

# THE HOEDOWNER

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Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association is a Non-Profit organization  
 "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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 (The Pro-rated \$6.00 membership dues, after July 1, for NEW MEMBERS ONLY)

COMING EVENTS		JUNE 1986		DISTRICT
June 1	STATE QTRLY MEETING, WORKSHOP, JAM	Rogue River		OOTFA
1	Benefit Jam	Garibaldi		8
5	Fun Nite, Shasta Grange	Klamath Falls		1
7	North Bend Jubilee, Simpson Park	North Bend		5
7	Dance, Greenacres Grange	Greenacres		5
8	Jam, Bend Senior Center	Bend		3
8	Strawberry Festival, City Park	Lebanon		6
15	Jam, Fairgrounds	Klamath Falls		1
15	Benefit Dance, Willamalane Sr. Ctr.	Springfield		6
16,21	NATIONAL FIDDLE CONTEST	Weiser, Idaho		Weiser C of C
22	Jam, Pioneer Picnic	Brownsville		6
26,28	Hi-Desert Fiddle Contest	Burns		9
28	Bly Carnival	Bly		1
29	Jam & Lunch, Eagles Lodge	Corvallis		6
29	Jam, Canby Senior Center	Canby		7
July 5	TIMBER CARNIVAL	Albany		6
6	Jam, Talent Community Hall	Talent		4
10,13	Campout, Albertson's Reservoir	Lakeview		
13	FIDDLE SHOW, BOHEMIA DAYS	Cottage Grove		OOTFA
14,25	Fiddle Workshops	Cannon Beach		
16,20	CAMPOUT	VERNONIA		OOTFA
27	SALMON HARBOR DAYS (Dist. #5)	Winchester Bay		OOTFA
Aug 3	Applegate Trail Days	Veneta		6
6	DOUGLAS CO. FAIR (Dist #4)	Roseburg		OOTFA
12,16	NW Regional Fiddle Contest	Spokane		
13	CLACKAMAS CO. FAIR (Dist #7)	Canby		OOTFA
16	POLK CO. FAIR (Dist #8)	Rickreall		OOTFA
23	FIDDLE CONTEST	Canyonville		
24,31	CAMPOUT, Warwick's	Williams		

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Another big event in the life of this association, the State Fiddle Contest, is over! By all reports it was successful. I do believe the crowds were the largest ever, especially Saturday night. The auditorium was packed! This is a good sign and, thanks to the article in our brochures (written and designed by LINDA DANIELSON & JIM LOCKHARD) about "How to Judge", we had lots of "judges" in our audience! The newspapers around this part of Oregon were very aware of the contest and showed up to prove it. Some reporters stayed all day and evening. The trophy display was very attractive and colorful, thanks to the local florist, "POOR RICHARDS", and MYRNA MILLER for supplying the flowers and shrubs. AWARDS UNLIMITED made our trophies and they were within our budget, too! The beautiful banner, made for the state by RUTH JONES, set off the display. Good job!

The MARINE COLOR GUARD of Lebanon opened the evening sessions with their presentation of the American Flag. Thanks so much to the three men who did this. It really was nice of them to take time to practice and do this entry twice. WES NIVENS played the National Anthem on Saturday night while everyone stood at attention. What a glorious sight to behold! WES & LENA NIVENS, of the National Oldtime Fiddlers Association, honored us with their presence and we're happy they could come from so far away so we could get acquainted with them. Later in our evening performance, SHORTY DOW presented them with a nice NOTFA sign for their car.

The Friday session opened with the PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE welcoming us to Lebanon. When he finished, LEW HOLT presented him with one of the OOTFA belt buckles, designed and donated by ELYSE BENSON, then both the AMERICAN LEGION and MOOSE LODGE received nice plaques showing our appreciation for all they do for us.

One of the high lights of the session was all the fiddlers playing on stage at the very beginning. The audience loved it and hurried to find their seats so they wouldn't miss anything. On Saturday night all our YOUNG PEOPLE performed at the start and was that ever neat! People didn't want them to stop!

