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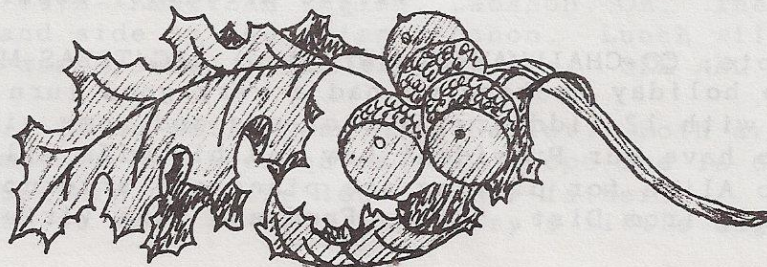
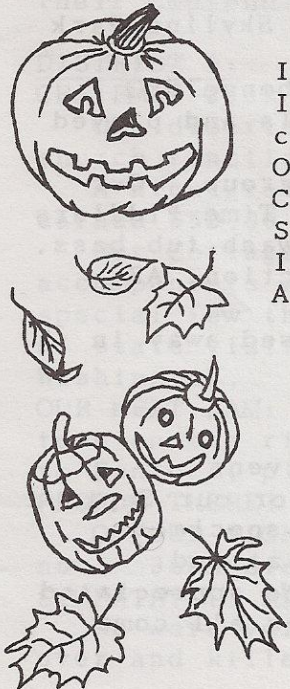
Determination is realizing that my present struggles are essential for future achievement.--Bill Gothard

Every man's work is a portrait of himself.--anonymous

THEME IN YELLOW

I spot the hills with yellow balls in autumn.  
 I light the prairie cornfields--orange and tawny  
 clusters--and I am called pumpkins.  
 On the last of October, when dusk has fallen  
 Children joins hands and circle round me  
 Singing ghost songs and love to the harvest moon;  
 I am a jack-o'-lantern with terrible teeth  
 And the children know I am fooling.

Carl Sandburg



LEW SEZ: I think this past month that I have heard, played, and been around more fiddling than many people experience in a lifetime. It started with 3 days at the contest in Canyonville, on to Warwick's campout for 7 more days (what a great place to get to know so many fine people), and then to top it off with a District 4 jam in Talent. Our thanks to the members from District 4 who made Alice's and my afternoon with them such a memorable occasion. And 3 fun-filled days at the Cranberry Festival in Bandon the following weekend. Then there were nursing homes, grange programs, Constitution dedications, banquet programs, and jamming with friends, too. I am glad that I got the winter's wood all stacked last May. I am looking forward to the state meeting in Bend, which will be history by the time you read this. HAPPY FIDDLING!

Lew Holt, President

OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION

#### DISTRICT 1:

CHAIRMAN-Isom Patterson; CO-CHAIRMAN-Charles Sandusky; SEC/TREAS-Anne Johnson  
Beautiful fall greetings from district one. . . This has been a busy summer for everyone in every place, I'm sure.

The fiddlers enjoyed playing in the Tulalake Fair Parade. They had an addition to their float--Mr. Daffy Duck--who did some dancing for the parade watchers. The kids loved it.

The Sept. jam was well attended. We had as guests from dist. 4 Tex Amberson, Doyle Lacey, Julia Pantel and Ruby Downing.

Oct. 1st at 6:30 p.m. is Fun Night at Shasta Grange Hall in Klamath Falls. Come join the fun!

Oct. 18th is our regular jam at Klamath Falls Fair Grounds. We'll start at 1:00 p.m. with a business meeting, then jam at 2:00. Everyone is welcome.

On Sat., Oct. 17th, the fiddlers will be in the Merrill Potato Festival Parade. Afterwards they will make music during a barbeque.

The fiddlers will be jamming all day at Lakeview, with a potluck lunch. Those Lakeview people sure know how to have a big potluck, so don't forget the date!

Would you like some smiles today? Give out a few and see what happens!

