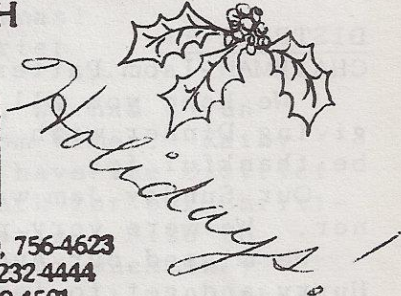
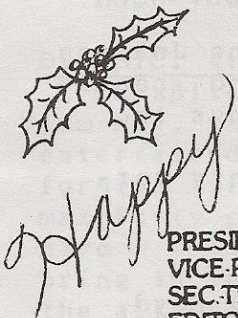


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...and she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him up in swaddling clothes and laid him in the manger, because there was no room for them in the inn... And the angel said to them, Fear not, for behold, I announce to you glad tidings of great joy, which shall be to ALL the people; for today a Saviour has been born to you in David's city, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:7, 10 and 11.

COMING EVENTS

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| Dec 3 | Jam, Shasta Grange |
| 5 | Christmas Potluck, Greenacres Grange |
| 6 | Christmas Party, Talent Community Hall |
| 11 | SWOCC Christmas Party, Tioga Hall |
| 12 | Jam, Shasta Plaza Mall |
| 13 | Jam, Coos Bay Senior Center |
| 13 | Christmas Jam, Clackamas Comm. College |
| 13 | Christmas Jam, Burns Sr. Center |
| 14 | Burns Nursing Home |
| 17 | Dinner & Jam, Clarendon House |
| 19 | Christmas Party, Shasta Grange |
| 20 | Christmas Dinner and Jam, McMinnville Grange |
| 23 | Jam, Pony Village Music Store |
| !!!!13 | JAM, LEBANON MOOSE |

DISTRICT

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| Greenacres | 5 |
| Talent | 4 |
| Coos Bay | 5 |
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| Clackamas | 7 |
| Burns | 9 |
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| Klamath Falls | 1 |
| Klamath Falls | 1 |
| McMinnville | 8 |
| North Bend | 5 |
| LEBANON | 6!!!! |

LEW SEZ: ...continued from last month--I sent my news in last month from Merrill. On our way to Lakeview, Alice and I stopped in Langell Valley--a beautiful place--to visit Bill Noble, a great old-time fiddler. Lakeview was beyond our dreams. The community, the sights, the high desert country, and most of all our fiddle friends, were really something. We enjoyed being a part of another District 1 jam. Our thanks to Isom and Faye Patterson and Homer and Rosa Lee McClain and all of you down in District 1. Rather than returning to North Bend, Alice and I went on to Redding for the fiddle contest. We arrived back home on Nov. 1 after 17 days of friends, fun, and fiddling. But now we must look to the future. I will meet with representatives of the community of Lebanon in December to get busy on the May contest. A committee is working to secure the judges. And don't forget to mark your calendar for the state meeting in Roseburg on Jan. 10th. Our state convention will be March 24 and 25. Our fiddle contest will be May 13 and 14. Alice and I wish the best to you as you enjoy the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays

A NOTE ABOUT MEMBERSHIP--Please note the colored membership form inserted in this issue of the Hoedowner. All memberships expire on Dec. 31, 1987. Send me the form and a check for \$12 to renew your membership. Or pay your dist. Sec/Treas. Some of you have already paid your 1988 dues and have your pink 1988 membership cards. Thanks to these folks for being so forward thinking



MEMBERSHIP (cont.): LIFE MEMBERS: you don't need to send the form. You already have your white Permanent Membership Card. ALL OTHERS: It's time to renew for 1988.

Thanks
Alice Holt, Membership Chairman

DISTRICT 1:

CHAIRMAN-Isom Patterson; CO-CHAIRMAN-Charles Sandusky; SEC/TREAS-Anne Johnson

We hope you all had a good Thanksgiving--turkey and trimmings and Thanksgiving Dinner with loved ones. We sure have an abundance of blessings to be thankful for.

