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| COMING EVENTS | SEPTEMBER 1985 | DISTRICTS |
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| Sept 7 | Benefit Jam for Civic Center | Drain 4,5,6 |
| | Important BUSINESS MEETINGS for Dist 4 & 6 | before lunch |
| 13 | Jam at 1:30 Bend Sr. Center | Bend 3 |
| 14 | Harvest Festival, City Park | Talent 4 |
| 14 | Fiddle Workshop, City Hall | Springfield 6 |
| 14 | Jam, Senior Center | Coos Bay 5 |
| 15 | Potluck & Jam, Moose Lodge | Eugene 6 |
| 15 | Jam, Gladstone Sr. Center | Portland 7 |
| 15 | Jam, Salem Sr. Center | Salem 8 |
| 20 | Linn County Fair (6 to 9) Workshop Benefit | Albany 6 |
| 21 | Harvest Festival | Harrisburg 6 |
| 22 | STATE MEETING, Bend Sr. Center | Bend OOTFA |
| 28 | Cranberry Festival, Parade & Dance | Bandon 5 |
| 29 | Cranberry Festival, Jam | Bandon 5 |
| Oct 2,3 | Fiddle Workshop, Sheldon High School | Eugene 6 |
| 20 | Jam, American Legion Club | Lebanon 6 |
| Nov 10 | STATE MEETING | Woodburn OOTFA |

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

What a busy month we have had with the District and State Activities, and it's not over yet! It has been good, though -- hasn't it? Thanks to those who helped out in the County Fairs. We really appreciated all the fiddlers, accompanists, singers and associates that made the things happen. The next important state event will be our first 1985-86 State Executive Board Meeting which will be held in Bend, Oregon, September 22nd, hosted by Districts 3 & 9. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. In the meantime, those not involved can visit and jam. There will be a POTLUCK at 1 p.m. and public Jam at 2 p.m. Anyone wishing to come early can camp overnight. Parking will be available for self-contained rigs. There is an evening Jam planned for Sat. night. Please bring finger foods. This is the first meeting for the new officers, so we'd like to see a representative from every district. Any others who would like to come to potluck and jam are welcome. The more the merrier! The Senior Center is at 1036 N.E. 5th, in Bend. Since I am also a member of Dist. 6, I'd like to mention the Albany County Fair Benefit to be held September 20, from 6 to 9 p.m. This is a benefit to help pay for the Workshops to be held in Springfield and Eugene. Please see Dist. 6 news for details. We would appreciate any help.

For planning ahead, mark November 10th on your calendars for the 2nd State Quarterly Executive Board Meeting that will be held in Woodburn, with Districts 7 & 8 hosting.

Guess this is it! See you around someplace! God Bless.

MAXINE BENSON

A little note from Penny & Ed,
"I'd like to thank all you lovely people who came to the hospital to sit with my family and myself through those critical days and all the wonderful cards, letters and phone calls. My children were amazed at how many friends really cared. It has been hard and still is, but Ed is getting around some and the doctors are trying to find a medicine that will safeguard him against any more of the cardiac arrests. We haven't given up. We care about all of you and thank you all for the many years of pleasure and happiness the old-time Fiddlers has given to us and we look forward, hopefully, to more. Also thank you, Ruth Jones, for the painting of the lovely card. I will frame it and keep forever and thank everyone who signed it.

Your friends,
PENNY & ED

DISTRICT 1

Sept. Jam Session, Lakeview; same time as always. Call Faye Patterson or Al Nelson for information.

Playing at the Tulalake Fair Friday, any time. Stage #2. Call Faye about time to play as all will be needed at different times.

Sat. 1:30 p.m., again at 3:00 p.m., Sun. 11:30 a.m., again at 5:50 p.m.

Mon. 12:00 Noon, again at 3:00 p.m.

Thurs. night OTFA fun night at Shasta Grange, Sept 5th, 6 to 9 p.m.

At the August Fun Night there were 15 raring to go fiddlers gathered for the evening of enjoyment and fellowship at the Grange Hall.