Louise Pollick, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 3:

CHAIRMAN-Tom O'Neil; CO-CHAIRMAN-Bobby Kitchens; SEC/TREAS-Thelma Terrill  
August 22 found the Old Time Fiddlers playing at Thousand Trails in Sunriver. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

August 29th Tony Spatz entered the competition at Canyonville and won 2nd place in the open division. In September Tony entered the Fiddlers' contest at the Butte Valley Fair in Tule Lake. He won Best All Around Fiddler and Best Youth All Around Fiddler and received 2 belt buckles. He also played for Mickey Gilley at the fair. Congratulations, Tony!

September 7th a few of our fiddlers joined some musicians at Skyline Park in Bend for a Labor Day Picnic and put out some good music.

September 12th we were a busy group. We played at the Terrebonne BBQ for a couple of hours. In the evening we went to Thousand Trails and played to a full house.

September 13th we had our monthly meeting with a good sized group. Our visitors included Walter Drake, president of the Washington Old Time Fiddlers from Camas, WA. He played fiddle while his brother played his wash tub bass. We had visitors from Roseburg and "Chub" Hanson from Apache Junction, AZ, whom we hope will join our group.

Our sympathy to Kay and Dave Gutcher. Kay's grandmother passed away in Crescent, OR, in August.

Billie Kitchens, Reporter

#### DISTRICT 4:

CHAIRMAN-Zelma Foote; CO-CHAIRMAN-Jim Winslow; SEC/TREAS-Mona Givens

In spite of the holiday weekend we had a very good turn out for our Sept. 6th jam at Talent with 12 fiddlers, 9 back-ups and some singing specials. We were honored to have our President Lew and his wife Alice to attend. A big thank you to Alice for playing the piano all afternoon. We appreciated it. Also as guests from Dist. 5 were Fred and Vera Virtue. You all come again soon!

DISTRICT 4 (cont.):

Zelma Foote, our new chairman, says to tell all she appreciates all the cooperation from everyone.

We entertained 206 travelers at the Valley of the Rogue State Park in August. The park director said we had drawn the largest crowd of any of the groups they had there. They really did enjoy our music, and joined in singing on some tunes. Tommy Grissom was unable to sing due to recent nose surgery, but is getting along fine. Zelma Foote and Pauline Winslow were so kind to serve us refreshments afterward.

Our Oct. 4th jam will be at the Youth Center (across the street from the school) in Canyonville. Doors open at 11:00: the meeting will be at 11:30, then a potluck at noon. Doors open to the public at 1:00.

The Nov. 1st jam will be at the Talent Community Hall--doors open at 11:00, meeting at 11:30, potluck at noon, and open to the public at 1:00.

We played Sept. 12th at the Talent Harvest Festival, as we have for many years. Some played at the Rogue Valley Manor Health Care Unit for the first time, among the many other nursing homes and senior events in September.

We are appreciated!

We are all sorry to hear Cecil Lacey has been under the weather, and want him to know we are thinking of him and wishing him well.

Dorene Winkleman, Reporter

DISTRICT 5:

CHAIRMAN-Al Lively; CO-CHAIRMAN-Lew Holt; SEC/TREAS-Dorothy Settle

The Bandon Cranberry Festival took place Sept. 12th-13th. Saturday a.m. our float, filled with musicians, won a red ribbon. Following the parade, we assembled at the park for a BBQ beef dinner, then played for the enjoyment of other diners. In the p.m. we gathered at the Bandon Grange Hall to play music, visit and eat. Sunday afternoon we entertained the public at our jam. Many thanks to our friends from other districts who came. We appreciate your help.

Sept. 18th was a two-event day. In the afternoon we played at Reedsport's Constitution Birthday Party in their new park. The crowd was small but appreciative. In the p.m. Hollis and Carol Real, Ella Savery, and Lew and Alice Holt played for the North Bayside Grange at Glasgow. Feeling adventurous, we did a few numbers with no fiddles: Ella on harmonica, Lew mandolin, Carol piano, Hollis guitar and yours truly, after a short lesson, on bass.

