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STATEMENT BY GOVERNOR VIC ATIYEH

In 1965 Oregonians revised their interest in fiddling when the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association was formed and chartered with 21 members. Since then they have incorporated as a non-profit organization. The purpose is to preserve the inheritance of oldtime fiddling and the fiddle music. Much of the fiddle music is not a reproduction of the tunes our grandparents played and sang, but often is the actual music and words, learned by ear, from generation to generation. The organization has now grown to over 600 families. They are family oriented and do their best to attract the younger family members through their monthly jam sessions, scholarships, music workshops in the public schools, and contests. All these activities are to encourage the youth to learn and love this kind of music.

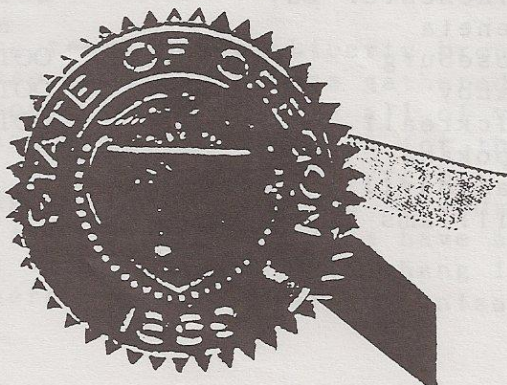
Fiddle music has always been a challenge to the finest musicians, and contests provide the necessary competition among fiddlers to keep the art alive. The Annual State Certified Fiddle Contest provides an opportunity for the sincere fiddler who is striving for perfection, to improve in a specialized way. Contestants of all ages work hard all year long to perfect and commit oldtime music to memory. They must have a variety of fiddle tunes prepared. In a contest, contestants are judged on the rhythm, timing, tone quality, and danceability of the tunes they play.

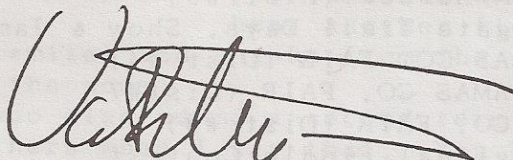
All of the Oregon contest winners, as well as those who do not compete in contests, are willing, when available, to perform for any occasion.

Therefore, as Governor, I hereby proclaim the second week of May, as

"OREGON OLDTIME FIDDLERS WEEK"

in Oregon in recognition of our fiddlers and accompanist and encourage citizens to support this part of our American heritage.




Victor Atiyeh
Governor

THE HOEDOWNER

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 "Not for Adults Only", but with music for all generations.
Purpose: To perpetuate the Oldtime fiddling and Oldtime music.
 To encourage the younger people to learn and appreciate this type
 of music.

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ANNUAL DUES FOR ALL MEMBERS IS \$12.00, DUE JANUARY 1, EACH YEAR.
 (The Pro-rated \$6.00 membership dues, after July 1, for NEW MEMBERS ONLY)

MAY 1986

COMING EVENTS			DISTRICT
May	1	Fun Nite, Shasta Grange	Klamath Falls 1
	3	Dance, Greenacres Grange	Greenacres 5
	4	Jam, Jerome Prairie Comm. Hall	Jerome Prairie 4
	9,10	CERTIFIED STATE CONTEST (See Contest News)	Lebanon OOTFA
	10	Dance, Senior Center	Coos Bay 5
	14	Pony Village Mall	North Bend 5
	18	Jam, Fairgrounds	Klamath Falls 1
	18	Jam, Svenson Grange	Astoria 7
	18	Jam, Senior Center	Burns 9
	24	Azalea Festival	Brookings 5
	25	Eagles Lodge (Note date change)	Albany 6
June	1	STATE QTRLY MEETING, WORKSHOP, JAM Live Oak Grange (See Dist. 4 news)	Rogue River OOTFA
	8	STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL (Vernonia Benefit)	Lebanon 6
	16,21	NATIONAL FIDDLE CONTEST	Weiser, Idaho Weiser C of
	22	Jam, Pioneer Picnic (Park)	Brownsville 6
	26, 28	High Desert Fiddle Contest	Burns 9
	29	Jam & Lunch, Eagles Lodge	Corvallis 6
July	5	TIMBER CARNIVAL	Albany 6
	10,13	Campout, Albertson's Reservoir	Lakeview
	13	FIDDLE SHOW, Bohemia Days	Cottage Grove OOTFA
	14,25	Fiddle Workshops (See workshop news)	Cannon Beach
	16,20	CAMPOUT	Vernonia OOTFA
	27	SALMON Harbor (Dist #5)	Winchester Bay OOTFA
Aug	3	Applegate Trail Days, Show & Jam	Veneta 6
	6	DOUGLAS CO. FAIR (Dist #4)	Roseburg OOTFA
	13	CLACKAMAS CO. FAIR (Dist#7)	Canby OOTFA
	16	POLK CO. FAIR (Dist #8)	Rickreall OOTFA
	12,16	NW Regional Fiddle Contest	Spokane
	23	Fiddle Contest	Canyonville
	24,31	CAMPOUT, Warwick's	Williams

