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COMING EVENTS

| | | | DISTRICT |
|-----|-------|---|-----------------|
| Sep | 4 | Fun Nite, Shasta Grange | Klamath Falls 1 |
| | 6 | Benefit Jam, Civic Center | Drain 4 |
| | 6 | Parade, Butte Valley Fair | Tulelake, CA 1 |
| | 7 | Jam, Sams Valley Grange | Sams Valley 4 |
| | 13 | Fish Fry | Yachats 8 |
| | 13,14 | CRANBERRY FESTIVAL, VFW, Parade, etc. | Bandon 5 |
| | 14 | Bus. Meeting, Lunch & Jam, Am. Legion | Lebanon 6 |
| | 19 | Linn County Fair, -9 | Albany OOTFA |
| | 21 | Jam, Beaver Creek Grange | Estacada 7 |
| | 21 | Jam, Merrill Park | Merrill 1 |
| Oct | 5 | STATE MEETING, Merrill Jr.H.S. (Dist. 1 & 9) | Merrill OOTFA |
| | 5 | Jam, Jerome Prairie Grange Hall | Rogue River 4 |
| | 19 | Potluck & Jam, Moose Lodge | Eugene 6 |
| Nov | 2 | Lunch & Jam, Moose Lodge | Lebanon 6 |
| | 16 | Thanksgiving Jam, Westmoreland Ctr. | Eugene 6 |
| Dec | 14 | STATE MEETING, Clackamas Comm. Coll. (Dist. 3 & 7) | Clackamas OOTFA |
| | 21 | Lunch & Jam, Moose Lodge | Lebanon 6 |

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Hi, everybody. Hope you are having a nice, musical summer. A lot has been going on in the Districts and the OOTFA State Functions. Speaking of that -- please note the DATE & PLACE Of the Linn County Fair in the Fair Director's report by Wayne Holmes. We hope that those that came last year from the various districts will come again and help out on this Fair for the 2nd year! Thanks to our fine MC, we are enjoying good state functions despite the hot weather. Thank you, Wayne, for a good job and thanks to all the performers who helped out. One note, though, disturbs me-- as far as I know, only 2 State Champions came out to help with the state fairs. I would like to see more of you, especially when we are so close to have another chance! The Linn Co. State Function. Hope you will come!

Other important dates to mark on your calendars are concerning our STATE QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 1986 & 1987:

October 5 -Merrill, Oregon, Districts 1 & 9 Hosting, State Meeting 10 a.m. at Jr. High School, Potluck at noon, Jam at 1 p.m. RV parking for self-contained units available 4th & 5th (See Dist. 1 report - there may be more news in that).

December 14 - Clackamas, Oregon - Districts 3 & 7 Hosting. (More on this in the Dec. news letter).

February 7, 1987 - Florence, Oregon - Districts 5 & 8 Hosting. (Plans are made - watch January Hoedowner for this news).

The 4th Quarterly Meeting will be hosted by Districts 4 & 6. Date and place not determined as yet.

DON'T FORGET the District 4N Jam at the Drain Civic Center on Sept 6th.

This is a Benefit for musicians and spouses will receive dinner. I understand we can arrive at 10 a.m. and Jam at 1.

Guess that's all for now - see you sometime - someplace - God Bless,

MAXINE BENSON

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF OUR SUMMER SHOWS:

At the time of this report, Aug. 20, we have completed all of our Summer Shows for which we get paid except the LINN COUNTY FAIR, which will be held in Albany Sept. 19. See Calendar of coming events for details about that show. We have staged a total of nine shows, including two each in Corvallis and Canby, for which we have received a total of \$2000.00. The Linn County Show will add another \$250.00 to our treasury.

The people who cared enough about our organization to drive many miles at their own expense to share their talents in these shows on behalf of all of us deserve all the praise and credit we can heap upon them. Unfortunately, with the exception of Dee Johnson, who came to play at Canby, none of our champions showed up. This is unfortunate for two reasons: first, when our best players don't appear we are obviously not putting on a show that is truly indicative of what we're capable of. Of course we're an organization of amateurs; everyone knows that; but the fact is, several of our "cream of the crop" are as good as any professional, and if only one or two of these were to appear at each of our shows it would raise the general level of quality a great deal. The other reason it's unfortunate is that it is written right into our State Contest Rules that a champion fiddler will be expected to represent our organization whenever and wherever possible; therefore any champion, or future champion, ideally should feel a moral obligation to appear at at least one of these shows each year.