It was nice to have Violet Hackenburg and fiddle back again after being crippled with an injured knee. She and her good friend, Minnie Springer, make a beautiful pair. They are young Seniors, about 80 and over and a joy to be with. They can sure make beautiful music in the old hymns they play. We appreciate them in our group as we do all the fiddlers and accompanists, others who play other instruments and those who sing or work to put coffee and finger foods out to the people. Also the ones who handle the equipment or just want to listen.

We have two new members who joined in August: Anton L. Kadrmas and wife, Annamae, 11800 Tingley Lane Space #19, Klamath Falls, OR 97603. Please put it in your roster so we will have it and include them in the jams and other fun things. (Their ph. # is 882-3191)

No other news as of now.

ANNE JOHNSON & LOUISE POLLICK
Reporters

DISTRICT 3

The next Jam will be September 13 at 1:30 p.m. in the Bend Senior Center.

Dist. 3 will host the STATE MEETING at Bend in the Senior Center on Sept. 22. Co-Host will be Dist. 9. There will be a Pot-Luck meal. The weather should be more cooperative than last fall, so we are hoping for a great turnout. At our August Jam seven fiddlers began a lively afternoon of music. Then one pokey fiddler arrived just in time to make it in last place. The six guitar and banjo pickers backed the fiddlers in grand style. Peggy O'Neill

made her debut on the bass fiddle. She is learning real well and did a fine job.

Our prayers are being said for Orlo and Hazel Flock's granddaughter. She is seriously ill and in the hospital in Seattle.

Travelers Tom and Betty O'Neal and Vollie and Lois Chisholm are home after spending some time in Texas, California and Washington. We're sure glad to have you back safe and sound. Also we are happy to report that Lois is feeling some better.

Several out-of-town visitors were in the audience for the jam. They hailed from Independence, OR (Dick and Irene Cokeley), Estacada, (Delver Zenor), Salem, (Pearl Cokeley), California (Mr. & Mrs. Mozanti). Dean W. Smith, Gladys Nordby and Darleen Nauglit from a Bend Home Care Facility also joined the audience.

Congratulations to Bob and Bertie Hawes who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this month. They still dance very nicely together and we hope they will celebrate many more anniversaries. Just think if they can celebrate their 75th anniversary they will get a personal letter from the President of the United States, and wouldn't that be something to tell your grandchildren!!

DON'T FORGET TO ATTEND THE STATE JAM SEPT. 22!!!

Dist. 3 fiddlers will play for the Crook County Fair Friday evening August 16th at 7:30 and by the time you read this report all that good music will be echoing through the hills.

MARGE NIMMO, Reporter

DISTRICT 4 NORTH

North Dist #4 is alive and moving right along as usual. We are playing at three different nursing homes in Roseburg, as well as the Veteran's Hospital once a month, and for a Senior Citizen dance at least once a month. We miss Bill and Gladys Washburn, as they went to Anchorage, Alaska, to see her daughter. Then Ed and Billie Doolittle went to Colorado country to visit relatives. And Glen and Jessie Brown flew to Juneau, Alaska, to visit their son and family and Glacier Bay...brought some fish home, too! It was a busy time at the Bare reunion, where the fiddlers played for dancing. We would have to get the one-day-flu, on the one day that we wanted to go to the Jam at Tri-City. Sorry to miss it. We are looking forward to the Contest at Canyonville Pioneer Days. It should be a real nice time, as usual, and also at Warwicks Campout, where we always have a great time.

GLEN A. BROWN, Reporter

DISTRICT 4 SOUTH

Sept 7 Benefit for Civic Center, Drain With Dist. 5 & 6
14 Harvest Festival, City Park, Talent

Those members who were able to attend this district's picnic at Falmerton Park on Sun., Aug. 11, had a very enjoyable picnic meal at noon and an afternoon filled with jamming and visiting. Sorry more of you couldn't have come and joined in. A big vote of gratitude to those who put so much effort and work into the project.