I could go on and on with the things that happened but it would take up too much space, so I'll just take this time to thank everyone that had a part in this event. If I forget someone, please forgive me, so, here goes-- Thanks to all the 47 or 48 CONTESTANTS who took time out to perform and to the many ACCOMPANISTS who registered to help them. These two groups are the ones who made this whole thing possible and we truly appreciate everyone of them and, in my book, they were ALL WINNERS! Thanks to those who gave of their time before and during this contest: JIM & GYNN DEATON, JIM & CAROL LOCHARD, LEW & ALICE HOLT, DARLA MILLER, ELSIE BOSTICK, KAY DONATHAN, VIRGINIA ANDERSON, SHORTY & CHARLOTTE DOW, JACK, HAZEL & PHIL WALKER, (Jack took 270 colored pictures of the entire contest and ALICE HOLT will be making up an album of the 1986 contest that will be on display next year). Thanks to JOE & STELLA BARTA, JIM CARPENTER, PETE & MYRNA MILLER, JOHN & VIVIAN STEELE, JIM WHEELER, IRVIN SMITH, JERRY CURTIS, LEROY SIMS, BOB & DULCIE FAST (Bob was ill and they could not attend the contest). Thanks to PHIL EMERT, JOHN PEARCY, LES JOHNSON, MICHAEL BOOHER, BILL YOHEY, & RUSTY MODRELL. They were out pre-scheduled entertainment but we used a lot of our people to entertain in unscheduled breaks and to all of them we say "Thanks"! Everybody appreciated you but we didn't get all your names, sorry. Thanks also to those ladies who worked long and hard in the Judge's Room: EDNA YOHEY, VI MODRELL, FAYTHE MAAHS, RUTH JONES, MARTHA WARWICK, MARIE CHURCH, & SUSIE MILLIGAN. BOB CHURCH was accompanist judge and to BUCK MILLIGAN. Last, but not least by any means...LEE JONES, Co-Chairman! All these people made this contest! Why? Because they were where they were supposed to be when they were supposed to be there! They were like Birds of a Feather - they stuck together and got the job done! Thanks! Thanks!

The sponsors were in attendance at all times and were very pleased with all the ticket sales. As far as I know, they want us back again next year. So be it! LINDA DANIELSON, LEW HOLT, GYNN DEATON & I already have plans and new ideas noted so that we can look back at a good contest in '86 and look forward to an even better one in '87!

Oh yes, lest I forget - back in the registration room one could find groups jamming, singing and visiting in between sessions and the reporters were always there shooting pictures and taking interviews for their papers. The NIGHT WATCHERS CLUB was selling food and THE BARTAS kept the coffee hot. Outside, across from the school, campers, motorhomes and rigs of all descriptions were lined up and the guest parking lots were full. One could see the NIGHT WATCHERS patrolling the area often to make sure all was well. The rains came, but never stopped a thing!

Like any other big project we had our problems, but nothing we couldn't handle and change for next year. It was a great week-end and well worth all our efforts...and I think we stayed pretty much within our budget.

Walt took sick on Saturday and was ill the rest of the time. He stayed in the trailer with fever and chills. JIM LOCKARD helped me keep check on him. After we returned home, the doctor gave him some medication and he recovered nicely. He says "Thanks" to all of you for your concern and we both hope to see a lot of you in Rogue River. God Bless.

MAXINE BENSON, Contest Chairman

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WINNERS 1986  
STATE CERTIFIED CONTEST, LEBANON, ORE.

All first place winners were awarded ribbons, and all winners received trophies.

PEE WEE DIVISION

- 1. Stacey Reynolds \$20.00
- 2. Rachel Dorfman 15.00
- 3. Andrea Curtis 10.00

JUNIOR-JUNIOR DIVISION

- 1. Tony Spatz 30.00
- 2. Molly Dober 25.00
- 3. Richard Pietzold 15.00
- 4. Jakob Curtis 10.00

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

- 1. Dee Johnson 100.00
- 2. Eileen Whitler 80.00
- 3. Bud Beck 65.00
- 4. Russ Phillips 55.00
- 5. Bob Bridgman 45.00
- 6. Willie Carter 34.00
- 7. Carol Lockard 20.00

JUNIOR DIVISION

- 1. Laura Weber 40.00
- 2. Dan Emert 30.00
- 3. Andy Emert 20.00
- 4. Sheri West 10.00
- 5. Julianne Planer 10.00
- 6. Rudi Booher 10.00
- 7. Janine Naftzger 10.00

SENIOR DIVISION

- 1. Wayne Holmes \$90.00
- \*2. Buck Milligan 75.00
- 3. Ed Hjelseth 60.00
- 4. Leonard Haahs 45.00
- 5. Eddie Johnson 35.00
- 6. Barney Alexander 25.00
- 7. Shorty Allen 20.00

OPEN DIVISION

- 1. Joey McKenzie 120.00
- 2. Carol Ann Wheeler 100.00
- 3. David Moffi\*\* 80.00
- 4. Susan Smith 65.00
- 5. Leroy Sims 55.00
- 6. Gary Evans 40.00
- 7. Wally Bloom 35.00

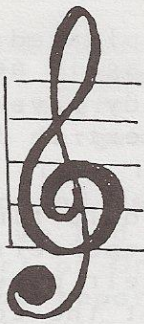
ACCOMPANIST AWARDS

- 1. Joey McKenzie 30.00
- 2. Dave Boyd 20.00
- 3. Penny Mead 10.00
- 4. Bob Huffman 10.00
- 5. Fred Anderson 10.00

YOUNGEST FIDDLER: Andrea Curtis-Trophy

OLDEST FIDDLER: Jack Smith-Trophy

\*Due to scheduling problems, total scores for Buck were inadvertently computed wrong during the contest.