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

We sure have a "fully-packed" Hoedowner this month. Just proves you all are doing things! Meant to tell those of you who did not attend the Convention in March that you are "stuck" with the same slate of State Officers for another year! (Due to the change in our By-Laws, we were able to keep our very capable Secretary-Treasurer, GYNN DEATON). We had a very good Convention, thanks to all the Districts and their people whose hard work made all this happen. Our next year's Convention will again be in Roseburg, MARCH 26, 27, 28th. THE DEATON'S have agreed to do the catering again. Isn't that wonderful!! Thanks, Jim and Gynn.

District #4 also got the ROSEBURG COUNTY FAIR - AUGUST 6. CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW ASSISTANT CO-CHAIRMAN FOR DISTRICT #4 N, MIKE BOOHER!

Lots is happening on the contest at Lebanon May 9th and 10th. See Contest News on inside last page for details on this. We have sure had lots of help and we certainly appreciate all of it.

WAYNE HOLMES has agreed to be the FAIR DIRECTOR FOR THE STATE FUNCTIONS.

If you need any help just let him know. He can advise you or come and help. He is a good emcee but would only be available for that if you were unable to get one from your own District. So far, the following Districts have secured a State Function of some kind: Districts 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8. Those who have not been able to get a State Function together, contact Wayne. Maybe he can help.

NOW ABOUT THE WORKSHOP for all in-coming officers and anyone else wishing to attend. It will be JUNE 1 at Rogue River. Districts #1 & 4 will co-host. This is our last quarterly State Meeting for this fiscal year. Please see Dist. #4 news for details. PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN of the new officers for the July Hoedowner, so please come! It is nice to "see" who you are, especially for the new members.



Did you notice the PROCLAMATION! Isn't that great!

LEW HOLT, LEE JONES & JOEY MCKENZIE received this at a public presentation from the Governor. Lew writes:

"On April 8, 1986, Gov. Victor Atiyeh proclaimed Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Week to be observed May 4 through 10th. Lee Jones, Joey McKenzie and Lew Holt, along with "photographers" Ruth Jones and Alice Holt, witnessed the signing of the proclamation.

The governor told the other onlookers how pleased he was that the fiddlers played at the birthday party his staff held for him in February.

He said he would not sign the proclamation unless he could hear another fiddle song. A rousing rendition of Liberty brought smiles and thanks from the governor and

applause from the others gathered in the room. A personal note to thank all of you who elected me a second term. I'll do my best and I am sure I speak for the others when I say that. You have, no doubt, heard about Walt's recent illness...well, he is now much improved and playing a little with his friends. His illness almost caused me to resign my office, but the Doctors have assured Walt and me that would not be necessary at this time, so we'll hang in there and depend on all of you to help when and where you can. This organization would surely fall apart without the fine

cooperation that has been displayed in the past. Thanks again, to all of you for your cards and letters of encouragement, flowers and plants and, most of all, for your prayers. We love you very much. God Bless,

WALT and MAXINE

When you go to the Fiddle Contest, please take note of the beautiful banner RUTH JONES has made for our state. It will be on display over the Trophy Table. A very special "Thank you", Ruth.! It is beautiful!!!

DISTRICT 1

April greetings from our district! Hope all's well with the world!

April 13 was a good jam day. There was a large crowd and an enthusiastic bunch of musicians. They had it bad and that was very good!!!

Different ones have been fiddling for different places during the month.