Our Sunday Jam was a happy occasion--a big crowd and music in every corner. We were very pleased with the crowd.

We missed our Aunt Minnie Springer who is at her son's in Portland. Hurry and get to feeling better, Minnie, and come home.

We were sorry to hear of the death of one of our musicians--Frank Boyd. Down to business:

Thursday, Dec. 3rd, 6:30 p.m. will be our Fun Night at the Shasta Grange at Klamath Falls.

Dec. 12th, 6-7 p.m. we'll be fiddling at the Shasta Plaza mall. All musicians welcome.

Dec. 17th, 6:30 p.m. will be an Appreciation Dinner for the Fiddlers at the Claremont House in Klamath Falls. Come on you musicians--let's enjoy!

Dec. 19th, 6 p.m. is the Fiddlers' Christmas Dinner and Party (gift exchange--men for men--ladies for ladies) at the Shasta Grange Hall at Klamath Falls. (You-all come!)

There won't be a regular jam in Dec.

January--A jam the 3rd Sunday (17th), where the Merrill Potato Festival was.

A brown man's vest of one of the musicians was found at Isom Patterson's home. You can call Merrill--798-5948, if it is yours.

Louise Pollick, Reporter

ATTENTION EVERYONE--your editor forgot to include January, 1988's events on the front page, so here they are:

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| Jan | 3 | Jam, Vitality Center | Grants Pass | 4 |
| | 10 | State Meeting and Jam, Fairgrounds | Roseburg | OOTFA |
| | 17 | Jam, Canby Senior Center | Canby | 7 |
| | 17 | Jam, VFW Hall | Willamina | 8 |

DISTRICT 3:

CHAIRMAN-Tom O'Neil; CO-CHAIRMAN-Bobby Kitchens; SEC/TREAS-Thelma Terrill

Hello from beautiful Central Oregon! We really appreciate it after spending 2 wks. in October in S. California traffic.

In Oct. the Spatz family went down to Redding and Tony won 2nd place in the Western Open Jr.-Jr. Div.--Congratulations again, Tony!

We had another light monthly meeting. It was changed this month from the 2nd Sunday to the 1st Sunday and I think we had a few hunters missing, too. We enjoyed having Amos and Bonnie Fine from Walla Walla, WA, OTFA join our musical group. They were formerly OOTFA members. One of our guests, Eleanor Smith, played piano for most of our program. It was good having Thelma Terrill back with us again.


Lois Chisholm came down from Yakima, WA, and spent about a week visiting everyone. Says she misses all her friends.

Nov. 14th the fiddlers played at the District Grange meeting in Terrabonne and were rewarded with a delicious potluck luncheon.

In October Don and Bernice Hanson celebrated their 42nd wedding Anniversary and Bill and Winona Spatz their 19th. In Nov. Bob and Birdie Hawes Celebrated their 62 years. Congratulations!

It was good to hear Iris Buckle is home after 6 weeks in the hospital. Our prayers are with her on her long recovery back to good health.

Tom and Betty O'Neal are in Texas for 3 wks. and Harvey and Verna Walters are spending 5 months in S. California.



DISTRICT 3 (cont.):

our sympathy to the Tom O'Neal family. Tom's uncle passed away in Oct. in California. Our sympathy to Harvey Walter's family. Verna's brother passed away in October in South Dakota.

Hope you had a nice Thanksgiving, and have a Merry Christmas!
Billie Kitchens, Reporter

DISTRICT 4:

In spite of a smaller crowd both of musicians and public, we had a fun jam Nov. 1st at Talent. Guests were Don and Kathy Luker from Wimer. Kathy entertained us with some very nice vocals. It was voted to have the District furnish turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy, coffee and punch for our Christmas Party potluck, members to bring side dishes and/or desserts. Also to have a white elephant gift exchange with members given a number when they bring in their gift. Time--Dec. 6--doors open at 11:00, dinner at 1:00 sharp, the afternoon to be spent singing some Christmas songs and playing alot of music.