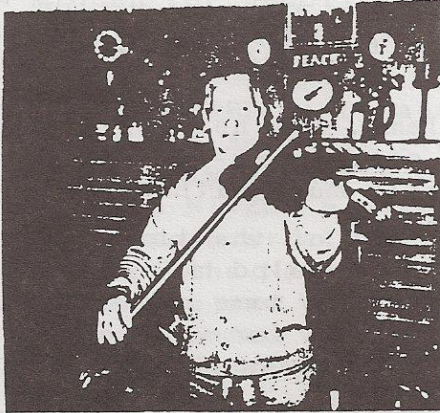
"WE'RE ON THE ROAD AGAIN!"

BOHEMIA DAYS.....JULY 13th.  
 SALMON HARBOR.....JULY 27th.  
 DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR.....AUG. 6th.  
 BENTON COUNTY FAIR.....AUG.8-9th.  
 CLACKAMAS COUNTY FAIR.....AUG. 13th.  
 POLK COUNTY FAIR.....AUG. 16th.  
 LINN COUNTY FAIR.....SEPT. ???

CAMPING! FIDDLING! TRAVELING!

1986  
 WEISER NATIONAL.....JUNE 16-21  
 Weiser, Idaho  
 HIGH DESERT CONTEST....JUNE 26-28  
 Burns, Oregon  
 VERNONIA CAMPOUT.....JULY 16-20  
 CANYONVILLE CONTEST....AUG. 23  
 WARWICKS CAMPOUT.....AUG. 24-31

!!!!!!H A V E F U N!!!!!!



WAYNE HOLMES TWO TIMES STATE SENIOR CHAMP!

CONGRATULATIONS WAYNE!!

Wayne Holmes, a well known and active member of the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association since 1969 has been appointed as the 1986 OOTFA FUNCTIONS DIRECTOR for the State (paid) activities this summer.

Because of his past activities with the Association and the Fairs espically - he was asked to tell us how the CLACKAMAS COUNTY, BENTON COUNTY AND POLK COUNTY FAIRS got started and here goes his response to that request.

"As everyone in the Association knows, we put on fiddle shows at three County Fairs for which we

get paid, but not everyone knows why, when and how these shows began. The most difficult part about telling the story will be to be brief, because if I told you all the details it would be a long story.

The WHY is easiest to answer. The Association need money. In the August, 1970 HOEDOWNER, Sec.Treas. Earlene Gimm gives the bank balance as \$153.07!

The WHEN can be easily verified. The August 1971 HOEDOWNER tells that OOTFA first performed for a fee at the CLACKAMAS COUNTY FAIR in Canby on the 13th & 14th of that month. In subsequent years we have put on our fiddle shows there in one day. We performed twice but put on both shows on the same day. Well, that was the start. In that same month we staged a fiddle show at the POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS in Richreall. This was in exchange for the use of their facilities for our annual Convention in March of that Year. The following year when we put on a show there we received \$250.00 and have gotten that amount every year since. It was a different story at Canby where we started. We got a mere pittance as far as money goes but I agreed to it in order to get a foot in the door, so to speak. I knew that if we could get established and prove that we were a drawing card then we could ask for money and get it. That's exactly the way it worked out. Beginning in 1972, and every year since, we've put on two shows in one day at the CLACKAMAS COUNTY FAIR. The first few years, if I remember correctly, we received \$325.00. (NOTE: The last few years we received \$150.00, \$200.00 and this last year \$225.00. Hopefully we will bring that up to \$250.00 or more in 1986!)

HOW the Fairs were started, I talked to Audri Cotten, entertainment director at that time and told her that I had been elected President of the OOTFA earlier that year and that we would like to put on an Oldtime Fiddle Show at the Fair and get paid for it. She was astonished that we wanted money. She said their were literally dozens of groups who asked to play every year for nothing! Much was discussed but in the end she reluctantly agreed and scheduled us to play. I think the amount for the first year was \$60.00! Well we were a big hit and the next year it was raised to \$325.00.