May 1st (6:30 p.m.) will be Fun & Fiddling Nite at the Shasta Grange. The one we had in April was well attended and it was hard to quit and go home!

May 18 will be Jam day again at the Klamath Falls Fairgrounds. There will be a business meeting at 1 p.m. and the music starts at 2 p.m. with the public invited.

We are glad to know Minnie Springer and Ed McGinnis are both home and doing well from eye surgery.

We welcomed T.O. Baker, (as a new member) back in the Fiddling Circle, after his winter vacation in a warmer climate. That lad can sure make the fiddle talk!

Also a big "Hello" to Angie Weeks. We miss you in our fiddling group, but all your friends are glad you are doing so well in your new home. Angie's new address is: Angie Weeks, Good Samaritan Village, 1016 E 6th, Room 304, Alliance, Nebraska 69301. Hope she receives a lot of cards. Angie, we think of you often and want to say "Stay happy"!

LOUISE POLLICK, Reporter

DISTRICT 4 S

It was a gorgeous warm spring day for the beautiful drive down to Yreka on April 6 to make us appreciate what a great part of our country we live in. There was a good turn out both from Dist. 4 and the Yreka fiddlers, and an appreciative audience.

Our May 4 jam will be held at Jerome Prairie Hall. Take the second road left past Rogue Community College on Hwy 199. Meeting at eleven followed by potluck and open to public at one.

June 1 will be the state quarterly meeting, with Dist. 1 as co-host and our jam at the Live Oak Grange Hall in Rogue River. Turn right immediately at the railroad tracks, turn left at the first block, go a short block and the grange is on the right. Meeting will be at 10 a.m. sharp followed by a potluck and open to the public at one. Ham will be furnished by the State and it is suggested that those of us living close bring the type of food that is difficult for those coming from a distance to bring. Coffee will be furnished for this potluck. Parking space is quite limited at the grange hall, so RV's might wish to park overnight at the Valley-of-the-Rogue Park on I-5 about 3 miles south of Rogue River. Overnight parking with hookups is \$8.00 (Golden Age cards not good at state parks). There is easy access to the freeway both north and south. For those who wish, plenty of motels are available nearby in Grants Pass (about 8 miles north of Rogue River). Mike Booher has agreed to be Assistant Co-Chairman for North Dist. 4. Thank you, Mike!

Mark Eek is recuperating nicely in Rogue Valley Medical Center from open heart surgery. John Baldwin has been in Providence for over a week for tests. We were sorry to hear of Walt Benson's illness. Thanks to Walt or a number of people would have lost their sweaters (maybe their shirts!) at the Convention. Thanks for looking after them, Walt. A speedy recovery to all these good people and anyone else who has been ill.

DORENE WINKELMAN, Reporter

It is reported that Glenn Brown, Reporter from Dist. 4#N has been under the weather lately. Hope you're better, Glenn.

DISTRICT 5

May 3 Greenacres Grange Dance
May 10 Coos Bay Senior Center
May 14 North Bend Pony Village Mall
May 24 Azalea Festival District 5 Jam

Greetings from over on the coast. I want to start off with another advertisement. I found a few large envelopes (free) that the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers bumper stickers will fit in. "Tell you what I'm going to do." Send me a dollar and I'll send you a bumper sticker. Or send me as many dollars as you want and I'll send you that many bumper stickers. Dist. #5 will pay the postage. Now you can't beat that deal. I really appreciate your nice comments about the bumper stickers. They help show our pride in the OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION as we drive down the road or as we are parked in a shopping center.

We played three times in April. On the 5th the gang played at the Greenacres Grange Dance. On the 12th we met at the Senior Center in Coos Bay to play for a dance. And then on the 17th we played for an Eastern Star Lodge in North Bend. Also, groups played for the nursing homes in Coquille, Bandon, Myrtle Point, and Coos Bay. I want to thank all of the faithful people who give of their time and talent to play for the rest homes. We will never have a more appreciative audience than in the rest homes.

In May we will gather at the Greenacres Grange Hall on the 3rd for hamburgers at 6:00 and a dance. We will have a short meeting to discuss if we want to take the float to Brookings and if we want to go to Powers for the parade and to play in the park. We are going to the Senior Center in Coos Bay on the 10th to play for the dance. It will start at 7:30 with finger food about 9:00. On the 14th we will play in the North Bend Pony Village Mall from 3:00 to 4:00 for the Coos County Nursing Homes show. I'm looking forward to this. It is going to be different.