Please refer to the Aug. Hoedowner for information on Sept. 7th Benefit & meeting and the Talent Harvest Festival on Sept 14th. Plans are not confirmed for October jam at the time of this publication.

Congratulations, Ortha (Tex) and Chris Looper upon your Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Condolences are extended to the wife and family of Henery (Hank) Wobbe, who passed away Aug. 12th, following a long illness. At the family's request, any contributions may be sent to the "Hank Wobbe Trophy Award Fund" to 710 Niantic St, Medford, Oregon 97501.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Fred Samples, following recent surgery, and, hopefully, Dusty Yancy can soon put up his crutches following a fractured foot. As this is an early report, we will have to catch up at a later date.

MARIAN JORGENSON, Reporter

DISTRICT 5

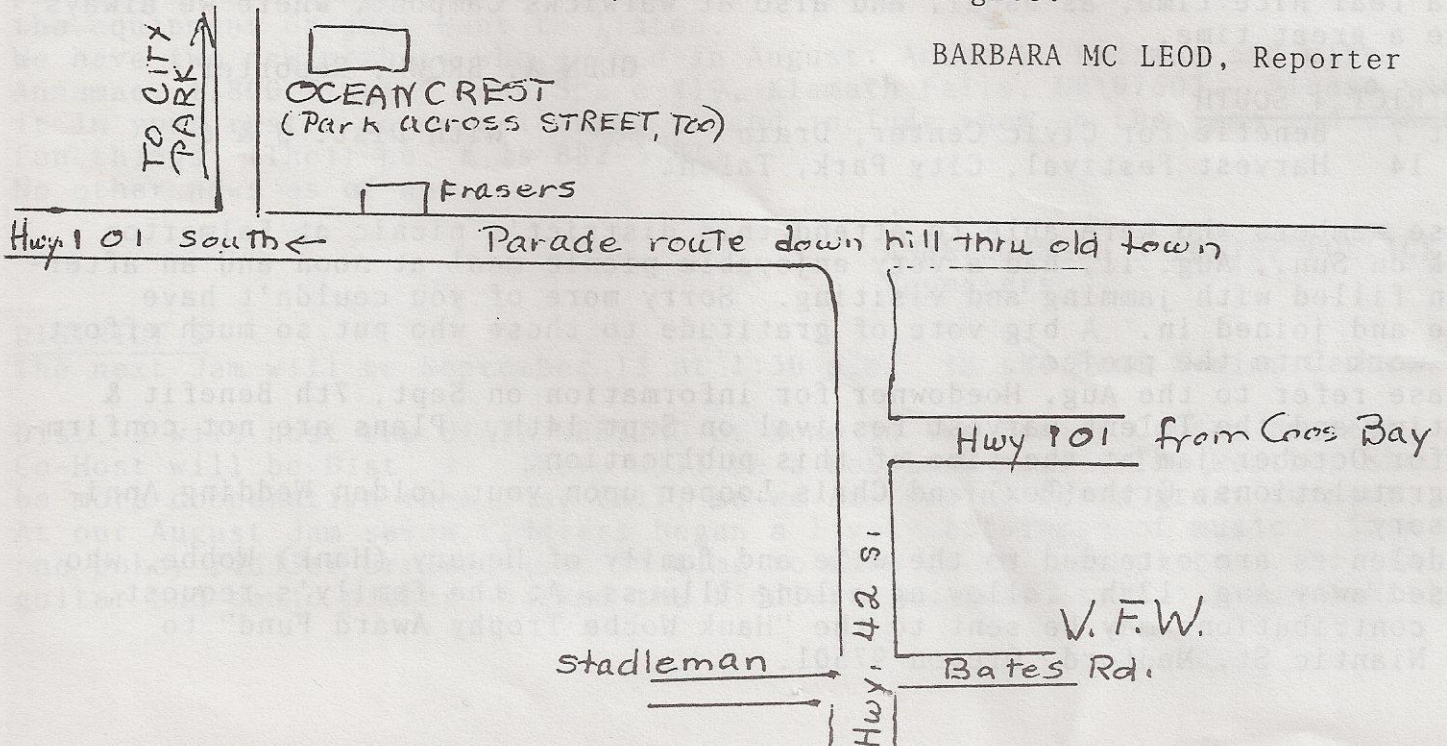
- Sept 7 Drain Benefit for Civic Center
- 14 Senior Center, Coos Bay
- 28 Cranberry Parade starts 10:00 a.m.
- 28 Cranberry Dance, New VFW Hall, 42 S. Bates Rd.
- 29 Cranberry Jam, Ocean Crest School - 1:00 p.m.

