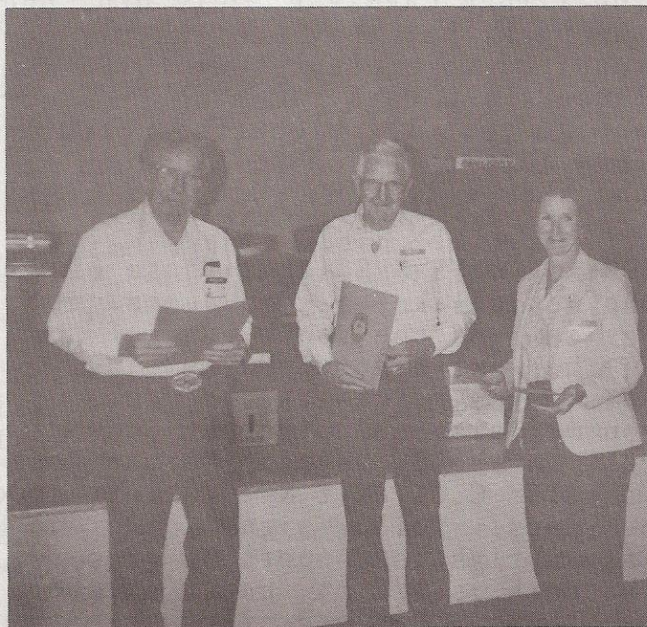
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Co-Chairman: Celia Sipinen, not present

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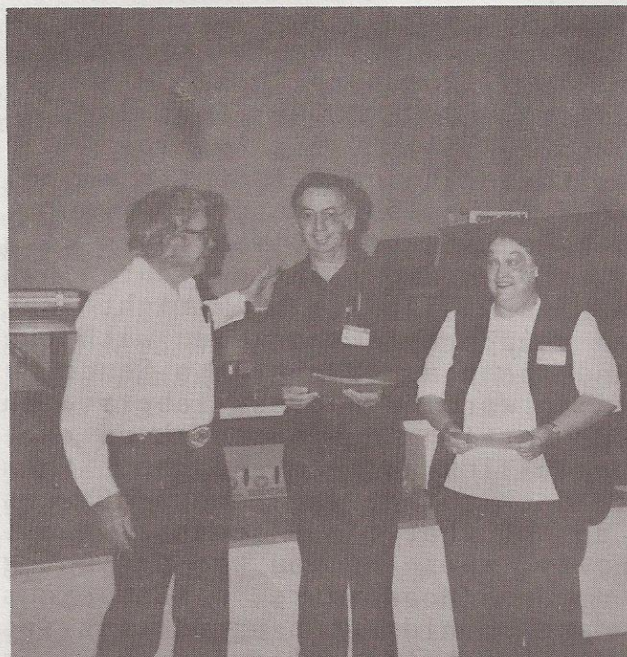
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Co-Chairman: Don Hanson, not present
Sec/Treas: Winona Spatz

DIST. 4



Chairman: Dave Winkleman
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Sec/Treas: Mona Givens, not present

DIST. 5

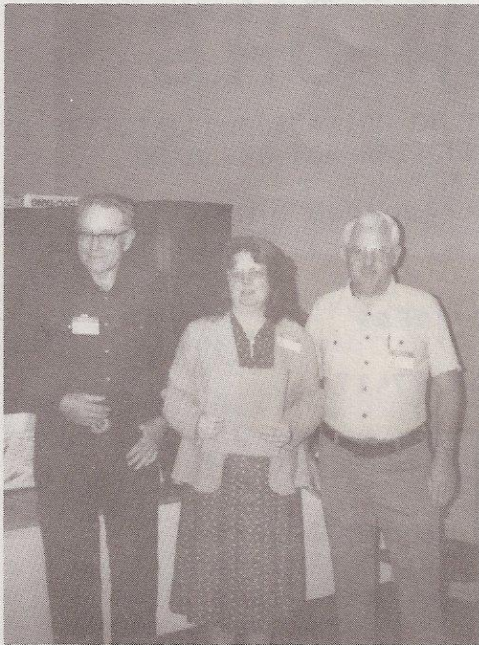


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Co-Chairman: Al Lively, not present
Sec/Treas: Farbara McLeod

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DIST. 6

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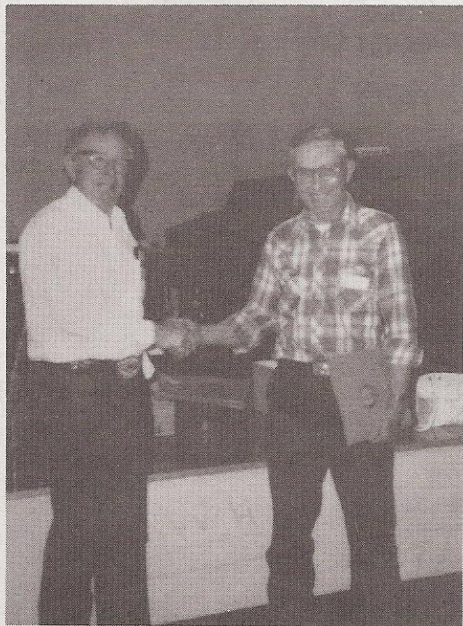
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Co-Chairman: Forrest Jacklin
Sec/Treas: Myrtle Arnold

DIST. 8

DIST. 9



Chairman: Lee Jones
Co-Chairman: Don Wood, not present
Sec/Treas: Joyce Crump, not present



Chairman: Brick Callaway
Co-Chairman: Pat Scott
Sec/Treas: Margaret Teague, not present

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