Oct. 3rd we'll be at Greenacres Grange. Come around 6 p.m. and have a hamburger. Music will start at about 7:30.

Oct. 6th, Tues. night, we'll play for Daughter's of the Nile Club at the Pony Village Motor Lodge. Program starts about 7:00 p.m..

Oct. 18th we will play at St. Monica's Catholic Church in Coos Bay for their Centennial Celebration. We'll start at 1:00 p.m..

Alice Holt, Reporter

DISTRICT 6:

CHAIRMAN-Jack Walker; CO-CHAIRMAN-Thelma Shephard; SEC/TREAS-Kay Donathan

Our district players have been busy, busy, busy playing for nursing homes, church functions and grange halls.

A nice group played for Leaburg Days, sponsored by the Lions Club. We earned \$50.00 for the district. THANKS TO ALL YOU FAITHFUL MUSICIANS!

Our Cottage Grove jam was a huge success, as always. Many players and accompanists were there to make the day complete. A big THANK YOU to the special few that helped clean up after the pot luck...we love you! Out of state visitors were Betty Paladzciks brother and sister-in-law from Kent, Washington.

OUR NEXT JAM: Oct. 18th--American Legion, Lebanon, OR. The Legion is downtown on the right hand side as you enter Lebanon. Lunch will be served to Seniors, players and spouses. Jam at 1:00 p.m. SEE ALL YOU WONDERFUL PEOPLE THERE!

ON OUR SICK LIST: ZoAnn Bailer and Hank Napier. Both are doing well now. John Steel's mother has been quite ill. Hope she is doing better. SYMPATHY to Margie Sanford upon the loss of her father.

We were very sorry to hear of Walt Westberry's little dog getting run over and killed.

DISTRICT 6 (cont.):

VI AND CHARLIE JENSEN are off to Arizona: their winter address there is P.O. Box 3536, Quartzite, AZ 85359. We will miss you!

BE SURE TO CALL US IF ANYONE IS ILL OR ANY DEATH IN YOUR FAMILY. WE CANNOT REPORT ANYTHING WE DO NOT KNOW ABOUT.

Stan and Addie Gonshorowski, Reporter/Sec P.S. CONGRATULATIONS are in order to Rick and Jan Anselmo, Oakridge...very nice article about their weather forecasting business in the Register Guard Friday, September 18th.

DISTRICT 7:

CHAIRMAN-Penny Mead; CO-CHAIRMAN-Carrol Finley; SEC/TREAS-Myrtle Arnold

We forgot to mention the participation of Bob and Dulcie Fast at the Clackamas County Fair. It wouldn't have been the same without their contributions. Bob and Dulcie are in Missouri for a couple of weeks.

Our next jam is Oct. 18 at the Sandy Senior Center (38348 Pioneer Blvd.)-going east on the main street in Sandy just past the Plaid Pantry--it is the red building on the right. Doors open at 10:00, Potluck at noon, jam, 1:00-5:00.

Upcoming jams will be Nov. 22nd at the Milwaukie Senior Center and Dec. 13th at Clackamas Community College.

Hollis Taylor, Reporter

DISTRICT 8:

CHAIRMAN-Dave Robinson; CO-CHAIRMAN-Les Johnson; SEC/TREAS-Faythe Maahs

Our Smelt Fry was a big success, and we all enjoyed our camp at Waldport at the Senior Citizen Center. Thanks to everyone!! We all had fun, and the weather was great.

Wally Weaver passed away, and we will all miss his harmonica playing. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

Our next jam will be at the Willamina VFW Hall, Oct. 18th. Doors open at 10:00, with a district meeting at 11:00. Please try to get to the meeting as so many have not been showing up at the meetings. Do try to make this one a good one. Potluck at noon, and the show for the public at 1:00.

Nov. 15th will be our Thanksgiving Dinner and jam at the Woodburn Grange.

Dec. 20th is our Christmas Dinner at the McMinnville Grange.