In 1972, Willard and Marie Davis, managers of the Benton County Fair in Corvallis asked me if the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers would please play at their Fair. They met our charge of \$250.00 a day and set us up to play on two days for \$500.00. We have played there every year since then for \$500.00.

We also got the TIGARD TOWN & COUNTY DAYS FAIR in Tigard for several years but I understand they have decided not to go with live music this year.

Then in 1985 the LINN COUNTY FAIR in Albany was added to our OOTFA State Functions with the \$250.00 that first year going into the newly set-up State Scholarship Fund. This year, if they decide to ask us back, (they will know after July 1 budget) the money will go into the State fund. District #1 contributed a STATE FUNCTION also in 1985.

Now, in 1986, a new OOTFA Function has been added to the list. This August 6th we will be putting on a show at the DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR in Roseburg. The publicity on this fair will feature our own FIDDLE FAMILY, the Michael Booner Bunch!

A second new State Function was announced by District #5 - THE SALMON HARBOR FAIR at Winchester Bay on August 3rd.

In conclusion, looking back on my 19 years of playing and working with the good people of our Association, the most pleasing to me is the realization that I was fortunate enough and lucky enough to have been in the right place at the right time to get these County Fair Shows for pay started. They've been fun for everyone: not only audiences, but for us as fiddlers and accompanists and associate members. They've given our Association a good, steady income for more than 15 years, and show every indication of continuing indefinitely.

Wayne Holmes

On May 4th, Radio Station KLCC, 106 FM, presented Wayne Holmes (State Senior Champion), Buck Milligan (Youth Director) and Dave Boyd, live, for 15 minutes.

On May 6, 9:30 a.m., Radio Station KCYX, 1280 AM, featured Bill Yohey and Joey McKenzie in a talk show about the OOTFA.

GOOD GOING, FELLOWS!!!!!!

## Scholarship Fund

A FIDDLE HAS BEEN DONATED to us to be raffled off for the Scholarship Fund. This was requested by the donor, Mr. Giles Brown, of Stayton, Oregon. More about this later.

### WORKSHOPS:

On May 23rd, Buck and a group of fiddlers and backup entertained about 65 elementary school students at the Upper Culp Creek Elementary School for about 45 minutes. The students asked some very good questions and really got into the spirit of the music. They have students who are learning to play the violin, viola and cello, and a very enthusiastic teacher.

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### DISTRICT 1

Hello from our district. Not very much fiddling news. It seems everyone is busy at other activities along with fiddling. Last weekend Betty & Chuck Brenan invited the fiddlers to their ranch for a day of fiddling and potluck and fellowship. It was a fun day even if everybody couldn't be there. Sunday's jam at Klamath Falls Fairgrounds was well attended and some new visitors present.

The first Thursday, June 5th, will be Fun Nite and potluck at the Shasta Grange Hall. Come eat with us at 6:30 then limber up the fiddle bows (which will help digest that good food).

June 15th is Jam day at Klamath Falls Fair Grounds. Business Meeting 1 p.m. and music starts at 2 p.m. You all come.

June 25 the fiddlers will entertain for seniors at the Clarmont House 6:15.

June 28 the fiddlers play for the Bly Carnival in Bly, Oregon.

Fiddlers play at nursing homes the 4th Sunday of each month.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Today is the tomorrow we promised to start our diet, yesterday.

LOUISE POLLICK, Reporter

### DISTRICT 3

The next Jam will be held at the Bend Senior Center on June 8th at 1:30 p.m. Five fiddlers and seven accompanists participated at the April Jam. We all had a "swinging" good time keeping the dancers feet whirling around the floor. Several fiddlers were missing for various reasons. We want you to know that you were missed.

Tony Spatz won first place in the contest at Hermiston in the Junior-Junior Division. Mine youngsters competed in this division, from Washington, Idaho and Oregon. Tony was the only one from Oregon.

A group of fiddlers treked down to La Pine to play for a fund raiser for an ambulance. Everyone had a great time and two even got "arrested" for being too friendly". They were released in time to be at the Jam session.

We had a lively audience of over fifty at the jam.

MARGE MINNO, Reporter

TS: My apologies for having to leave out Dist. #3 news last month, as the Hoedowner had to go to press early. Please note that Tony Spatz took FIRST in his division at the State Contest in Lebanon.