The Winchester Bay Jam on the 28th of July came too late for last month's Hoedowner. We want to thank all of the Fiddlers who came from all over to help us out. The hall was packed with people who came to hear the fiddle music. Their enthusiasm and the fiddlers', (and good back-up) made it a great afternoon of good old time music. I sure heard a lot of good comments. August 4th we were back at Greenacres. Never underestimate an August Saturday night. We had a good crowd. Nine fiddlers and six backup supplied the music and Don Mattix also gave us some good harmonica music. Then on the 10th we gathered at the Senior Center in Coos Bay for their dance. Eight fiddlers and eleven back up musicians played. We would like to welcome Lila Burns as a new member, as she is a good old fashioned accordian player. Thanks to Al Lively for being our good emcee.

September is our big month in District #5, so we will NOT go to Greenacres on the first Saturday. Instead, we are all invited to Drain to play. On the 14th we will play at the Senior Center in Coos Bay. Our Cranberry Festival in Bandon on the 28th is our pride and joy. Fiddlers, friends, and back-up are invited to be at the float at 9:00 for judging. The parade will be at 10:00 through town. After the parade we will go to the park to play for the barbecue (and eat some good food). That evening we will go to the new V.F.W. Hall for a get-together and dance from 7:30 tp ;:"00 p.m. And then on Sunday, the 29th, we all want to be at the Ocean Crest Elementary School at 1:00 for our jam. We will have fiddlers from California, from all over Oregon, and probably a "bango" player from Washington. You all come--you hear!!

As a personal note I would like to thank everyone for the cards, letters, flowers, and condolences, when my husband, Leslie McCleod, passed away. It was a great comfort to know we had such wonderful friends, in a time of need. Again, thanks to everyone for their thoughts.

BARBARA MC LEOD, Reporter



DISTRICT 6

- Sept. 14 Fiddle Workshop, Springfield City Hall, Rm. 321, 12 to 4
1:00-2:30 Beginning Fiddle
2:30-4:00 Intermediate/Advanced
- Sept. 7 Benefit Jam, Drain Civic Center, Drain
- Sept. 15 Jam (potluck) Moose Lodge, 12th & Chambers, Eugene
- Sept. 20 Linn Co. Fair, 6 to 9 p.m., Albany
- Oct. 2,3 Fiddle Workshops in Eugene (Hopefully, Sheldon High School)
- Oct. 20 Jam, American Legion Hall, Lebanon

August kicked off with many hours of playing for the Springfield Broiler Festival. On the 4th, several members also played for the annual Elks' Picnic for 4 hours before going over to help out at the Broiler Festival in the afternoon.

Then the next week, several members traveled to Corvallis for the two days of playing for the Benton County Fair in Corvallis.

On August 14th, a lively group played for the Lane County Fair in Eugene for several hours. Highlight of the "Seniors' Day" playing was Jack Walker and Stan Gonshorowski "dancing" with the seniors who came in wheelchairs as an appreciative audience gathered around and danced, clapped in time, and cheered. We had many positive comments and several who want to join.

The following Saturday, Betty Canning, Kay Donathan, Walt Westberry and Thelma Shephard drove up to help out at the Polk County Fair at Rickreall. Different groups still continue to play at the rest homes.

The lively group that meets at the Thurston Grange every second Friday of every month (from 6 to ?) for potluck, playing and dancing resumed their monthly get-togethers this month. Come on over (same place, same date, same time each month until you hear otherwise) if you want to have a lot of jamming and a lot of fun!