The fun jam Nov. 8th at Grants Pass proved to be very successful for all--a good turnout of 10 needing some help and more confidence. We were pleased to have Wally Bloom and Dawn Meldrin from Dist. 6 and Al Nelson from Dist. 1 join us in some lively tunes.

Next fun jam is Dec. 13th, 1-4, at the Vitality Center, 4 and L St., Grants Pass. Bring finger food to go with the coffee.

Jan. 3 Jam at the Vitality Center, Grants Pass. Doors open at 10:30, meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon, open to public at 1:00.

Grandma Vi Brown reports: Sheri West was 4th in Ladies at Redding, won 5th in the Open at Death Valley Days Encampment. Her many friends were happy to see her at Redding, as were her grandparents. She looked great in her "dress blues" uniform. She would like her friends to write her (she has more time to write now) at 85 E. Spruce St., Lemoore, CA. She reported to Lemoore Naval Station Nov. 9th.

We were all saddened by the death of Cecil Lacey, Nov. 1st. He was a good active lifetime member. We extend our sympathy to his family. We will all miss him very much.

State Quarterly Meeting and jam is Jan. 10th at the Roseburg Fairgrounds. Meeting at 10:00, potluck at noon, open to public at one.

Merry Christmas to all!

Dorene Winkleman, Reporter

DISTRICT 5:

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

We had our usual good time at Greenacres Grange on the first Saturday of November. Those who left early missed hearing Fred Grove play a few tunes on the fiddle. Fred is one of our faithful guitar players. He's got talent we didn't know about!

A group of us played at Coquille Care Center on Nov. 13th. On the 17th we played at Life Care in the p.m. and at St. Catherine's in the evening. These are both in Coos Bay. Myrtle Point Care Center is scheduled for this month, too, and the Bandon bunch plays at two rest homes in Bandon.

We hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. In counting our blessings at Thanksgiving, or any other time, Lew and I are expecially thankful for the many good friends we have gained through the OOTFA.

Dec. 5th at 6 p.m. we will have our Christmas potluck at Greenacres Grange. The District will buy the meat. Others please bring salads, desserts and other side dishes. Bring your own table service. There will be a gift exchange with a \$3 suggested price for gifts. Of course there will be music for dancing later in the evening.

Friday, Dec. 11th, we will play at Southwestern Oregon Community College for their Adult Basic Education Christmas Party. The time is 10 a.m. to noon. It's in Tioga Hall--take the elevator to the 5th floor.

Dec. 23rd at 1 p.m. we are scheduled to play at the Pony Village Music Store. We're all busy at this time, but we are being paid for this event.
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FROM DISTRICT 5.

Alice Holt, Reporter



DISTRICT 6:

CHAIRMAN-Jack Walker; CO-CHAIRMAN-Thelma Shephard; SEC/TREAS-Kay Donathan
December Jam will be held on Dec. 13th at the Moose in Lebanon. Lunch will be furnished to all musicians and spouses as well as Seniors.

Our Nov. Thanksgiving Dinner and Jam was a huge success with about 45 signed up. We enjoyed the many out of district players that came and helped us make this year one of the best ever...A big thank you to Walt Benson for cooking and serving the ham...To Vivian Steele, Bev Johnson and Sheri Jones for cooking those delicious turkeys...And to the few ladies that worked so hard getting the food out and cleaning up afterwards. Also, the few guys that worked before the dinner was served getting the tables and chairs all set up...And to all you wonderful people for providing such good food. All of you made the day a big success and lots of fun.

Nice to see Don and Ruth Loring back from their trip. We missed you!

Many of our fiddlers and accompanists played at fund raisers and nursing homes. A group played at the Willamalane Senior Center for Halloween, and a group played at the fairgrounds.

Marisa Bear and her mother, Kathi, made their debut at the November jam, singing "Your Cheatin' Heart. Beautifully done! We're proud of you.

New district 6 members: Francis and Walt Orr, Springfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Curly Roberts.

Anniversary greetings: Betty and Alex Paladujzuk--51 years; Anna and Lud Schoenfelder--48 years...Happy Anniversary and wishing you many more.

In the hospital, our prayers and love are with Thelma Dunaway. Get well soon--we sure do miss you.

