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COMING EVENTS		JANUARY 1986		DISTRICT
Jan	2	Fun Nite, Shasta Grange	Klamath Falls	1
	4	Dance, Greenacres Grange	Greenacres	5
	5	Jam, Tri-City Elem. School	Tri-City	4
	11	Dinner, Midland Comm. Hall	Klamath Falls	1
	12	State Meeting & Jam, N. Bayside Grange	North Bend	OOTFA
		Co-sponsored by Dist. 5 & 6		
	12	Jam, Senior Center	Burns	9
	12	Jam, Canby Senior Center	Canby	7
	19	Jam, Fairgrounds	Klamath Falls	1
	19	Jamm Eagles Lodge	Albany	6
	19	Jam, Salem Senior Center	Salem	8
	25	Potluck & Dance, VFW Hall	Bandon	5
Feb	2	Jam, Central Point Grange	Central Point	4
	9	Mtng & Jam, Senior Center	Burns	9
	9	Jam, Milwaukee Center	Milwaukee	7
	23	Jam, American Legion Hall	Lebanon	6
Mar	13-15	Fairgrounds, STATE CONVENTION	Roseburg	OOTFA
May	9,10	Certified STATE CONTEST, High School	Lebanon	OOTFA
		*****TO ENTER YOU MUST BE A MEMBER 6 MONTHS PRIOR TO CONTEST DATE****		
		AND RESIDING IN OREGON. See By-Laws		
June	8	Strawberry Festival	Lebanon	6
		(Vernonia Campout Benefit)		
July	4	Timber Carnival	Albany	6
	13	Bohemia Days, C.G. High School	Cottage Grove	OOTFA
	16-20	Vernonia Campout	Vernonia	OOTFA
Aug	8,9	Benton County Fair	Corvallis	OOTFA
	16	Polk County Fair	Rickreall	OOTFA

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## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

When you read this, Christmas and New Year's Day will be over and another year will have dawned! 1985 was pretty good, wasn't it? And with our working together, 1986 can be a good one, too! Don't you think? So many of you sent beautiful Christmas Cards, thank you! That was very thoughtful of you. May God bless you all with warm memories of this past year - and wonderful moments in the year to come. Happy New Year from Walt and I.

TO THE MEMBERSHIP: Thank you one and all for making this such a fine organization! Hopefully, your NEW CARDS will be in the mail the first part of Jan. Some have already received them. Be patient! This membership is a very big

job! If I make errors, please let me know. As you know, only those who have applied in writing (LIFE MEMBERS & PAID MEMBERS included) will receive their cards in the first mailing. After that you will receive your 1986 cards as you apply for them. REMEMBER THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR GETTING YOUR NAME PRINTED IN THE NEW ROSTER IS JANUARY 31st. NOTE: Please give your name to your District Secretary if you wish a Roster. They will be given free this year and we will only be printing the number requested by Secretaries. We will not be mailing them unless you send postage - approximately 75¢ each.

SECRETARIES: Please get a list of those wanting rosters and turn it in by February 15th. We will only print the number applied for.

TO THE DISTRICT OFFICERS: Don't forget the 3rd State Executive Board Meeting in North Bend, January 12th. Districts 5 & 6 are hosting. See Dist. news for details. Your written reports are due this time! This will be our last meeting before the Convention in Roseburg, March 13-15, and I need to know the definite plans from each district. If you are unable to have a representative there with your reports, due to bad weather or whatever, please mail your reports to me, preferably before the 12th. Thanks!

Just want to tell all of you that YOU ARE A GREAT BUNCH TO WORK WITH and I appreciate you very much. Thank you for your cooperation in 1985. Looking forward to '86. God Bless.

MAXINE

P.S. Welcome back from Europe this month to Wayne & Mary Holmes! We missed you. Hope to see you the 12th! Your job as Chairman of "Who-Can-Play at Paid Fair Committee is waiting for you!