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#### DISTRICT 4

June 1 State Quarterly Meeting & Jam, Rogue River at Live Oak Grange

July 16 Jam, Talent Community Hall

Aug 3 Picnic and Jam, Palmerton Park, Rogue River

May 4 found us at Jerome Prairie for our monthly jam with 12 fiddlers and 7 specials. A good crowd enjoyed the music and dancing. At our meeting Mona Givens was re-elected Sec.-Treas. Thank you was given her for past service. We are still looking for someone who would like to serve and represent our district on the Scholarship Committee. It was voted to have a potluck picnic and jam Aug. 3 for members and guests with the district furnishing the beverages.

We have been busy as usual playing for the nursing homes, Loaves and Fishes, the Sams Valley Elementary School Carnival and the Washington Elem. School Western Day.

Our July Jam on the 6th will be at Talent Community Hall. Potluck at noon, doors will be open to the public at one.

Our sympathy to Doris Barkley on the death of her mother May 3rd.

Forrest Samples is getting along nicely from open heart surgery.

Nice to hear Jonas Cox's eye is getting much better.

DORENE WINKELMAN, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 5

June 7 North Bend Jubilee 12:45 - 1:30 Simpson Park

June 7 Greenacres Grange Dance, Hamburgers at 6:00 and Dancing at 7:30

Not much time for chit chat this month. It is going to be dark before we get to Brookings tonight.

We started May off, as usual, with a dance on the 3rd at the Greenacres Grange Hall south of Coos Bay. We had a good turn out and just a very pleasant evening.

The next Saturday night we were spread out -- a number of us at the Fiddle Contest in Lebanon and those that stayed behind met at the Senior Center in Coos Bay for an evening of playing and dancing. We all had a good time. We were proud of the two fiddlers from District 5 who entered the contest - Bob Shaffar and Bob Bridgman. Bob Bridgman came home with a nice trophy and a check.

The North Bend Jubilee will be at 12:45 to 1:30 in Simpson Park on June 7 in North Bend. We had a good time last year playing and look forward to it again this year. And then that evening it is back to Greenacres.

LATER: Fiddlers and guests had a great time fiddling at Brookings, Memorial Day Weekend. We had a great response as we played our fiddles on our float in the parade on 101 through town. That afternoon we had a Dist. #5 Jam from 4 to 8 at the VFW Hall in Brookings. They always have one of the best audiences that we ever want to play for. We certainly want to thank the fiddlers from Dist. 5, the ones from the Medford area and the ones from N. California for their help - as well as the backup from all over Oregon, Calif. and Idaho.

Don't forget to put down the hoe and pick up the fiddle. The weeds can wait.

LEW HOLT, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 6

Boy have we been busy! Besides our usual jam, rest homes, nutrition sites, retirement centers and special events, Maxine asked each district to "do something special" for Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Week in May. So we did. A group played for an hour in the Cafeteria of the County Courthouse, then for the Lane County Commissioners. It just happened that two local TV stations had their camera-men there, so we got good coverage which was aired 4 times. Then at the end of the week, to cap it off, the group played for

about two hours at the Fifth Street Public Market, out on the balcony of the second floor. There were three "floors" of listeners around the open central courtyard. Three of our district members played for 15 minutes on a local radio station just prior to that week. A small group earned \$35.00 for our district by playing for a mobil home park potluck. Another small group played for a dinner at a church in Harrisburg on May 28th.

Only a few members showed up to play for the benefit at Crow, May 4th, but it was a fun day with music and dancing, a lively auction in the parking lot between rain showers, lots of pie and coffee consumed and the extra pies auctioned off at the end of the day. Over \$2,000.00 was raised that day, and a local church pledged to match that amount. Thanks so much to those who worked so hard that day. It just shows what you can do when our kind of people put their shoulders to the wheel.

Our Albany Jam at the Eagles Lodge was well-attended despite the holiday week-end. Apologies to those who didn't read the May Hoedowner CAREFULLY and came a

week early. We had welcome visitors from several nearby districts come and help out. Music, food and fellowship was great! What more could you ask?

Just a few words about all the good stuff coming up for our district. We will play in the City Park from 1 to 4 in Lebanon for the Strawberry Festival. We will also play from 1 to 4 at the Brownsville Pioneer Picnic in the Brownsville Park. No potluck, but plenty of food booths there to pick up something to eat before and after we play.

Our June 29th Jam at the Eagles Lodge in Corvallis will be a first there. It is at 2700 S. 3rd Ave., on Hwy 99 going south out of town on the west side of the Hwy. A low white building with blue trim. They will FURNISH LUNCH for us at 1:00 and we will play after we eat, so get there earlier so you can sign up early and we can jam awhile.