Money for operating expenses to run our organization has to come from somewhere. These shows have been bringing in from \$1500 to \$2000 dollars into our treasury for many years. I'm not the only one who thinks that we may be in danger of losing some of this income if the quality of our shows for pay is not improved. We can improve, and I think we must improve.

Some of our shows this year were put on under extremely adverse conditions. In Corvallis, for example, we played in the largest Sauna in the state of Oregon. Officially it was called the ARENA, but with the temperature hovering around 100 or more it was actually just one gigantic hotbox!

David Boyd put it aptly when he said, "If they give medals in the O.O.T.F.A. for service above and beyond the call of duty, the people who came here Friday and Saturday certainly deserve them!" He was so right!

I wish I could list the names of all the wonderful, marvellous people who participated in these shows, because they deserve more praise and credit than we can possibly give them. Knowing that it's inadequate, I still want to say to all of them, on behalf of the entire organization, MANY, MANY THANKS!!

WAYNE HOLMES

CANYONVILLE CONTEST:

We had a fine day for our contest. The weather was in the 80's and the big exhaust fan that the fiddlers donated two years ago kept the gym very comfortable.

We had 28 entries with a few new faces of fiddlers who were in Canyonville for the first time. So with 10 in the Senior, 11 in the Intermediate, and 7 in the Open, the competition was good in those divisions. The sad note was that there were NO entries in the Junior-Junior and Junior divisions. This was especially discouraging since this was supposed to mark the first time the HANK WOBBE MEMORIAL TROPHY was to be presented to the 1st place Junior-Junior winner. The family of Hank Wobbe (District #4) has established this fund and proposes to award this memorial trophy each year at the Canyonville Contest. Hank always came to the Canyonville Contest. He was a great person and we all miss him. I can think of no better way to honor him so was much disappointed that there were no youngsters here. After all, the goal of our organization is to perpetuate the music through our young people. And a small contest like Canyonville is a good place to start.

Another problem we had was poor attendance. We only had 50 paid admissions in the afternoon and 71 in the evening. This is the worst it has ever been. There are several factors: So many people remember how hot the gym used to be. And, folks, you would not believe how much difference the big fan makes! Another is publicity. I will have to work on that next year. I have been depending on the Pioneer Days Committee for that and it wasn't that well done. You folks will have to help me in that department. We want to continue the contest but we must have more paid tickets in order to survive. The merchants of Canyonville are real supportive. The same ones donate trophies every year. Thirty trophies from this small town is a lot, especially since there are so many other Pioneer Days events they donate plaques, ribbons, and trophies for. The fiddlers are supportive. It is the listeners we need.

I welcome any ideas and help. Surely something can be done to put this contest in the black. There has to be or it will go down the tube and after 20 years that would certainly be a shame.

GYNN DEATON

WINNERS

CANYONVILLE PIONEER DAYS OLDTIME FIDDLE CONTEST - 1986

SENIOR DIVISION

| | | | |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------|
| First Place | Leonard Maahs | McMinnville | \$35.00 |
| Second Place | Vic Halvorson | Ceres, Calif. | 30.00 |
| Third Place | Fred Virtue | Coquille | 25.00 |
| Fourth Place | Walt Westberry | Crawfordsville | 20.00 |
| Fifth Place | Bill Christian | Sutherlin | 15.00 |

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION:

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|--------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------|
| First Place | Bob Bridgman | Coos Bay | 40.00 |
| Second Place | Eileen Witler | West Linn | 30.00 |
| Third Place | Bob Shaffar | Bandon | 25.00 |
| Fourth Place | Carol Lockard | Coburg | 20.00 |
| Fifth Place | Dorothy Cory | Crescent City, Calif. | 15.00 |

OPEN DIVISION:

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|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| First Place | Sheri West | Medford | 50.00 |
| Second Place | Maxine Klingler | Redding, Calif. | 45.00 |
| Third Place | Guy Kinman | Roseburg | 40.00 |
| Fourth Place | Bud Beck | McMinnville | 35.00 |
| Fifth Place | Lee Eddy | Modesto, Calif. | 30.00 |

ACCOMPANISTS:

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|--------------|---------------|-----------------|--------|
| First Place | Lee Eddy | Modesto, Calif. | Trophy |
| Second Place | Vic Flood | Medford | Trophy |
| Third Place | Abbie Shaffar | Bandon | Trophy |
| Fourth Place | Bob Huffman | Portland | Trophy |
| Fifth Place | Dennis Allen | Roseburg | Trophy |

DISTRICT 1

Hello, Fiddling Friends, and a hot busy August to all. August memories will be nice "come winter time".