On the 24th we will have our District 5 jam at the Azalea Festival from 1:00 to 4:00 in the VFW Hall (up on the hill) in Brookings. The best part of this jam is the participation that we get from other districts. So you old faithfuls (and you new ones, too) mark your calendar and join us again this year. We sure appreciate your music.

I hope to see a lot of you in Lebanon on the 9th and 10th.

LEW HOLT, Reporter

There are FOUR MAIN BONES in every organization:
THE WISHBONES - wishing somebody would do something about it,
THE JAWBONES - doing all the talking but nothing else,
THE KNUCKLEBONES - that knock everything,
THE BACKBONE - that carries the load and does the work

DISTRICT 6

With the advent of a few days of good warm spring weather, those who did feel fine are nursing backaches from working in their yards and gardens and we hope those who have not been feeling fine are feeling much better and being cheered up by the brief sunshiny days. Darla Miller's broken finger finally sees the "light of day" after the arm cast was removed. Now to get her left hand strengthened with therapy and back to her fiddle. John Perry is feeling better after a recent bout with heart problems. Charlie Sanford felt like picking and grinning this week after a "low" spell, and Dode Hill's wife, Geneveive, has not felt well for several weeks.

Our April 13th jam at the Eugene Moose Hall was a rousing good time with many performers signed up and help from many of our friends from other districts. From Dist. 5 we had Ella Savery, Harold Householder, Russell Hall, Hollis Real, Paul and Frankie Williams, Bernie Charlebois, and Faye Johnson. From Dist. #4 we had Dennis and Thelma Allen, Etta Powell, The Booher Family, Paul Lakey and Carol and Ray Borders. If I left any guests out, please forgive. We had such a lively big crowd that filled the dance floor number after number there was no doubt about the "danceability" of the music.

Throughout the month, different groups played at the various nursing homes, at Santa Clara Square (for the kick-off of the children's fingerprinting campaign), Peterson's Barn Solo Potluck, and for the Potluck at Sorgenfrei. We still have some Fiddler Hats and Buttons for sale.

Please note the change of date for our May jam. It will be at the Eagles Lodge in Albany on the 25th (instead of the 18th). They needed the 18th for something else. They will serve a lunch to us during the afternoon. Try to get there about 12 and SIGN UP EARLY. We will play some before we eat. Hope we have a good turnout for the fiddle contest in Lebanon this year. Come and jam as well as enter the contest. See you in May.

STAN GONSHOROWSKI, Reporter

TENOR BANJO FOR SALE. Used only twice. Contact Thelma Shephard.

DISTRICT 7

May 18, Jam at Svenson Grange, Astoria

Hi Folks! Our next jam will be May 18, at the Svenson Grange. It's located right beside U.S. 30, twelve miles East of Astoria. Take the Svenson Exit, turn left and the Grange is the big brown building on the left. For those who want to make a weekend of it and attend the Sunset Jamboree on the 3rd Saturday (the night before Svenson) here's some info on motels in the area: Crest Motel: ph. 325-3141, 1 bed, 2 persons, \$34.50 + tax. AAA discount available, also closest to Svenson. (no view) City Center: ph. 325-4211, 1 bed, 2 people, \$28. Not sure when rates change, but summer rates here are \$36.00 + tax. Lamplighter: 325-4051, 1 bed, 2 people, \$28, next door to Pig N Pancake. Rivershore: 325-2921, near Lamplighter, \$32 - \$33 + tax. Dunes: 325-7111, \$34.50 + tax.

There will also be RV parking available beside Svenson Grange, or across the street, also room for 3 or 4 at the Reeds. The Sunset Jamboree is 8:00, May 17, at the Hilda Lahti Grade School. If you're coming East from Astoria, take the first exit past Svenson (approx. 3 - 4 miles). The sign will say Knappa High School. Take a sharp right off U.S. 30 onto the old highway and go $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. The Grade School is right behind the High School. If coming West, go approximately one mile past the Knappa Exit, make a left, then a right. Thanks to Cris Reed for this info! Also want to tell you that Cris made the quilt which is being raffled off to make money for the Vernonia Camp-out, and tickets are available. See it at the jam.