RAY GOBLE suffered a severe attack while playing music at Willamalane Sr. Center in Springfield. Thanks to prompt attention, he pulled through surgery for a ruptured aorta, and is home by the time you read this. Ray and June live at 49545 McKenzie Hwy., Vida, OR 97488 (Ph 822-3954) if you wish to send a card. A BENEFIT DANCE is planned to help with medical expenses. This will be June 15th, from 1 to 5, at Willamalane Sr. Center, on C Street in Springfield. The Jamborinos will play half the dance and our fiddlers will play the other half. Please bring finger foods. (Wrap & label any sandwiches). Betty Canning printed up some beautiful advertising posters and others are helping post them.

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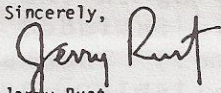
Maxine Milligan  
Old Time Fiddlers  
3447 Oregon Street  
Springfield, OR 97478

Dear Buck, Smitty, Thelma, Kay, Betty, Hank, Charlie, Walt, Elsie, and Vilas:

Thank you immensely for your inspired performances on Wednesday of last week at the Lane County Courthouse. I heard many good comments about your music and the inspirational lift it gave to everyone around the middle of the day. Needless to say, we would be happy to have you play a return engagement anytime at your convenience. As Commissioner Chuck Ivey said, we would have loved to have had more tunes during the board meeting, but we were caught short on time.

Fiddle music is as American as apple pie. Again, I want to commend you for keeping this style of music alive and well here in Lane County. We enjoyed it so much. You are an inspiration to us all.

Sincerely,



Jerry Rust  
Lane County Commissioner

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Two other members had surgery late in April. Vera Kinnaman had emergency cataract surgery and Thelma Sally had gastrointestinal surgery. Both were up and around so soon we are certainly happy about their speedy recovery. Steve Bear had a bicycle accident during May and had extensive knee surgery. Good luck, Steve.

Hope everyone is well and perky for the many events coming up.

STAN GONSHOROWSKI, Reporter

P.S. Sometimes we have problems with our sound system when too many people try to adjust it during a jam. Please get our Sound Man, John Steele, to adjust the equipment.

#### DISTRICT 7

Those of us who didn't make it to Astoria missed a real good time, with 30 people signed up and a great audience. Three charter members were in attendance; Rusty Modrell, Bill Yohey and Wayne Walters. All at once!--for some fine entertainment. Some folks also attended the Sunset Jamboree the preceding evening. Some new tunes were heard, new people met and a good time was had by all! Many thanks to Cris and Lyle Reed for their fine hospitality.

It was voted at this jam to contribute some money to the State Scholarship Fund.

The next Jam will be June 29, at the Canby Senior Center. Doors open at 11 a.m., potluck at noon and play from 1 to 4. This is the last Jam of the season and marks the end of Helen Hakanson's term as Chairman. I know I speak for everyone in thanking Helen for her excellent leadership, and also thanks to her able helpers, Forrest & Josie Jacklin, "Red" and Myrtle Arnold, Dulcie Fast (who is always seen helping with Kitchen duties) and any others who may not have been mentioned. Helen asked me to also thank the people who helped her out playing in the Retirement Homes, Care Centers, Schools, etc. Some of these people included Jack Smith, Herman Classen, Carl Helgerson, Bob Huffman (and me!) Thanks to all.

Quilt raffle tickets are still available and will be available until the drawing which is to be at the Vernonia Campout.

We'd like for all of you good pie-bakers to bring a homemade pie to the Jam on June 29th, and for a small donation, we will offer pie and coffee. This sounds like a no-lose (you-gain) situation! This jam will also be a fund-raiser for the Vernonia Camp-out.

Best wishes to Bob Fast and Ed Cjelseth, who were both in and out of the hospital this month. It's good to see that Johnnie Summers is back in circulation after his recent surgery, and also spotted Eloise Ramsey out and about after her recent surgery. Good Health to you all.

Now here's how to get to the Canby Senior Center: If coming in from the north, turn left at the first light, this is Ivy St. If coming from the south, it's the last light and you'll turn right. The address is 1250 S. Ivy Street. Don't forget! It's June 29th at 11:00. See you all there.

JOANNE MINATO, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 8

June 1 Benefit Jam at the Fire Hall in Garibaldi

A small but enthusiastic crowd turned out for the jam at Willamina VFW Hall on the 25th. The 3 day weekend took its toll, but 12 fiddlers, 9 special numbers and their accompanists put on a nice show for the crowd.

Our next jam is only a week away on June 1st. I doubt if this paper comes out before then, but I hope we have a good turnout for our benefit for the Vernonia Campout.