August 7th, the fiddlers won a trophy in the Jefferson Days Parade in Klamath Falls.

There were 62 people out to our August Jam at the Merrill Park, and more than enough of homemade ice cream. They played music until after sundown. August 14, fiddlers played at the Exchange Club Park, in Klamath Falls, for the Senior Citizen's Dog Days barbecue and picnic. There were 205 people there. Several guests were brought from nursing homes to enjoy the day. The first Thursday in Sept. (the 4th) will be Fun Nite with a potluck at 6:30. Plan to see you all there at the Shasta Grange Hall in Klamath Falls. September 5th through 8th will be the Tulelake Butte Valley Fair at Tulelake, Calif. On Saturday, the 6th, the fiddlers will play in the parade. Be there to do your thing by 11 a.m. The parade starts at 12. Good old Fair Days!

Sept. 21, will be at Merrill Park. We will have a business meeting at 1, and fiddling starts at 2 p.m. Bring finger food and hope to see you all there. Bring a guest!

Saturday, October 4, and Sunday the 5th will be the first quarterly state meeting of the year. We are very pleased to host in Merrill. It will be in the High School on the right of Highway 39 coming south from Klamath Falls into Merrill. There is RV overnight parking on grass by the school in the football field. Bring finger food for the Saturday night jam and potluck lunch for the Sunday Jam. The Welcome Mat is out to all districts, so come help us make it a fun week-end.

Half of knowing what you want is knowing what you must give up to get it.

LOUISE POLLICK, Reporter

DISTRICT 3

Central Oregon Old Time Fiddlers held their monthly jam session on Sunday, August 10th. We had 5 fiddlers and as many accompanists. Lots of good snappy fiddle tunes as well as some nice waltzes. Some of our fiddlers and musicians were on vacations. Around 50 people came to listen to the music.

It was 95 , so we enjoyed the cool punch and cookies at intermission. We also enjoyed the fans for cooler air, while the fiddlers were fiddlin' up a storm. They all played several tunes together.

Jane Thompson & hubby, Darrell, returned from 3 weeks on the Washington coast visiting with their daughter-in-law and 3 grandchildren.

Tony Spatz attended a fiddlers workshop in Cannon Beach. He also played in the Parade at the Deschutes Co. Fair and Rodeo at Redmond. The Oldtime Fiddlers played at the fair on July 31. They also played at the Crook Co. Fair on the evening of Aug. 15. Nine musicians and their families attended there, where they had a nice audience.

THELMA TERRILL, Reporter

DISTRICT 4N

With everyone's cooperation, and the help of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers, the Summer Festival in Myrtle Creek this year was a huge success. That same evening we went to the Jam at Winchester Bay with some friends, and, on Sunday, we jammed again to a full Grange Hall.

Although it was hot weather, we put on a good show at the Douglas County Fair, with the help of the Booher family, the good MC'ing of Wayne Holmes, and the cooperation of all the fiddlers. We are playing for Senior citizens at nursing homes, dances and dining sites around the district. We plan to go to Warwicks after the Canyonville Contest. We always have a good time visiting with old friends, and good fiddle music, too.

GLEN A. BROWN, Reporter

DISTRICT 4S

A "Thank you" to the musicians that turned out for Old Sams Valley Days on Aug. 2nd. It was so nice to have Alta Bance with us again for the day. It was hot, hot, hot, that day.

A good crowd turned out for our picnic at Palmerton Park on Aug. 3rd. Lots of good food and drinks were enjoyed by all with an afternoon full of good music!

Sept. 7 jam will be at the Sams Valley Grange Hall on Old Sams Valley road, off Hwy 234. Doors open at 10:30, meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon, and doors open to the public at 1:00 p.m.

We will be playing at the Talent Harvest Festival on Sept. 13, probably around 3:00 p.m.