Greg Baker and the Beaver Creek Fiddlers invite the OOTF to participate in a fund-raising performance to benefit EASTCO Loaves & Fishes, on May 31.

The show begins at 7 p.m. and is located at St. Aidens Episcopal Church, 17405 NE Glisan, Portland. Pie and coffee will be available.

We've been asked to play May 11, at the historic Baker Cabin in Carver, commemorating National Historic Preservation Week. So, think of some tunes appropriate to the mid-1800's and get out that sunbonnet, or period costume! There will be some other activities going on then, too. Carver is on Hwy. #224, East of Clackamas, OR., off I-205 about 7 miles. Play from 1 to 3. The Fiddlesticks will perform after that. Don't forget Svenson Grange, Astoria, May 18th, potluck as usual at noon and show at 1:00. See you all then!

JOANNE MINATO, Reporter

DISTRICT 9

Our monthly Jam was held at the Harney County Senior Center April 13. A good number of musicians came out. The day was enjoyed with the Potluck and dancing.

We had a Jam session out at the Grange Hall. We played for the Burns Nursing Home. The older people had a toe tappin' good time.

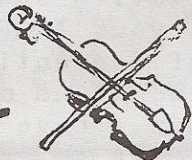
Because the State Contest will be held the 2nd weekend in May, our monthly Jam at the Senior Center will be the 3rd weekend, May 18th.

We played at the Pioneer Pizza on Sunday and had a good turnout for that. Everybody is getting ready for the Annual Contest, June 26-28. We are looking forward to seeing all of you.

Congratulations to Stacey Reynolds, who won 1st in the Pee Wee Div. at Hermiston. She also won 5th in the "Anything but a Fiddle Contest" by singing "Rocky Top". Congratulations, also, to Susie Smith who placed third in the Champion Div.



Silent Fiddles



PAULA REYNOLDS, Reporter



EVERETT HALL, beloved husband of Della and father of sons Andrie & Doyle, passed away April 12, 1986. His cheery disposition & fiddling will be missed.

ROCKY DUDLEY, husband of Lee, Life member from Klamath Falls, passed away April 20, 1986.

PAULINE BUCKBEE would like to thank all the dear members of the OOTFA for the flowers, cards, letters, prayers and many kindnesses extended to her after the recent loss of her husband, Jim. She hopes to be seeing many of you before long at the various fiddle doins.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS...BUCK MILLIGAN wishes to thank those contributing to the JIM BUCKBEE MEMORIAL FUND. \$285.00 was given in his name this month. We would also like to remind DISTRICT CHAIRMEN to get the name of the Scholarship Representative from your Dist. to the State President as soon as possible. We need to get this committee formed and active. If any one wants to volunteer, please contact your chairman. BUCK MILLIGAN & THELMA SHEPHARD will represent District #6.

The FIDDLE WORKSHOPS at Cannon Beach will be held July 14-18 & 21-25th. Each week costs \$175.00. Enrollment limited both weeks. Courses require advance payment in full - two weeks prior to classes. Make payment to: "Haystack '86", Portland State University, PO Box 1491, Portland, OR 97207. Credit registration optional. Contact CAROL ANN WHEELER & FAMILY for further information. Phone (503) 628-2411.



TS: Sorry this news is out of consecutive order, but it just now came in the mail as I was putting the final finishing touches on the Hoedowner. However, we don't want to ever leave out any district unless we have to. I call this getting it to you pretty "hot off the press" or was it "cold from the mailman"since the temperature dipped pretty low this morning!

DISTRICT 8

May 25 Jam, V.F.W. Hall, Willamina

June 1 Jam, Fire Hall, Garibaldi

Lee is sorry about the scheduling for May and June, since the Jams are only one week apart. He tried to avoid conflict with Districts 6 and 7 in the early part of May and the 25th was the only available date for the hall in the latter part. The June date was based on the Lebanon Strawberry Festival (June 8) and the fact that most of our better fiddlers would be in Weiser and Burns the rest of the month. Since the Garibaldi jam will be our fundraiser for the Vernonia Campout, he wanted to give it the best chance he could.

The date for the July Smelt Fry has not been verified yet.