For the Dist. 4, 5 & 6 Benefit Jam at Drain, Sept. 7, arrive at the Drain Civic Center at 10 a.m. There will be short business meetings for Dis. 4 & 6. Noon meal will be provided free for the first 100 musicians and their spouses. Others can purchase a meal at the barbecue or nearby restaurants. We were asked to give a head count of players, and this is what we came up with. See Maxine Benson for your meal tickets there.

We need all the help we can get playing for the Linn County Fair at Albany, Sept. 20th from 6 to 9 p.m. We will play from a 40 ft. covered van. This is a benefit to fund our fiddle workshops in Sept. and Oct. Take the first Albany Exit (coming from either north or south) and watch for signs which can be seen from the freeway. Proceed to 3051 S.E. Oakwood Ave. Entertainers must show their membership cards at the gate.

We hope to get our October Fiddle Workshops at Sheldon High School. Classes in fiddle will be held at the school on both days, with an evening performance on Thursday. We are also trying to organize a Workshop on Wed. evening for anyone unable to attend during the day. Please bring a fiddle and music stand if you can. This is not for children only. Adults are welcome. Books and tapes will be available at the end of each workshop for those interested. Buck Milligan is in charge, with Greg Baker as instructor. Call Buck or Maxine Benson for any further information and watch the local newspapers. OOPS!!! I forgot to include Vivian Steele and Stan Gonshorowski's names in the list of people who helped at our Fourth of July Celebration in Springfield. (TS)

STAN GONSHOROWSKI, Reporter

A note of "thanks". You'll never know the great boost you gave me with all your good wishes through cards, calls and flowers. I love you all and am sure I improved faster from the strength they imparted.

Very, very sincerely,
POCO BOYD

DISTRICT 7

Hi Folks! Our next jam will be Sun., Sept. 15, at the Gladstone Senior Center, 1050 Portland Ave., Gladstone. The doors open at 10:30, potluck at 12:00, and the show for the public is from 1 to 4 p.m.

Much appreciation for the folks who came home early from the Washington camp-out to help us out at the Tigard Town & Country Days. We had a good program. We had a real good turnout of fiddlers and back-up at the Clackamas County Fair in Canby. Some of us came early and stayed late. We had good audiences for both shows and everyone had a great time.

As you read in the last Hoedowner, I'll be reporting all the news that's fit to print (and if it fits we'll print it!). So if you have any items for the Hoedowner, please let me know. See you all in Gladstone, Sept. 15th!

JOANNE MINATO, Reporter

DISTRICT 8

Sept. 15 Jam Session, Salem Senior Center, Salem

We don't have much news to report this month as we skipped our jam for August, as usual, due to the Fair activities. Our next Jam will be at Salem Senior Center on Sept 15th. Doors open at 10:00, potluck at noon and program at 1:00. (Only warming ovens available for potluck).

Due to an illness in the family, our Co-Chairman, Don Woods, found it necessary to resign his position. According to my interpretation of the by-laws, the Chairman was required to appoint a replacement. So, consequently, Walter (Slim) Schultz was appointed to fill the unexpired term.

As this is being written at the Polk County Fair, I cannot tell too much about the turn-out, but, so far, it looks promising. We had a nice crowd who sat in the sun and sweated through two hours of our performance. At least the cold drink concession did well. I sincerely hope we can get our evening spot back next year.

LEE JONES, Reporting for
MINNIE BENNETT

EDITOR NOTE: Highlight of the afternoon performance at the Fair at Rickreall was Walt Westberry's "friend" who went up on stage with him every time Walt played. She didn't sing or play a note, but she was the most faithful little dog you ever saw, and kept Walt company all afternoon, as she usually does. Give her a "pet" for me, Walt.

THELMA

DISTRICT 9

Hi, most everybody in District 9 has been very busy this summer including vacationing. Hope everyone is getting rested up for a fun fiddling season. All are back from their vacations except for Irv & Susie Smith.