October 5th jam will be at Jerome Prairie Hall. Doors will open at 10, Potluck at noon and open to public at 1:00. The Hall is on Redwood Ave., second road on left past Rogue Community College on Hwy. 199.

We are all so happy to hear Joyce Grissom is getting along just fine after serious surgery.

DORENE WINKELMAN, Reporter

DISTRICT 5

I waited two extra days for your news, Lew, but had to get this show on the road and get it to press. T.S. Sorry

DISTRICT 6

We did not have a regular jam this month so musicians could help out at the various fairs and events around the state. And they did!! Many of them helped out at the fair in Roseburg, the Benton County Fair (2 days), Clackamas Co. Fair and Polk Co. Fair. We had a full slate of musicians for our very own Lane County Fair, where they wanted us back for two extra performances, which we had to turn down due to other scheduling. We'll see about that next year! We also entertained at the Applegate Trail Days in Veneta, earning money for our district.

Stan & Addie Gonshorowski, Dale McCoy, Alta Bance and Bob Kaiser entertained with several specials at the Oregon State Fair in Salem. They were there, also, playing as members of the Jamborinos from Springfield.

Small groups continue playing and singing for the many local nursing homes and retirement centers, and also for the annual Eugene Elk's Picnic, and the Leaburg Days festivities. The latter also earned money for our district. Many of our members are enjoying the last week of August at the Warwick's Campout.

Hope to see many of you at the LINN COUNTY FAIR, Sept. 19th, from 6 to 9 p.m. This state function will earn \$250.00 for the show. We will play under cover, on a 40' covered van. Take the first exit, whether coming from the north or south. Signs are visible from the freeway. Proceed to 3051 S.E. Oakwood Avenue. Players be ready to show instruments and membership cards at the gate.

STAN GONSHOROWSKI, Reporter

P.S. I just missed the weekend functions the week I got hurt last month as I had to do the Hoedowner the next week. I DID get to play at the Applegate Trail Days & haven't missed much since then. Want to thank all of

you wonderful fiddle-friends for your warm wishes, cards, calls and flowers. Just don't tell the old Doc what I've been up to!

THELMA

DISTRICT 7

Sept 21, Jam at Eagle Creek Grange, Estacada, Oregon.

Thanks to all the folks who came from Eugene, Vancouver and points in-between, to make our day at the Clackamas County Fair in Canby a success. Assisted by good weather and a responsive audience, a good time was had by all.

Our next jam will be Sept. 21, at the Eagle Creek Grange in Estacada. Doors open at 10:30, potluck at noon and show at 1:00. Our last pie and coffee sale was so successful, we want all you good bakers to please bring pies and we'll try it again! Now here's how to get to the Eagle Creek Grange: take Hwy. #224 from Clackamas to Estacada, turn left at Eagle Fern Park sign at Carver, go about a block and a half. The Grange is about 3 blocks before you cross the old highway -- green building on left. Bring your own table service, your pies and your instruments and we'll see you all then! Oh, and don't forget a dish for the potluck!

JOANNE MINATO, Reporter

DISTRICT 8

We had a good turnout at the Rickreall Fair. A large audience stayed to the end. Thanks to 24 fiddlers and specials, and 12 back-ups, we had a very good program. Everyone got to jam together and all fiddlers and specials got to play or sing two tunes. We also played several requests and jammed at the end of the program. A big "Thank you" to everyone who helped put this program on.

Our next Jam will be at the Yachats Fish Fry, Sept. 13th. We start to play at 12 o'clock, noon, then on the evening at 5:30 we have a Potluck at the Senior Citizen Center at Waldport. At 7:30 p.m. we will play for the Cancer Research benefit. We can come to the center on Friday evening and jam that night.

Our October Jam will be at Willamina American Legion Hall, October 19th.

JEANETTE ROBINSON, Reporter

DISTRICT 9

Hi! Hope everybody's summer has been fun filled. This has been another hectic summer, with fiddlers going in every direction. Stacey and Paula Reynolds attended Carol Ann's workshop in Cannon Beach. A good time was shared with Carol Ann and Tiffany. They do such a good job!

We played for a benefit for the Cote family, of Burns. Our entertainers were Lloyd Louie, Darlene Austin, Brick Callaway, Ruel Teague, Stacey and Paula Reynolds. We have a new addition to our group that also performed. They are 4 young people that call themselves "Country Cuzins". We had a large turn out for a bar-b-q and potluck that was held at Idle Wild Camp Ground. We had 4 special guests share the day with us; Rusty and Vi Modrell, from Rockaway, and John and Eva Murray from John Day.