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#### DISTRICT 1

Greetings from our District. Looks like we have made it through another year and hope it was a good one for you all. It was to us. The fiddlers played two afternoon sessions on Saturdays through the Christmas Holidays in the Shasta Plaza in Klamath Falls. Dec. 21 we had our Christmas dinner and party. There were 45 or 50 who enjoyed a turkey & ham dinner, then old Santa stopped by and we had a gift exchange followed by plenty of good fiddling and some fancy dance steps. Jan. 2nd will be fun night at 6:30 at the Shasta Grange Hall in Klamath Falls. On Jan. 11th, fiddlers will play at 7 p.m. for the 2nd Annual Goodwill Dinner of the Southern Central Fur Takers (Chapter 11B) at the Midland Community Hall. It will be a potluck, so bring a vegetable or dessert dish. There will be door prizes and donations will be taken for the Mission. Everyone is welcome. Sunday, Jan. 19th, our Jam will be at the Fairgrounds in Klamath Falls. Business meeting at 1 p.m. and fiddling starts at 2 p.m. Come join in the fun. Fiddlers will play for the nursing homes at 2 p.m. on Jan. 26th. I want to say Thanks to the ladies who made our Christmas party so enjoyable, and for the nice centerpiece someone made. I was one of the lucky ones. It is beautiful. Hope everyone had good Holidays with families or friends, and may the love of Christ be in our hearts this coming year.

LOUISE POLLICK, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 3

We held our Christmas Potluck at the Senior Center Dec. 8th. About 35 people enjoyed a turkey and ham dinner prepared by Bernie Hansen and Winona Spatz. There was so much food they ate again at 5 p.m. Those who were too ill to attend sure missed a good time. We were happy to see Jim & Marjorie Neely back with us - we will be enjoying his music again. Also, Betty & Tom O'Neil have returned from a stay in Texas. Missed them. Iris Buckles was back after recuperating

from surgery - she loves to dance to the music of the fiddlers. Kathleen Corliss is celebrating her 92nd birthday. She danced with Harry Kraner - nice going. There were 7 fiddlers and 7 accompanists. At intermission, refreshments of cake, cookies, coffee and punch was served. Special music was some nice harmonizing by Don Hansen and Don Hanna, accompanied by Chess Fullerton, and 2 harmonica numbers by Art Crouch from Redmond.

We had no jam in November, due to so many people out of town.

In November, Tony Spatz placed 4th among 26 contestants in the OTF Western Open at Redding, Calif. Nice going, Tony!

We wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. A very nice banner was made for the OTF by Christine Hopkins to use in the personal appearances and parades. Thanks, Christine.

THELMA TERRILL, Substituting for  
Marge Nimmo, Reporter  
(Marge is ill today)

#### DISTRICT 4N

From the North end of Dist.#4, everything is ab out as usual. The fiddlers are playing for the usual nursing homes. We are planning and looking forward to the jam at the Tri-City school on the 5th of Jan. I hope there will be a big crowd there. We would like to invite anyone to our house the night before (Saturday night) Jan. 4th, for a jam just for the fun of it.

GLEN A BROWN, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 4S

Jan 5	Tri-City Elem. School	Tri-City
Feb 2	Central Point Grange Hall	Central Point

New Year's Greetings to all from our district. We had a very nice Christmas Party in Rogue River Dec. 1st. As always, plenty of delicious food and lots of good music to entertain us. Bad weather and illness kept many away. Dorothe Rogge was the lucky winner of a huge white panda door prize. Amy Rogge drew the lucky number. (Your mom was real pleased).

For our Jan. 5th potluck, please bring a dish, table service and BEVERAGE, as we will have no kitchen facilities there. After a short meeting at 11 a.m., doors will open to the public at 1.

We will have a very important meeting at our Feb. 2nd jam. Doors will open at 10 a.m. and meeting will start promptly at 11. The Central Point Grange Hall is at 5th and Pine Street in Central Point. This is our election day and we need candidates. Please plan to attend, as there is lots of important business to discuss and decide upon. We need your input. Potluck will be at noon (we will have kitchen facilities) and doors will open to the public at 1 p.m.

Dave wishes to express his appreciation to Tommy Barkley for all the assistance he has given as Co-Chairman. It is great to have Dorene out and about after her surgery in late Nov. Our very best to you and others who have been ill.

MARIAN JORGENSON, Reporter

NOTE: After many years as news reporter for Southern Dist. 4, Marian is resigning as of Dec. 31st. Many many thanks, Marian, from all of Dist. 4, for a job well done as our Reporter. We appreciate you very much. The position as Reporter is now open for a volunteer.