Due to so many gone, a small group, including Ruel Teague, Cliff Pratt, Nancy Blair and Stacey Reynolds had a Jam Session.

Margaret Teague, Paula, Stacey and Montie Reynolds were in Cannon Beach for Carol Ann Wheeler's workshop for fiddling. Stacey and Paula attended the class from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. all week long. We both learned a lot! Carol Ann did a fantastic job, we would recommend her workshop to all. Stacey, 8 years, was the youngest attending, and the oldest was 79 years old. We had a great time with all the people there, and are looking forward to seeing them again soon.

Our Harney County Fair and Rodeo is coming up Sept 3-8. We will be thinking about a float for the Parade.

A BIG THANKS to all the Oregon Fiddlers that came to the High Desert Contest to make it a big success. So long till next month,

PAULA REYNOLDS, Reporter

As I promised you, please add this list of new or renewed members to your Rosters: (I had so much to put in the Hoedowner, lately, I didn't have room)

Dennis & Thelma Allen, 406 Temple Brown Rd, Roseburg, OR 97470
W.F. "Tex" Ables, 324 Winchester, Reedsport, OR 97467
Jack & Vicki Allen, Rt 3 Box 17F, Gaston, OR 97119
Joe-Bob Alger, 1244 N.E. 2nd St, Bend, OR 97701
Jack & Karen Armstrong, 3030 Round Lake Rd, Klamath Falls, OR 97601
Frankie Barkley, 330 Winchester, Reedsport, OR 97467
Elmer & Ruby Barnett, 5504 SE Pardee, Portland, OR 97206
Juanita Baughman, 870 Anderson, Coos Bay, OR 97420
Mickey Betts, 180 S 9th St, Coos Bay, OR 97420
Stanley & Janice Bloom, 86179 Territorial, Veneta, OR 97487
Oscar & Tina Bolliger, Box 416, Garibaldi, OR 97118
Mark Bounds, P O Box 426, Carlton, OR 97111
James & Gladys Braskett, 5710 NE 102nd St, Vancouver, Wash 98686
Bob & Bonnie Bridgman, 2340 Eastport Dr, Coos Bay, OR 97420
Lester P. Broadwater, 1647 W Brown Ave, Roseburg, OR 97470
Leslie & Lila Burns, P O Box 5569, Charleston, OR 97420
Billie Carpenter, 726 Royal Ave #48, Medford, OR 97504
Homer & Violet Carter, 1825 S E 12th St. ST.210, Salem, OR 97302
James (Willis) & Edna Carter, 38655 Sodaville-Waterloo Dr, Lebanon, OR 97355
Robert & Marie Church, 5355 River Rd N #99, Salem, OR 97303
David & Beverly Coen, 39675 Baptist Ch. Dr, Lebanon, OR 97355
Mura & Helen Collins, 4143 S E Harvey, Milwaukie, OR 97222
Andrew & Julia Craw, Box ?, Alturas, Calif 96101
Dennis & Linda Cunningham, 619 N 54th, Springfield, OR 97478
Maggie Cushman, 420 N 4th St, Central Point, OR 97502
Alton & Fern Doan, 1241 23rd Ave #1, Sweet Home, OR 97386
Bryon & Thelma Dunaway, 34082 East Orchard Dr, Creswell, OR 97426
Joseph & Thelma Dylina, 3028 Bristow Rd, Grants Pass, OR 97526
Henry "Hank" & Mittie Edgmon, 38159 Weirich Dr, Lebanon, OR 97355
Chester & Alice Elliott, P O Box 993, Marcola, OR 97454
Clyde & Joan Ellis, 391 Ponderosa Lane, Grants Pass, OR 97526
Loren Eshleman, 1511 N E 152nd Place, Portland, OR 97230
Dave & Ellen Gibson, 246 Fanchin Lane, Umpqua, OR 97486
Stan & GiGi Gleason, 27875 S Hwy 213, Mulino, OR 97042
Melvin & Peggy Grant, 1195 Grant Creek Rd, Eddyville, OR 97343
Andrie & Donna Hall, 31047 S Hwy 213, Molalla, OR 97038
Doyle & Donna Hall, 82874 Bradford Rd, Creswell, OR 97426
Everett & Della Hall, P O Box 743, Creswell, OR 97426
W.W. "Dode" & Geneveive Hill, 4531 Franklin Blvd, Eugene, OR 97403
Rene Hill, 2105 S E Jefferson St, Albany, OR 97321
Robert & Loray Hannah, 3109 SE 21st Ave, Albany, OR 97321
Ray & Chrystal Hanson, P O Box 8407, Medford, OR 97504
Ruth Holmes, 1635 S 16th, Coos Bay, OR 97420
Robert & Lois Jenkins, 1031 Park St, Ashland, OR 97530
Hubert & Essie Johnson, 1005 Lillian St, Myrtle Creek, OR 97457
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Robert & Jerene Shaffar, 960 Jackson, Bandon, OR 97411
Lloyd & Esther Shriber, P O Box 2221, Eugene, OR 97402
Donald & Daisy Simons, 1311 S W Stump St, Dallas, OR 97338
Melvin & Jeannette Stephenson, 200 Wilson, Brownsville, OR 97327
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Wayne (Bill) & Norma Talburt, 1771 Doerner Rd, Roseburg, OR 97470
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Luella Wenger, 28940 Salmon River Hwy, Grand Ronde, OR 97347
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James & Pauline Winslow, 2024 Perri Place, Medford, OR 97504
Clyde & Florence Woodard, P O Box 154, Welches, OR 97067
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Ron & Linda Yung, 3533 Oak Grove Dr, Albany, OR 97321
Marvin Wallace, P O Box 628, Dallas, OR 97338