Jeanette Robinson, Reporter

OUR FIDDLE FAMILY IS GROWING!! PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS--

Arlan Belleque, Rt. 1, Box 1320, Bandon, OR 97411

Edwin and Mary Doherty, P.O. Box 885, Coquille, OR 97423

Richard and Myra Edmisson, P.O., Box 74944, Fairbanks, AK 99707

Robert and Ruth Ellenwood, 513 W. Harrison St., Roseburg, OR 97470

Jeff Graham, 227 N.W. 11th #1, Corvallis, OR 97330

George and Ruby Christine Irby, 29360 Santiam Hwy, Lebanon, OR 97355

Dick Long and Jane Dallison, Rt.1 Box 1470, Bandon, OR 97411

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

Walter and Francis Orr, 40 Terry Lane, Springfield, OR 97477

Merle and Paula Pasley, P.O. Box 1366, Rogue River, OR 97537

Christy Ann Sanders and Jerry & Beth Brainard, 1802 N.E. Well Acres Rd. Bend, OR 97701

Elwood and Helen Serfass, 805 Pacific, Coos Bay, OR 97420

Jeannette Sherwood, 98825 Pleasant Hill #30, Brookings, OR 97415

Dorothy Landry, 2165 Jeppesen Acres Rd., Eugene, OR 97401

LAST MINUTE NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6:

The Island Park (Springfield) picnic, held Sept. 27th, was a terrific success, with 126 persons from around the state. Congratulations to Jack Walker for conceiving the idea, and for his usual wonderful job of emcee. He even had to hand-hold the mike! Thanks to District 6 for all the good hamburgers and hotdogs, and to the Boothers for the basket of apples. Everyone brought lots of good food--thank you all! A special thanks to Maxine Benson, George Donathan and Lowell Coffey for cooking those delicious ham burgers! Besides Dist. 6 there were our president and first lady, Lew and Alice Holt, Isom and Faye Patterson from Dist. 1, Jim and Pauline

Winslow (Jim is new Dist. 4 co-chairman), The Ed Dolittles and sister, Dennis and Thelma Allen, Chuck and Dorothy Booher and the Mike Booher family, all from District 4. If we missed anyone, please forgive. Since this event was such a success, how about next year, Jack? (note below)

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**100 FIDDLE TUNE NOTATIONS**

A and E Waltz A & E  
 Alabama Jubilee C  
 Angus Campbell A  
 Anniversary Waltz C  
 Arizona Waltz F

Beaumont Rag D  
 Beaumont Rag F  
 Bile Them Cabbage Down G  
 Bill Cheatem A  
 Billy In The Low Ground C & Am  
 Black Hawk Waltz G  
 Black & White Rag G & C  
 Brownskin Gal G  
 Bully of The Town G

Cabri Waltz G  
 Cherokee Maiden G  
 Cherokee Shuffle A  
 Cherry Orchard Waltz C  
 Chinese Breakdown D  
 Cincinnati Rag G  
 Clarinet Polka G & C  
 Coming Down From Denver A  
 Cotton Eyed Joe A  
 Crazy Creek C & Am  
 Cripple Creek G  
 Crooked Stove Pipe G

Death Valley Waltz G  
 Down Yonder G  
 Drunken Billy Goat A

East Tennessee Blues C  
 Eighth Of January D & G

Faded Love D  
 Festival Waltz A  
 First Waltz A  
 Flop Eared Mule D  
 Flop Eared Nule G  
 Florida Blues D  
 Fourteen Days in Georgia C  
 Footprints in the Snow C  
 Frisco to Cape Cod G

Gardenia Waltz G  
 Gold Rush A  
 Granny Will Your Dog Bite A

Herman's Rag (Oklahoma Rag) C  
 High Country A  
 Huckleberry Hornpipe A

I Know Who Holds Tomorrow Bb  
 I'll be All Smiles Tonight C  
 I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now G