Many thanks from all of us, to Judy Johnson, who obtained the beautiful hall in Stayton, free of charge, for our April Jam. She also joined the organization that day. She is a fine musician and a very welcome addition to our group.

Not too many musicians showed up at the Stayton Jam, but we had some fine music, a sumptuous dinner and a wonderful time. 15 fiddlers and 13 specials made up the program, played to a large appreciative audience.

Move over, Thelma! I'm going to have to join your "OOPS" Department. Somehow I left the Robinsons' names off my list of Convention attendants last month. Getting old and a little deaf, dumb and blind may account for some of my mistakes. Jeanette worked in the kitchen. Dave helped with the dance. She and Dave are always valued help wherever they go. I'm sorry.

MINNIE BENNETT, Reporter

TS: Jeanette and Dave both helped Shep with the flat tire on our trailer just as we were leaving the Convention grounds. Further down the road on the way home, we saw them stopped to help someone else with their rig. You're right, Minnie, they sure are dear, helpful people!

BITS 'N PIECES FROM HERE AND THERE:

ISOM & FAY PATTERSON became Great-Grandparents for the second time. Baby Ryan Isom was named after Grandpa. Congratulations!

DAVID KOHL, of Eugene, tied for first place in the 1986 Mrs. Henry L. Corbett Sr. Young Artists Competition held on March 8. The competition is sponsored by the Women's Association of the Oregon Symphony. Kohl, 14, plays violin and performed Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 5 at the competition. He is a student at South Eugene High School. Each winner (1st place) will receive a \$400.00 prize and will perform with the Oregon Symphony Orchestra on the 1986-87 "Music for Youth" concert series.

TS: EVER NOTICE HOW ALMOST ANYTHING IS FUNNY IF IT HAPPENS TO SOMEONE ELSE?

CARD FROM THE CRUMPS:

Dear Friends, Bob and I are having a wonderful time so far. We have been gone from home 10 days now. The weather was around 100° in Palm Springs, 90° in Lake Havasu, Arizona. We came from Verde Valley, Arizona, today, got to Gallup, New Mexico. Drove through the Petrified Forest and Painted Desert today. Will go on to Tucumcari, New Mexico tomorrow. It is cooler here, in fact tonight they say it will get down to 30°. We are really enjoying our Motor Home for traveling. Take care until we get home July 1st. Love you all.

BOB & JOYCE CRUMP

P.S. We toured these cliff dwellings yesterday. (shown on postcard) They are 800 years old.

Does anyone know the present address for SHARON DAFFREN? Her last known address was 15007 SE Powell Blvd, Portland, OR 97202, but her April Hoedowner was returned since she had moved with no forwarding address.

GEORGE & HELEN STOUT'S Hoedowner also came back as "undeliverable". Who knows where they are?

PLEASE MAKE THESE NEW MEMBERS WELCOME TO YOUR DISTRICT:

- Elyse Benson, 2333 Caves Rd, Williams, OR 97544
- Norman * May Fiock, Box 7, Montague, CA 96064
- Judy Johnson, 1334 Fern Ridge Rd, Stayton, OR 97383
- Louise Johnson, 215 Rogue Lane #205, Rogue River, OR 97537
- Walter & Viola McCornack, 39486 Hwy 58, PO Box 121, Dexter, OR 97431
- Norman & Caral Prara, PO Box 15, Keno, OR 97627
- Raymond C. Smith, 33838 E River Dr. Sp #102, Creswell, OR 97426

PLEASE ADD THESE RENEWALS TO YOUR ROSTERS:

- Helen Barth, 287 N.E. Flagg, Roseburg, OR 97470
- Oscar & Tina Bolliger, 502 6th, PO Box 416, Garibaldi, OR 97118
- Alton & Fern Doan, 1241 23rd Ave, Sweet Home, OR 97326
- Robert & Helen Inks, PO Box 261, Veneta, OR 97487
- David Moffitt, 950 Concord NE #5, Salem, OR 97301
- Lonzo Ragland, 1316 Cedar St, Lake Oswego, OR 97034
- Joe Shires, 4125 Hwy 42, Coos Bay, OR 97420
- Gail Taylor, 5508 SW Miles Ct., Portland, OR 97219

Congratulations to City Counsel Woman (Ward #2, Springfield), SHERRI WINSLOW.