SPECIAL NEWS FLASH!!!! In case you are wondering about the special page in this month's Hoedowner, we figure if each of you gets a page filled with signatures and mails it to Mannie Shaw, we will have quite a "statement" to make to the Postal Service. If you think you can get more signatures, just make some Xerox copies of the petition before you get any signatures and get them filled up and mailed to Mannie. Let's try to put this across!!

Fern Schultz says she has some fiddles and an organ for sale. Anyone interested should call her at McMinnville, Ph 472-1256.

PETITION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A POSTAGE STAMP



Postmaster General, United States of America:

We, the undersigned, lovers of old time fiddle music, wishing to recognize the contribution of old time fiddle music to our national culture and to honor the many fiddlers who have so generously donated their time and talent to the entertainment of their fellow Americans, hereby request that a U.S. Postage Stamp be issued using the above illustration, which is the official logo of the National Old Time Fiddlers' Association.

Name

Address

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KEEP IN TUNE WITH THE WORLD

A recent article in the NOTFA paper talks about humidity and the "health" of your fiddle. In addition to the proper care of your instrument, the moisture in the air also contributes to its staying in tune. Probably one of the most important factors in group playing is that of everyone having their instruments tuned together. It is difficult enough for a group to maintain the identical notation and tempo while playing, but when someone is "out of tune" with the rest, the total sound can be disastrous.

In the first place, someone must determine what everyone must tune to, whether it be to the piano on stage (check it for pitch before making that decision), to pitch pipes or electronic tuners (which are the most accurate). Then check with each other after you think your strings are in tune.

When you first remove your fiddle from its case, you change it to a different temperature and atmosphere. The cased instrument may have been quite cool and come out into a warm room, or warm from being taken from your car in the summer heat and it comes out into a nice cool breeze. Any drastic change, from warm to cool or cool to warm, can have a distinct influence on the tuning. Maybe your fiddle was in tune last night, but it probably has gone through a minimum of 35 degrees (twice) in temperature changes since then.

Check your tuning pegs. Some fit just right and hold your tuning tightly, while others have a tendency to slip. You can apply a bit of bow resin inside to help keep them from slipping. Fine tuners are inexpensive, and worth their weight in gold, but their range is minimal if your pegs are slipping.