Jack of Diamonds A  
 Jesse Polka G

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 Ozark Moon Waltz D

Pig Ankle Rag D  
 Possum up a Gum Stump D

Rachel D  
 Ragtime Annie A, D & G  
 Red Fox Waltz D  
 Red Wagon, WYRI My Little F  
 Red Wing G  
 Roxanna Waltz C & A  
 Rubber Dolly, WYBMA A  
 Run Johnny Run D  
 Rutland's Reel C & Am

Sacramento Rag A  
 Sail Away Ladies (Sally Ann /Great Big Taters In Sandy Land) G  
 Sally Good'in A  
 San Antonio Rose G  
 Shannon Waltz G  
 Silver Bell C & G  
 Silver Lake Blues A  
 Snow Deer G  
 Snow Flake Reel D  
 Spanish Two Step D  
 Still on a Hill D  
 Stone's Rag (Lone Star Rag) C  
 Sugar Tree Stomp G

Tennessee Waltz C  
 The Man From Galilee D  
 Too Precious G  
 Twinkle Little Star Rag G

Uk Pic Waltz G & Em  
 Under The Double Eagle D & G

Waggoner C  
 Westphalia Waltz G  
 Whistling Rufus G  
 White River Stomp G

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P.S. FROM DISTRICT 6: Anniversary bells rang for Jim and Theresa Powell Sunday, Sept. 27th. CONGRATULATIONS!! And we wish you many more together! (It was their 40th.)



CANYONVILLE PIONEER DAYS OLDTIME FIDDLE CONTEST--1987

WINNERS

JR. JR. DIV.

- \$10-1st--Darren Reitan, Sunny Valley
- 5-2nd--Erin McMullen, Corvallis

INTERMEDIATE DIV.

- \$40-1st--Eileen Witle, West Linn
- 30-2nd--Dorothy Cory, Crescent City, CA
- 25-3rd--Bob Shaffar, Bandon
- 20-4th--Chuck Bruneau, Klamath Falls
- 15-5th--Alice Holt, North Bend

SR. DIV.

- \$35-1st--Leonard Maahs, McMinnville
- 30-2nd--Bob Kaiser, Coburg
- 25-3rd--Van Southwood, Williams
- 20-4th--Walt Westberry, Sweet Home
- 15-5th--Bill Christian, Sutherlin

OPEN DIV.

- \$50-1st--Joey McKenzie, McMinnville
- 45-2nd--Tony Spatz, Bend
- 40-3rd--Bob Bridgman, Coos Bay
- 35-4th--Vi Jensen, Eugene
- 30-5th--Penny Mead, Portland

ACCOMPANIST DIV.

- 1st--Bob Huffman, Portland
- 2nd--Vic Flood, Medford
- 3rd--Norman McGrew, Dayton
- 4th tie--Penny Mead, Portland  
Abbie Shaffar, Bandon
- 5th tie--Dennis Allen, Roseburg  
Shorty Dow, Bandon

Twenty-nine fine fiddlers entered the competition. All those listed above as receiving a cash prize won a trophy also. The accompanist division winners took home some nice trophies. The contest was a great success, enhanced by some fine specials by Ted Miller, Vic Flood, Guy Kinman, Dennis and Thelma Allen, Shorty Dow, Bob Shaffar, Bob Bridgman, Abbie Shaffar, Joey McKenzie, Bill Yohey, Tony Spatz, Gene and Mary Lowe, Tom Barkley, and Jack Walker. Please forgive me if I have missed anyone.

Lew Holt was our capable Emcee. Gene Lowe, Homer McLain, and Wally Bloom had the difficult job of judging. Tom Barkley was our excellent sound engineer. Special thanks to him and District #4 for the use of their sound equipment. Special thanks also to Neva Flood, Martha Warwick, Etta Powell, Rosalie McLain, Pauline Winslow, Betty Bruneau, Faye Maahs, and Doris Barkley for their help. Also to those who did the set-up and clean-up work. You know who you are, and you helped to make this contest a breeze for Jim and I. Thanks so much.