DAVE WINKELMAN, Chairman

## DISTRICT 5

- Jan 4 Greenacres Grange Glenburgers at 6:00, music at 7:30  
12 STATE MEETING at 10, potluck at 12, jam at 1. North Bayside Grange, turn east at light on the north end of big green bridge north of North Bend  
25 VFW Hall in Bandon, potluck at 6:30 and dance at 7:30

Hope you had a very Merry Christmas. Thanks to all of you who sent cards to Dist. 5. Now we extend to you our sincere wishes for a HAPPY NEW YEAR and a lot of fiddling.

No moss grew on us in December. We were busy fiddling and enjoying the best winter weather on the coast for some time. Cool at night but the warm sunshine during the day couldn't be equaled (well, maybe in Brookings, but certainly not in the valley!)

We started the month off on Dec. 7th with a dance at Greenacres. We sneaked in a business meeting at 7. The membership voted to send in \$100.00 to the state for the Scholarship Fund. Was I proud! We are, also, going to get the piano tuned at the Bandon Nursing Home. At 7:30 we put the chairs away and had an evening of music and dancing.

The next afternoon we met at J.C. Penney's in Coos Bay and played from 12 to 2. I saw toe-tapping, nods and smiles of approval, and many a friendly wave. It really went over big with the shoppers. (We donated all of the proceeds to the Scholarship Fund).

On the 14th the gang returned to Coos Bay to the Senior Center for a dance and finger food. Another fun evening. I wish that you had been there, too.

It was Santa Claus time on the 21st at Greenacres. But before Santa came, it was time for a feast. The Grangers and fiddlers sure can fill a table with delicious food. The tables and chairs were put away and then we passed out the gifts. Everybody who had been good last year got a gift! About 8:00 we gave the call for all musicians on the stage and the music and dancing began. We had a good turn out but I am not listing the musicians this month to give Thelma room for the year-end business.

I want you to do me a favor. Mark January 12th on your calendar to come to North Bend to the state meeting and jam. To get to the North Bayside Grange just turn east at the north end of the big green bridge and go 3/8ths of a mile or so and the the grange hall is on the left. We really want YOU to come down and help us out. There are good motels in town but the Bay Bridge Motel is right there by the light at the north end of the bridge. Can we plan on seeing you at the grange?

LEW HOLT, Reporter

## DISTRICT 6

Our Dec. 15 Jam at the Lebanon Moose Lodge was a festive occasion with 31 main performers and their backup playing to a floor full of dancers after a great turkey dinner with all the trimmings. A business meeting was held before dinner. Bob Fast was a welcome visiting performer from Portland.

During December several groups played at various rest homes and other functions. Stan's group played for the City of Eugene's Christmas Party, Dec. 20, and at the Olive Plaza's Nutrition Center's Open House, Dec. 16th. Other groups played for a luncheon at the Solvang Retirement Center, a church bazaar in Springfield, Celeste Campbell Sr. Ctr., Willamalane Sr. Ctr., North's Chuck Wagon & Peterson's Barn Indoor Winter Picnic at Oakridge and their Sr. dinner.

David Kohl played for a community concert at Lowell in the Grange Hall.

Someone left a large rectangular metal pan that had contained a deep-dish apple pie at the Thanksgiving dinner at Thurston Grange Hall. Who owns it?

Wayne & Mary Holmes last reported from West Germany in Dec. after a week's tour through Venice, Rome, Sorrento & Florence, Italy, coming back to Germany through the Swiss Alps. The Leaning Tower of Pisa might lean an inch more after

their visit, as Wayne thinks he has put on some extra weight. Maybe the good Italian food is what made it lean over in the first place. Hugh Doolittle is out of the hospital and making a recovery. He has regained quite a bit more use of his left arm and hand but not back to normal yet. However, he tries out his fiddle every day. At our Feb. 23rd jam in Lebanon, there will be a very important business meeting at 10 a.m. for the CONTEST COMMITTEE.