If you HAVE to play out in the sun, which we try to avoid, remember that top of your fiddle will be warmer, with the sun shining on it, than the bottom, and this can not only affect the tuning, but affect the finish on your instrument.

Now please don't anyone be offended, but if you have a known hearing loss be aware of the range of loss. If your problem is in the higher decibals (pitches) you will have difficulty hearing if your higher strings are tuned properly, and if your loss is in the lower decibals, your lower strings will be a tuning problem for you. Perhaps you could get another player to help double-check your tuning before you play.

And don't forget that just a lot of playing will change your tuning. Each time you pull that bow across the strings you are putting pressure and stretching them. And pressure can pull the strings out of tune. CHECK YOUR TUNING OFTEN, don't just tune once and forget it.

To sum up, be aware that moisture changes in the atmosphere, temperature changes, slipping pegs, inaccurate hearing and just plain playing can make a great difference in how your fiddle is tuned or stays in tune. So..... keep checking your tuning, and, for goddnes sake, KEEP FIDDLIN'!!!

NEWS FLASH: Heard from LEW & ALICE HOLT, who were in "Beatrice, Nebraska" on their way to the east coast. Wonder if they found the McDonald's there.

Another card from RUTH & DON LORING, finds them in Scranton, Pa. The card was from Osceola, N.Y., the "Home of the New York State Fiddlers Picnic and Fiddlers Hall of Fame.

It is now definite that FREETA COLTRIN, wife of JIM COLTRIN, has scheduled her total knee replacement for Sept. 15 at the Roseburg hospital. Since I don't have the exact address of the hospital, please send your good wishes to her home address, Rt. 1 Box 35, Oakland, OR 97462. Recovery will take about 2 weeks and I know your good wishes helped me recover faster. T.S. LeRoy Sims sez he's feeling as fit as his fiddle, and, for those who like to dance Country Western Swing, his band will be playing at the Philomath Rodeo Grounds Sept. 21, from 9 to 12 p.m. Dance floor is outside under the stars.

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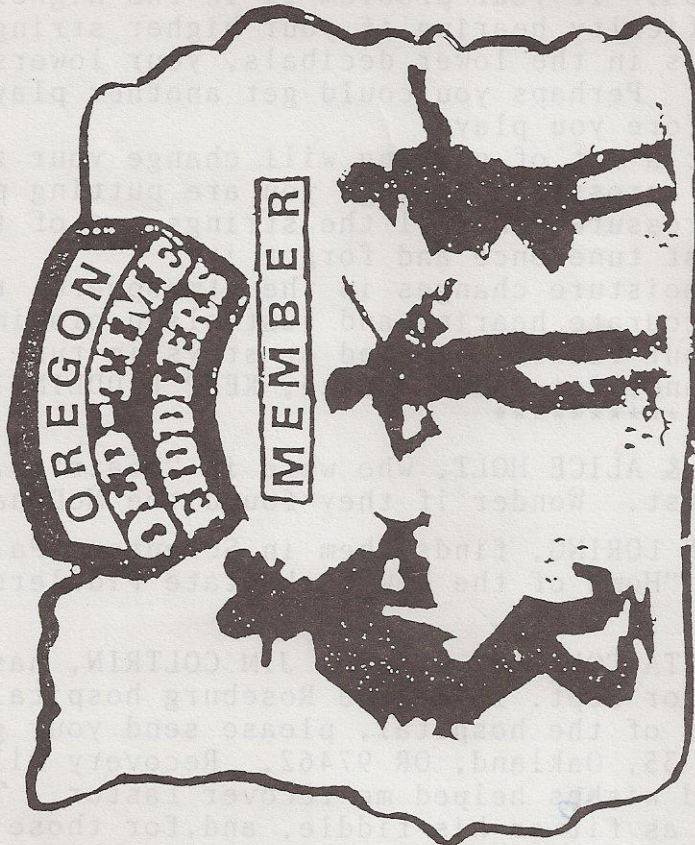
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