We play for the Ecuminical Ministries of Oregon.

We will be getting things rounded up for our Harney County Fair.

PAULA REYNOLDS, Reporter

TS: Show me a man who "goes with the flor" and I'll show you a man who's been up the creek without a paddle.



NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE:

Chris and Rudi Booher want to thank all those who helped them attend the Vernonia Campout and the Cannon Beach Fiddle Workshop. Special thanks to Dist. 7 for donating money toward their tuition, to Jim and Carol Lockard, Walt & Maxine Benson for transportation, and to Buck & Susie Milligan for a ride to the Spokane Regional Contest, and to the Spatz family for a wonderful visit in Bend on their way home from Washington.

The Hollis Taylor Band will be performing at the following places:

Rogue Community College, Grants Pass, September 18, 7:00 p.m.

Desert Arts Council, Hermiston, September 26, evening

Arts Council of Pendleton, Pendleton, September 27, evening.

Greg Baker reports a "hot" Suzuki workshop in Louisiana during July. Weather over 100 degrees! Then another workshop in Iowa at the end of August. His classes in Beginning Fiddle and Old-time Country and Bluegrass Band (different instruments) begin October 6 and will run until December 8th in Portland,; both classes are Monday evenings, at 6:30 and 7:30. Contact him by calling 281-1450, or Community Schools at 280-5742.

GREG, the list of officers you wanted was printed in your July Hoedowner, and addresses in the Roster. T.S.

Don't forget the HARRISBURG HARVEST FESTIVAL, September 20th from 1 to around 4 p.m. Come early in the day and get to hear the Knox Brothers. You'll all enjoy them. This is a fun day, so come and help out. See you at Harrisburg!

Our Fun Nites at THURSTON GRANGE are due to start Sept. 12th. Potluck at 6 then we play til the cows come home. Everyone has a good time, and you need not be a fiddler member to join in the fun. Come and bring guests. These Fun Nites will be held every second Friday night until summer unless you get further notice otherwise. So, mark your calendars ahead every month.

If anyone has the words to the song "Cattle Call" please send a copy to: Michelle Austin, 741 N. Buena Vista, Burns, OR 97720. Thanks!

On the night of August 4th, David Moffitt's home was burglarized and, among other things, two violins were stolen. If any of our members come across them being offered for sale please notify him. His violin had a yellow varnish and the label said "St. Walker, Aberdeen, Scotland, 1875 violin-maker" and the other (his grandmother's) had a red varnish and the label read "Nicolas Amati, Cremona Italy, facit 16____" Notify David Moffitt, 950 Concord NE #5, Salem, OR 97301.

George Stout has two fiddles for sale (and these AREN'T DAVID's mentioned above). He has 1 student's fiddle with case and bow for \$100.00 and 1 advanced fiddle with case and 2 bows for \$200.00. Both are in excellent condition, and George says the offer expires 9/10/86, so hurry. Ph.367-5693.

A NOTE OF THANKS: "Thanks to everyone for all the cards, letters, gifts, and prayers through my surgery. They all helped. The Dr. says I'll be as good as new and I can go to Martha's if I feel like it - (Ha) I sure intend to!"

Love, JOYCE GRISSOM

MANY THANKS to all their dear friends for all the many cards, letters, calls, flowers and prayers from Betty Lively, Betty Canning and Hank Napier who have all been recently hospitalized. (No, not together! I just thought I'd save space by combining the thanks this way, since they all love and appreciate you. TS).

PLEASE MAKE THESE NEW MEMBERS FEEL WELCOME IN YOUR DISTRICTS:

John & Kendra Louks, P.O. Box 2059, White City, OR 97503

David & Shannon Hall, 3940 N.W. Witham Hill Dr. #74, Corvallis, OR 97330

Dick & Jeanne Weaver, P.O. Box 73, Winchester Bay, OR 97467

NEW MEMBERS, Please read your monthly issue of the Hoedowner to keep up to date with your district news. Feel free to visit and participate in ANY event listed in the Calendar of Coming Events, as guests from other districts are always welcome. Ask your District Secretary/Treasurer for a copy of the 1986 Roster so you can become familiar with names of members in your district. If none are available, contact the State Vice-President, Lew Holt for a Roster. They are free this year to members.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Any of you who play an instrument or sing know how busy and complicated our schedules can be with the many places to perform. Most of you perform in our large group jams and other functions, and, again, as members of small groups, or alone. There has been some discussion and confusion concerning identification, recognition and compensation for these various activities.