STAN GONSHOROWSKI, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 7

Jan 12 Jam at Canby Senior Center, Canby  
Feb 9 Jam at Milwaukie Center, Milwaukie

Hi Folks! First of all, here are the addresses for our up-coming jams. Jan. 12 will be at the brand new Senior Center in Canby. It's located at 1250 S. Ivy St., and is in the same complex as the Canby Swim Center. The Sr. Center doesn't have a sign yet, so look for the Swim Center sign and you'll know you're in the right place! There's also a big parking lot. Now here's how to get there --- if you're coming into Canby from the North, you would turn left at the first light. If coming from the south, it will be the last light and you'll turn right. That's Ivy St. The potluck's at 12, doors open at 11, & play from 1 to 4. Please remember to bring your own table service.

On Feb. 9, the Milwaukie Center is at 5440 SE Kelly Creek Drive and you take the Rusk Road Exit off the Milwaukie Expressway, #224. We will have a short business meeting at this jam, at which time we will need to be thinking about elections of new officers, so please try to be there.

We had a real good turn-out at our Christmas jam and enjoyed a delicious turkey and ham dinner with all the trimmings. Don't know which I like better, fiddling or eating! Wishing you the very best for the coming New Year and hope to see you all Jan. 12th.

JOANNE MINATO, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 8

Jan 19 Jam, Salem Senior Center Salem

Not much to report this month. Our Christmas party was a huge success, as usual. After partaking of a sumptuous turkey and ham dinner, a large, attentive audience enjoyed a fine musical program.

Thanks to all who came to help us - especially those who came from out of state. We're always happy to see and hear you. Special thanks to M.C.'s Slim Schultz and Bob Crump who entertained with humorous anecdotes between numbers. Our Sec-treas., Joyce Crump, lost her father recently. Sincere condolences from all of us, Joyce.

Don't forget the Jam in the Sr. Center at Salem on the 19th of Jan. Hope the weather is warmer and that everyone be in good health. A happy, prosperous New Year to you all.

MINNIE BENNETT, Reporter

TS: Would like to share a letter from Lee & Ruth Jones:

Dear Friends,  
Just thought I would let you know we arrived safely in San Antonio without incident. I have been here almost a week and I haven't heard "San Antonio Rose" one time. However, that may be corrected this weekend, as we found there is going to be a jam session this weekend and my grand-daughter is taking me. Hope to see y'all about the middle of January. Keep fiddlin,

LEE & RUTH JONES

DISTRICT 9

Jan 12 11 a.m., Jam, Senior Center

Feb 9 11 a.m., Annual Election of Officers, Senior Center

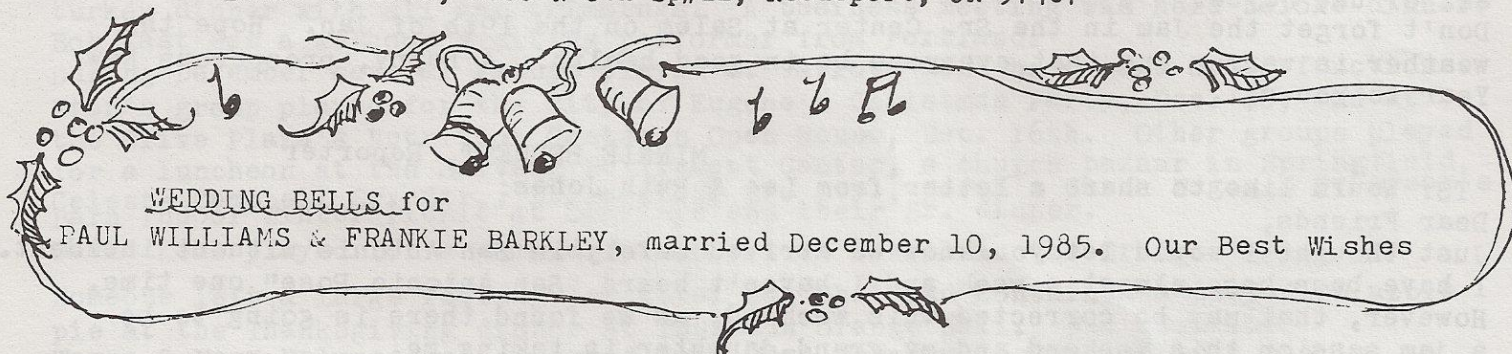
We had our Christmas Party, with turkey and all the trimmings at the Narney Co. Senior Center. Our group played for the afternoon. The following Monday, we played for the Burns Nursing Home. The older folks do enjoy that time we spend with them. We played at Our Hometown Pizza House on a Saturday. People coming in to eat seemed to enjoy it. We will be playing for the AAA at the Indian Village the 23rd. There will be a New Year's Dance at the Grange Hall, that we have been asked to play for. November, Stacey Reynolds was asked to go to Portland and play for the Oregon State School Board Assoc. Convention. Ruel Teague, grandpa, (guitar), and Paula Reynolds, mother (piano), played back up for her. We had a practice session and also discussion of our annual Fiddle Contest held in June. REMINDER: Annual election of officers will be held at our February Jam at the Senior Center, 11:00 a.m. Wishing all the Best of "86"