We will NOT be going to the Smelt fry at Yachats in July. After many phone calls we finally learned the smelt fry has been postponed to at least Sept.



as of this time we do not have our July jam scheduled, but we are working on something.  
Keep fiddling!

LEE JONES for  
MINNIE BENNETT, Reporter

P.S. Our district lost TWO SPEAKER CORDS at the Fiddle Contest in Lebanon. If you inadvertently got home with one or two extra, please let me know. One of our cords had #8 etched on one end - the other did not.

#### DISTRICT 9

CONGRATULATIONS goes to Stacey Reynolds, who took 1st in the PeeWee Div. at our State Contest, and to Susie Smith, who took 4th in the Champion Div. Ruel and Margaret Teague, Doug, Paula, Stacey and Montie Reynolds and Irv and Susie Smith attended. We really enjoyed visiting with our Old Friends and getting to meet New Friends. We appreciated all the hard work you folks did to make the State Contest such a success. "HATS OFF TO YOU"! We had our monthly Jam at the Senior Center in Burns. This was the last Jam for the Season. Lots of people came for the Potluck and dancing, but we were short on musicians. We also played again for the Burns Nursing Home. As usual, there are some who are able to dance. Somethin' 'bout that Music! We had a Potluck and Jam at the local Grange Hall with our Grange members. Our fiddlers played for the Campaign kick-off for Norma Paulus who is running for State Governor. Norma was a Home Town Girl from Burns. It was fun to share her Primary Victory with her. We are rooting for her to be our next Governor.

The High Desert Fiddlers are working fast and furious on all the plans and details for our 4th Annual Contest. Hope all of you are planning on coming and spending the FUN FILLED WEEKEND of fiddling and jamming on June 27 and 28. We are sure some of you will be taking the money and trophies home with you.

So long till we see you at our Contest.

PAULA REYNOLDS, Reporter

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GREG BAKER has a new Fiddle Series out. He is also supplying us with 12 different fiddle tunes. Watch the JULY Hoedowner for the "Tune of the Month" with notes and tablature (for beginners).

HUGH DOOLITTLE is moving soon and wants to sell his little 13' Holiday Travel Trailor. It sleeps 4 and has a propane stove and an ice box. Call him at 895-4697, or Darla Miller at 746-1920 if interested. Reasonable price.

VI BROWN LOST HER KEYS at the State Fiddle Contest in Lebanon. There were 3 keys (a Chev. pickup key, a camper key and a larger house key) but she doesn't remember which key holder she used. They camped across the street in the gravel parking lot - not on lawn. They could have been lost around there or over in the cafeteria or hall of the school. Maybe someone local there could call the school and see if any were turned in later. If located write her at 2817 Table Rock Rd., Medford, OR 97501 (or ph. 779-9039).

DAVID KOHL, has been selected as NATIONAL WINNER in a competition for instrumentalists of junior high school age, sponsored by the Music Teachers National Association and the Selmer Corp. He took part in the final round of competition in Portland in April. David's award included a performance at the association's national convention. He has studied violin for six years and has appeared as soloist with the Eugene Youth Symphony.

VI & CHARLIE JENSEN now have a phone in. Call 342-6706.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

I just wanted to write a short note to tell you what a wonderful job everyone did on this year's contest. It gets better and better every year. Thank you all for making it an enjoyable weekend for a contestant and a listener. And, speaking of "Thank you's", I have a suggestion for the trophy winners. That each of us send a note of thanks to the company or individual who donated the money. It's amazing what a Thank you will do. Perhaps those who donated this year will remember OOTFA when the '87 contest comes along.

(I'm sure Maxine will have any address one would need to send a note).

Merry music to all.

CAROL LOCKARD

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PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS TO YOUR DISTRICTS: ADD TO YOUR ROSTERS

Jack & Laura Doyle, 4110 SW Greenleaf Ct., Portland, OR 97221

Pam Fletcher, P.O. Box 341, Falls City, OR 97344

Royce & Anita Lewis, School Dist. 4-J, 200 N. Monroe, Eugene, OR 97402

Bud & Arline Neely, 3000 Frontage Rd #8, Reedsport, OR 97467

Chris Parker, 1600 N Rhododendron #95, Florence, OR 97439

Walter Rasmussen, 380 Kingwood St., McMinnville, OR 97128

Art & Sandi Schooley, 1920 Strawberry Lane, Lebanon, OR 97355

Bill Vaughn & Sandy Arnett, P.O. Box 144, Shasta, CA 96087

THESE MEMBERS RENEWED, SO ADD THEM TO YOUR ROSTERS, TOO.