SPECIAL NOTICE: When you park at the upcoming FIDDLE CONTEST in Lebanon, be sure to go inside and get an official parking pass (like the one pictured below) and place in on the dash of your car or front of your rig. Each one will be numbered for identification.



Taylor gathering to help pay expenses

A gathering of the friends and family of Colleen Taylor, who died on April 18, will be held on Sunday, May 4 at 1 p.m. at the Crow Grange Hall.

Entertainment will be provided by the Old Time Fiddlers and pie and coffee will be served for 75 cents. An auction will be held at 2 p.m. Proceeds from the day will go to the Colleen Taylor Trust to help defray the medical expenses incurred during her illness.

Anyone wishing to donate items for the auction please call Carol Bloom at 935-7319, Chris Stair at 935-1971 or Alice Nehrer at 343-9539.

I'M JUST A COUNTRY GIRL

By Thelma Shephard

The image shows a handwritten musical score for the song 'I'm Just a Country Girl'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of the melody. The second staff is labeled 'CHORUS' and contains the second line of the melody. The third staff contains the final line of the melody, ending with a double bar line. The notation includes quarter notes, eighth notes, and rests.

1
 The boys is comin courtin
 They think I'm high falutin
 They don't seem to like it
 When I beat 'em all at shootin.

2
 City folks got runnin water
 As fer as I can tell
 Here, the only thing that runs is ME
 With a bucket from the well.

3
 My Sunday dress is purty
 It's got words across the back
 My pore ole mama sewed it up
 From a couple of flour sacks.

4
 The snow is gittin higher
 And my toes is turnin blue
 So, fer a start, you'd warm my heart
 With a pair of store bought shoes.

CHORUS

I aint gittin any younger,
 That's what my pappy says,
 But I'm just a country girl
 With ...BIG CITY WAYS.

ALL TOGETHER NOW...

Did you ever wonder when everyone is jamming on the stage how every other person can get out of step except YOU? And they just keep on going and make YOU catch up! Seems downright inconsiderate! Sorta like driving down the road with a paper bag over your head and no eye-holes cut.

I've been thinking about this for some time and came up with a few conclusions. First, we have to hear what we're doing. All sound systems should have a good moniter so players can hear the music. Then there are a couple of smaller items that would help, too. They're called EARS! Always listen to the lead fiddler. Keep up with him and LISTEN. Two more small items can be a big help. They're called EYES. If you can't hear, at least watch the fiddler's bow or his foot tapping, and keep up with him. This wouldn't be so hard to do if every fiddler played every tune exactly alike, but the lead fiddler calls the shots when it is his turn, and we play it his way... yes, even if he's wrong and didn't hold a note long enough or left out a part. This isn't the time to correct him. How many times do you ever see fiddlers watch each other to try to keep together? Sometimes it ends up like a team of horses all trying to go different directions. We have some very fine musicians, and we want the audience to hear you at your best. Sooo.... use your ears and your eyes and let's keep on fiddling....together!

THELMA SHEPHARD

C O N T E S T N E W S

THE OOTFA CONTEST WILL BE LEBANON MAY 9 & 10th, LEBANON UNION HIGH SCHOOL (SAME AS LAST YEAR). THERE WILL BE RV PARKING SPACE - NO HOOK-UPS. EACH RIG IS TO HAVE A PARKING PASS ON THEIR DASH. PLEASE REGISTER YOUR RIG IN THE REGISTRATION ROOM AND PICK UP YOUR NUMBERED PASS. THE CB'ers AND CITY POLICE OF LEBANON WILL BE PATROLING AND HAVE REQUESTED THIS FOR YOUR SAFETY. THIS SERVICE IS AVAILABLE AT 4 P.M. PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE SCHOOL BEFORE 3:30 P.M. SCHOOL IS STILL IN SESSION. STAY ON THE STREET AND WAIT FOR THE CLEARANCE TO PARK FROM LEE JONES & BUCK MILLIGAN.

REGISTRATION FOR JR.JR. & SENIORS BEGINS AT 4 P.M. PLEASE REPORT AT THAT DESK FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON CONTESTANTS' RESPONSIBILITIES AND JAMMING AREAS.