PAULA REYNOLDS, Reporter

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A BIG WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS:

Calvin & Velma Boyles, 1162 E St, Springfield, OR 97477  
Bus & Juanita Boyk, 16205 SE Stephens, Portland, OR 97233  
Jackson Butler, 5826 N Denver, Portland, OR 97217  
Linda Carver, 1164 Ellen St, Coos Bay, OR 97420  
Fred & Joan Coates, 6417 SE 15th, Portland, OR 97202  
John & DeeAnn Coussens, 844 NE Baldwin Dr, Hillsboro, OR 97124  
John & Marilyn Dober, Star Rt Box 665, Gales Creek, OR 97117  
Ken & Pam Egnatovich, 1014 Weston Place, Lakeview, OR 97630  
Joe & Micky Enneberg, P O Box 1095, Burns, OR 97720  
Glenn & Sue Fernley, 2926 NE 57th Ave, Portland, OR 97213  
L Perry & Bernice Forga, 907 Center St, Lakeview, OR 97630  
Pauline Fort, 1120 N 57th, Springfield, OR 97478  
Fred & Florence Grove, 1329 Montana Ave, Coos Bay, OR 97420  
Harold D Householder, P O Box 642, Reedsport, OR 97467  
Charles & Pearl Hurd, 826 Hazel St, Central Point, OR 97502  
Robert & DeeDee Kaiser, P O Box 8527, Coburg, OR 97401  
Vi Johnston, Highland Mobile Park #37, Reedsport, OR 97467  
Jim & Becky LeRoy, 21611 S Hwy 213, Oregon City, OR 97045  
Vincent & Mary Anne Lynch, 137 Cypress St, McMinnville, OR 97128  
James & Marjorie Neely, 60968 Lodgepole Dr, Bend, OR 97702  
Robert A Nisbet, 2337 Overton, Portland, OR 97210  
Wes & Lena Nivens, 618 Ivy St, Truth or Consequences, N M 87901  
James & Theresa Powell, 1943 N 2nd St, Springfield, OR 97477  
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Edna Lee Schulze, 268 G St Box 869, Lakeview, OR 97630  
Gene & Jackie Stephenson, 567 Leisure St, Woodburn, OR 97071  
Thelma Terrill, 61263 Benham Rd, Bend, OR 97702  
Wayne Walter, Rt 1 Box 452, Long Beach, WA 98631  
Ernie Wheeler, 1000 N 8th Sp#22, Reedsport, OR 97467



HELP!!! Either we have lost JOHN EPLER or he has lost us. Last address was at 730 NW Dale in portland. Moved with no forwarding address. Mail is returned.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND: District #5 is the first district to give \$100.00 to the newly established Music Scholarship Fund! Thank you, District #5! But Dist. #6 is hot on your trail with a special money-making project. All the profits from that are to be given to this fund. Also, several individuals have given donations as they sent in their dues. Several were given in memory of Jim Morris. There will be a full report at the Convention.

The next Workshop will be possibly held in the Pendleton area. This should be a big boost to restoring Dist. #2 to activity. Thanks to the Emert family who recently moved there. The Emert boys are already teaching fiddle. These workshops are very beneficial, as you can see by the letter on this page that we received from one of our Lane County officials in Eugene.

Lane County



December 20, 1985  
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Recently I had the opportunity to listen to the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers who put on a workshop in Eugene, sponsored by the 4-J School District. I was very impressed with the turnout of more than 100 people, by the quality of the instruction and by the response from young violinists and fiddlers as well as happy parents.

The Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association exists to promote and keep alive a very important part of America's musical heritage. This unique form of music which is a part of our American experience is marvellously entertaining and almost universally touches a chord in the American consciousness.

As a parent of a violinist and as someone who participated in the Eugene workshop, I highly recommend schools and others to invite Howard "Buck" Milligan and the other oldtime fiddlers to perform in your community. My understanding is that Buck and the fiddlers association are available to put on workshops at schools throughout the State of Oregon. I would hope that you avail yourselves of this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Jerry Rust  
Lane County Commissioner

JR:cb

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HOLLIS TAYLOR has an excellent hour-long tape available through mail order at \$8.00 per tape (\$7.00 each when three or more are ordered). Send order to her at 2622 NE 19th Ave, Portland, OR 97212.

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FROM YOUR PAST PRESIDENT:

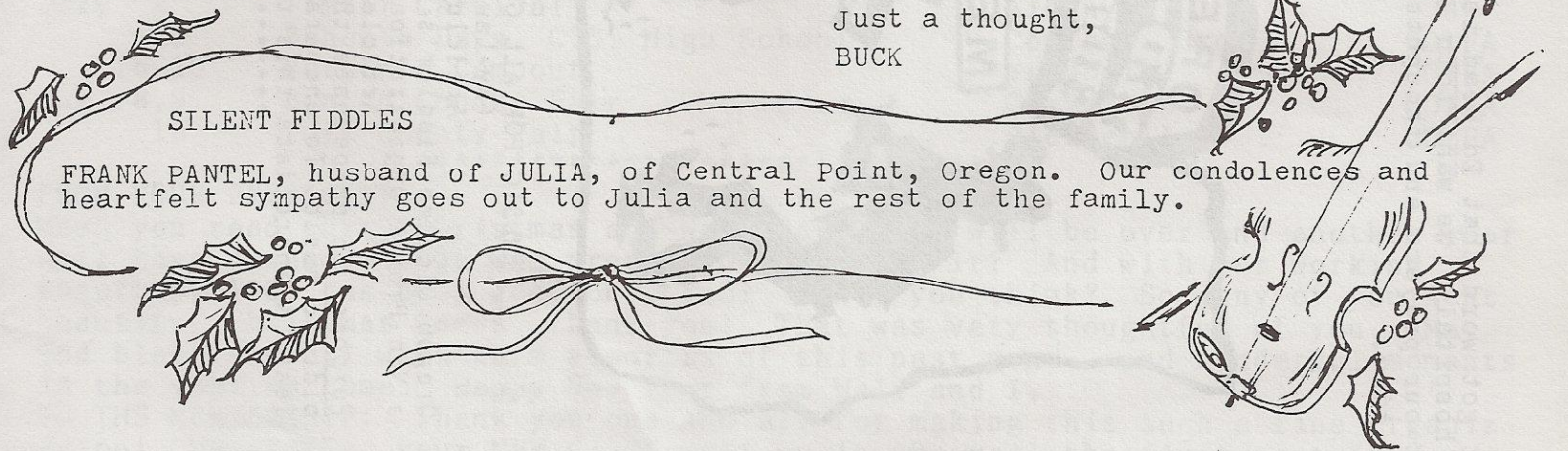
This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an immediate job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it. But Nobody did it. Somebody got angry because it was Everybody's job. And Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. So it ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Now if Nobody helps Anybody that is just awful  
But if Everybody helps Somebody and Anybody  
I'll bet Everybody would feel good like Somebody and Anybody  
And who wants to feel like Nobody?

Just a thought,  
BUCK

SILENT FIDDLES

FRANK PANTEL, husband of JULIA, of Central Point, Oregon. Our condolences and heartfelt sympathy goes out to Julia and the rest of the family.



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Just got word that Ed Mead is quite ill and in the hospital. We want both Ed and Penny to know that our prayers and thoughts are with them at this time.

THELMA



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(By-Law)

Article I

Oregon Oldtime Fiddler's Association, Inc.,

a Non-Profit Organization.

Article II

Purpose: To perpetuate the oldtime fiddling and oldtime music. To encourage the younger people to learn & appreciate this type of music.

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