Robert & Marie Church, 5365 River Rd. N. Sp #99, Salem, OR 97303

Stan & Gigi Gleason, 27875 S. Hwy. #213, Mulino, OR 97042

Athia Standley, 24884 Hwy. 126, Elmira, OR 97437

James & Hannah Wilson, 3898 Helen Ave. S.E., Salem, OR 97302

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"TO ALL MY FRIENDS AT OOTFA"

Greetings In Jesus' Name!

I have decided to remain in Nashville. I want to say that I love OOTFA very much. Please, Thelma, enclose my address in the Hoedowner. Tell them I live next door to Tammy Wynett, Ronnie Milsap and Webb Pierce. I have a job being a companion to an 82 yr. old who says she is 75 and acts 50. The Lord has blessed me so since I've been here. I haven't had the chance to make my "How-dee-doo's" to my neighbors, but maybe soon. HaHa!

I haven't made my Nashville Debut either, but soon. (Ha Ha!) Look out, Nashville, Nashville Now & Ralph Emery Show. All joking aside, I'm enjoying myself. Just wanted my dear friends to know I love them and think of them often. So sorry to hear of the death of Everett Hall.

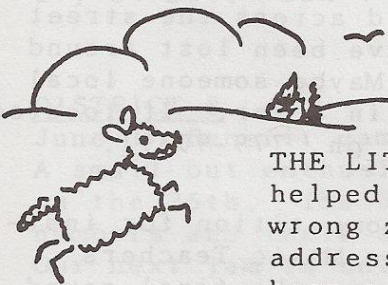
Thelma, if you'd like, I could send some Nashville News for the Hoedowner every now and then. Thanx & write me.

LORRI JONES

828 Woodmont

Nashville, TN 37204

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THE LITTLE LOST SHEEP HAVE BEEN FOUND, and thanks to those who helped me locate them. SHARON DAFFREN was listed under the wrong zip code and the P.O. obviously doesn't read street addresses anymore. Also the local P.O. in Sweet Home must have been asleep, and kept sending back GEORGE STOUT's Hoedowner which was correctly addressed and could have been delivered.

But I am not very surprised. My name is on the mailing list like everyone else and I DID NOT EVER RECEIVE MY MAY HOEDOWNER!!!!

THELMA

## LITTLE WORDS MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

I got my fiddle in late 1981, after trying out my cousin's new one and squeaking out "Rubber Dolly" on it. It had been almost 40 years since I'd played one, and then only by reading the notes...nothing like our style. I'd never ever HEARD "Ragtime Annie"...yet. Then I joined the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers. Little did I guess what was to be in store for me! By taping a few tunes from cousin, Donna Oldham, and her mother, Josie Jenkins, of Dist. #8 I learned three tunes and tried my luck playing at our next Dist. #6 jam. And, boy, was I scared! I'd heard some mighty good fiddling going on, and I knew my "Rubber Dolly" and "Westphalia Waltz" would sound about like a first grader reading "Dick and Jane". But something happened! Everyone was so nice to me! I found a kindred-ship more like "cousins" than just "members". And THAT is what I want to tell you about.

I often visited my cousin's district, to get help from her and practice. Can you imagine how it felt to a beginner to have someone like LEONARD MAAHS, a State Champion, asking ME to play along with him! Scared me to death! But it sure was fun to keep on learning more. Then JIM O'BRYANT and WALLY BLOOM (and, later, BUCK MILLIGAN, after they moved here) would have me play with them. If I could pinpoint ONE THING that kept me going, and wanting to improve, it was these four fiddlers and my dear cousin. Here were top musicians taking time to give ME a pat on the back and encourage me on. I'm still in the learning process, and hope I will always be, but I will never forget these people!

Now, I wonder how many people ever think about the beginners (of ALL ages) and how they feel! I see fine musicians who hardly speak to many of the other players. Sure, they are good players, but have they forgotten that THEY were beginners at one time? The word I want to etch on your grey-matter is "ENCOURAGEMENT". Don't be afraid to give someone else a few kind words and watch their progress. We humans seldom function on criticism or being ignored, but watch someone really bloom from a few words of praise that come from the heart. I have discovered a human enigma....have you ever noticed that you feel better, yourself, when you have been nice to SOMEONE ELSE? Pass it on!

*Helene Shepherd*

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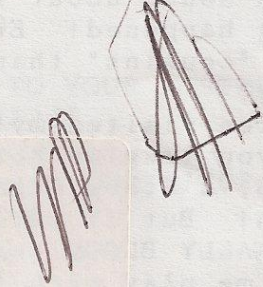
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