STATE RULES WILL PREVAIL AS INTERPRETED BY CONTEST OFFICIALS. EACH CONTESTANT MUST PLAY A HOEDOWN, A WALTZ AND A TUNE OF CHOICE OTHER THAN A HOEDOWN OR WALTZ. NOVELTY TUNES, SUCH AS ORANGE BLOSSOM SPECIAL, LISTEN TO THE MOCKING BIRD, BLACK MOUNTAIN RAG, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. NO CROSS-TUNING ON STAGE. ALL TUNES MUST BE DANCEABLE QUALITY. THE 4 MINUTE TIME LIMIT WILL BE STRICTLY OBSERVED.

ALL ACCOMPANISTS WHO PLAN TO PLAY MUST BE REGISTERED AND PAY A FEE OF \$3.00. OUT OF STATE ACCOMPANISTS MAY BE USED BUT WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS.

CONTESTANT MUST BE AN OREGON RESIDENT AND OOTFA MEMBER SIX (6) MONTHS PRIOR TO CONTEST.

THERE WILL BE A JUDGE'S MEETING AND A CONTESTANT MEETING PRIOR TO CONTEST FRIDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY MORNING. SEE INFORMATION SHEET FOR TIME AND PLACE.

ONE MORE THING...CONTESTANTS AND ACCOMPANISTS PLEASE NOTE: IT WILL BE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO BE AT THE STAGE ENTRANCE, READY TO PLAY, WHEN YOUR TURN COMES! OTHERWISE YOU MAY MISS YOUR TURN! IT IS VERY HARD ON THE RUNNERS TO TRY TO FIND YOU ALL THE TIME.

GOOD LUCK AND HAVE FUN,
LEE JONES, CONTEST CO-CHAIRMAN

PROGRAMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT REGISTRATION DESK AFTER 4:00 P.M. ALL THREE SESSIONS ARE OUTLINED. NOTICE TO CONTESTANTS, ESPECIALLY...THE COMPLETE CONTEST OR ANY INDIVIDUAL PARTS OF THE CONTEST ARE GOING TO BE VIDEO TAPED BY "PERSONAL TOUCH VIDEO TAPING AND PHOTOGRAPHY" AND CAN BE PURCHASED IN WHOLE OR PART FROM JERRY CURRY. JACK WALKER WILL ALSO BE TAKING PICTURES DURING THE CONTEST. NO FLASH BULBS DURING PERFORMANCES.

CONTEST JUDGES:

WES NIVENS
CLYDE CLYMER
TIM HODGSON
SHERRY HILL
JOHN MELNICHUK

CONTEST JUDGE'S CHAIRMAN: LEROY SIMS

National OTFA President, Truth or Consequences, N.M.
Weiser, Idaho
Pocatello, Idaho
Idaho Falls, Idaho
Yakima, Washington

MORE NEWS & CHANGES IN CONTEST PLANS: THE ACCOMPANISTS DIVISION HAS BEEN INCREASED TO FIVE (5) PLACES INSTEAD OF THE USUAL THREE (3). ALL TROPHIES HAVE BEEN SPONSORED BY INDIVIDUALS AS WELL AS SOME OF THE EXPENSE FOR OUR BEAUTIFUL POSTERS DESIGNED BY ONE OF OUR NEWEST MEMBERS, JIM CARPENTER, AND THE WELL-PLANNED PROGRAMS DESIGNED AND PREPARED BY LINDA DANIELSON AND JIM LOCKARD. THE MOOSE & AMERICAN LEGION LODGES HAVE BEEN SOOOOO GOOD TO US. (WE COULDN'T DO THIS CONTEST IN LEBANON WITHOUT THEM.) THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS BEEN A BIG HELP AS WELL. NOW YOUR PART IS TO COME AND PARTICIPATE AS AN ACCOMPANIST, CONTESTANT OR A LISTENER. WE NEED YOU ALL TO MAKE THIS CONTEST GO!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BRING FINGER FOODS THOS YEAR. THE Cbers WILL HAVE A SNACK BOOTH AVAILABLE. COFFEE WILL BE SERVED, AS USUAL, BY DISTRICT #6.

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THANKS TO JIM CARPENTER FOR THIS NICE POSTER
WE APPRECIATE AND THANK YOU, JOM!