Gynn Deaton

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Just to let you know--RUDI BOOHER, along with brother Chris and grandparents Chuck and Dorothy Booher, has a fiddle tape out,--engineered by Bill Barnett of Gung-Ho Studio of Eugene. Chris is playing excellent piano, guitar and bass back-up, with Chuck and Dorothy Booher giving the boys their good solid back-up on bass and guitar. For \$8.00 you can enjoy listening to this delightful mixture of country and old-time tunes.

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- Redwing
- Time Changes Everything
- Edelweiss
- Don't Let the Deal Go Down
- Sweet Georgia Brown
- Tennessee Waltz
- Clarinet Polka
- Amazing Grace

These tapes will be available at the American Legion Jam at Lebanon on Oct. 18th, or write to Rudi Booher, Rt. 2, Box 69, Yoncalla, Or. 97499.

THANK YOU!!

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Do you have a tape or record you would like to let others know about? Just write or call Dolores Booher, your Hoedowner editor. (Her address and phone number are on the front page of the Hoedowner.) She will be glad to print it for you.

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"The happiness of men consists in life. And life is in labor."--Tolstoi

A FIDDLE-LOVER'S BALLAD

When I was just a youngster  
I loved that country sound,  
I wanted to play the fiddle,  
But there wasn't one around.

But Father Time caught up with me--  
I'll never learn to play:  
Oh, I love that country music--  
In the style of yesterday.

So I gets myself some wire  
And an ol' piece of wood,  
And I built myself a fiddle--  
But it didn't sound too good.

When them fiddlers get to playin',  
If I truly listen hard,  
I can hear the rooster crowin',  
Or smell the ol' barnyard.

I would sneak my mama's fiddle down--  
To this day I can hear her shriek,  
"Please put my fiddle up, young man--  
I can't stand to hear it squeak!"

Oh, yes, memories--sweet memories--  
When those fiddlers start to play--  
Our troubles are forgotten--  
The years just fade away.

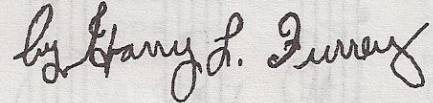
I never got a fiddle,  
I never learned to play,  
But I love that ol' time music  
In the style of yesterday.

Yes, when those fiddlers get together,  
An' puttin' on a show,  
You can bet that you will find me  
Front seat and middle row.

Oh, I'd love to be a fiddler  
And get up on that big stage,  
And whip me out some old time tunes  
As proud as I could be.

I truly thank you, ol' time fiddlers,  
For inviting me this day,  
An' givin' me the chance to enjoy  
The ol' time fiddlers play!

I'd play my-self some jigs and reels  
Or a good ol' Irish tune--  
I'd start them toes a-tappin'  
All around the room.



Harry Furrey is an OOTFA member from  
Klamath Falls.

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BUMPER STICKER, ANYONE? A request has been made for ideas for a wise and/or witty bumper sticker especially made for fiddlers--a catchy line to stick in one's mind. This could also be put on a metal frame around the license plate. If you have any good ideas, please send them to your editor.

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JUST FOR LAUGHS--

Just as a traveler was writing his name on the register of a hotel, a bed-bug appeared and took its way across the page. The man paused and remarked:

"I've been bled by St. Joe fleas and bitten by Kansas City spiders; but I'll be darned if I was ever in a place before where the bed-bugs looked over the hotel register to find out where your room was!"

There is an Englishman in Saratoga whose feet are so large that he rests easier standing up than lying down.

Mrs. Thompson says he objected to taking a walk yesterday, on the ground that it was so damp.

"What difference does that make?" I asked.

"Oh, his feet are so large that so much of him is exposed to the damp earth that he takes cold."

"But suppose he is compelled to go out in very rainy weather--what does he do?" I asked.

"Why, if he has to stay out any length of time, he generally sits down on the grass and holds his feet up!"

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SERIOUSLY . . .

"The best place to find a helping hand is at the end of your arm."--anonymous

"Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles."

Proverbs 21:23

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