Any time you perform under the title of Oregon Old Time Fiddler you are a representative of the organization and monies earned go either to the state, if it is a state function, or to your local district treasury. This has been explicitly delineated in our state By-Laws and there should be no question about it. However, many places also choose to feed the performers and their spouses as extra appreciation for the music.

There are members, also, who are known otherwise, by personal name, or as a member of a small named group, who are asked to perform. We have MANY small groups throughout the state made up solely or partially of fiddler members. If this is how you were CONTACTED and ADVERTISED or BILLED, your compensation is your own personal affair and has nothing to do with the fiddlers' association. With the exception of one group of VISITORS in one district, and listed as such, these other named groups are NOT LISTED in any district news. We could fill several pages of the Hoedowner by just listing the activities of the several NAMED small groups just around the Willamette Valley area, but this would not be appropriate or proper. It is just like wearing two different hats, or sometimes three. When you play, remember your title billing determines who gets the compensation and who gets Hoedowner recognition from your district. If you play under another name, please do your own advertising. Just try to remember which hat you are wearing each time you play, and there should be no further confusion. Remember there are MANY small groups in each district, and when they are listed in district news "in general" they ARE playing as Oregon Old Time Fiddlers and we just do not have space to list all the names of the players. Besides, I feel it is more important to let people know how busy WE are than to always know just exactly WHO we are. We are all in this boat together, and it takes us all to make it float. Please don't punch holes in the hull if someone goes fishing in another boat once in awhile. Just keep on rowing together!

THELMA SHEPHARD

Just received a notice that the Cowlitz Valley Old Time Music Assoc. (in Wash.) has fun jams on the first, third and 5th Fridays of each month. These are held at the Lexington Community Hall, 1800 Westside Hiway, Kelso, Washington. Everyone welcome!




Silent Fiddles



RUTH JONES, beloved wife of Casey Jones, passed away suddenly Aug. 8, 1986.

PAUL SHANKLIN, Oregon's oldest member, passed away in Roseburg in late August.



FROM YOUR EDITOR:

I want to thank those of you who help keep me informed about address changes, etc. When you do not, the post office does and it costs the state 30¢ each time. If you merely leave a forwarding address, it is usually good for a specific length of time, then the P.O. starts returning your Hoedowners to me as "Undeliverable". This month we seem to have misplaced PEGGY O'NEILL this way and her Hoedowner was returned. Anyone knowing her address, please let me know.

I also want to thank my dear Reporters for their faithful service. Some of you get your reports in very early and that helps me set up my calendar, and make plans. I realize some functions are scheduled fairly late in the month, and you have to wait in order to report them. Keep up the good work. We want everyone to know all the good things that are cookin' all over the state.

THELMA

I reported last month that Ray Goble was home from his surgery and doing fine. Shortly after that, he was hospitalized a second time with another ruptured artery and has had two surgeries since you heard last. June has practically "camped" out at the hospital to be near him. The latest report is that he has improved some and we are more encouraged with his progress this week. He still has a long way to go, yet.

I'M NOT BROKE, BUT I'M SURE BADLY BENT

I've worked all my life just to raise up my kids,
So they could have things
That I never did.
I made lots of money and spent every cent,
Now I'm not broke - but I'm sure badly bent!

CHORUS:

There were happy times and sad times
And good times and bad times and such,
There were times we had plenty to eat,
Times we never had much,
I've made lots of money and spent every cent,
Now I'm not broke - but I'm sure badly bent!

The kids are all grown now and I'm all alone
With pa and the dog
In our little white home
We're just breaking even and I want you to know,
If I cant take it with me - I ain't gonna go!

THELMA SHEPHARD

Didn't have room to copy the music, but thought you might get a chuckle out of a familiar old story of my life! I'll write the music down soon before I forget what I composed.

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 droned against an open A in measures 9 and 13. Play this note like a dotted quar-
 ter. Each measure in this tune must begin on a down bow.

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