Also--Ann Schoenfelder had surgery Monday, Nov. 23, and we all wish her a speedy recovery.

FOUND: at the Sept. picnic--a plastic orange bowl with white cover. You can claim by calling Jack Walker at 998-8658.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to: Vivian Steele, Phillip Walker and Heather Johnson, and to anyone else that I did not know about.

Stan and Addie Gonshorowski, Reporter

DISTRICT 7:

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

Nov. 22 brought 37 fiddlers to our jam at the Milwaukie Senior Center. One of the highlights was having Wally Bloom, who was up visiting from the Springfield area. Other visitors included Allen Edę, Corvallis area and Tom Cropper from Salem. The Mad Hatters were on the scene as well, this time with hard hats! As a tape of a power saw blazed, Gary Evans launched into his bowed saw, and fiddlers Eileen Witler, Helen Hakanson, Joanne Minato, and Joe Hamm accompanied by Bob Huffman played "Cut Down the Old Pine Tree" and a medley of "Whistling Rufus" and the "Georgia Camp Meeting." **

The quilt raffle will culminate with a winner at the December jam. A silent auction on a Christmas swag made by Carol Ann Wheeler was donated by Myrtle Arnold and won by John Hakanson.

Our Christmas jam is always well attended at Clackamas Community College--even Santa will be there. Doors open at 10:00 a.m., potluck at noon (the district will provide turkey, ham, and potatoes). We'll have another PIE SALE to raise funds for our new microphones.

The Jan. 7th jam will be at the Canby Senior Center, and Feb. 14th we're at the Hillsboro Senior Center.

**Bob Fast, Cactus Finley, Wayne Walter, and Roy Olsen emceed.

Hollis Taylor, Reporter

DISTRICT 8:

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

We had a very good turnout for our Thanksgiving Jam at Woodburn. It was enjoyed by all. Thank you all for helping to have such a good meal and so much fun.

Our next Jam will be the Christmas Jam at McMinnville Grange Hall--Dec. 20th. Dist. 8 will furnish the turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy and rolls.

OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS' ASSOCIATION
YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 1987

All memberships expire on December 31, 1987. If you paid your dues in January or April or June or in any month during this past year, your membership will still expire on December 31. This year we are making a big effort to put the message in front of all of you and to encourage you to renew your membership now.

LIFE MEMBERS who have the white permanent membership cards do not need to renew. Your membership will be automatically transferred to 1988. Your LIFE MEMBERSHIP card is permanent and is not reissued each year.

To RENEW or to join you are asked to fill out the form from the bottom of this page and either give it to your district secretary with cash or a check for \$12.00 or mail a check for \$12.00 to Alice, membership chairman. Make your checks payable to: OOTFA.

Membership Chairman

Alice Holt

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Dues are \$12.00 per family whether it is one person or a family.

OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS' ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP - **1988**

Dues for January 1 to December 31, 1988

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DISTRICT 8 (cont.):

Please bring salads, vegetables and goodies. Doors open at 10:00--dinner at noon, and show the the public at 1:00-4:00 p.m. Bring your own table service. We will also have a gift exchange--ladies bring lady's gift--man bring man's gift--not more than \$2.00. Thanks to the ladies that helped me in the kitchen, and all of you that helped Dave set up the chairs, etc., at the Thanksgiving jam.

Dave wants to suggest that all fiddlers and musicians have their own backup, so please do not sit in unless you are asked by the lead musician. Please come and have fun, but let your backup people know ahead of time that you would like to have their accompaniment.

We missed you, Minnie. Hope you are feeling better. Robert Hughes is on the mend and feeling better, we are glad to hear.

Don't forget the Dec. 20th jam (McMinnville Grange Hall), and the Jan. 17th jam (VFW Hall at Willamina).

Hope to see you all at McMinnville!

Jeanette Robinson, Reporter

DISTRICT 9:

CHAIRMAN-Ruel Teague; CO-CHAIRMAN-Susie Smith; SEC/TREAS-Janet Burgess

Well, the holidays are nearing us and it's time to start thinking about what's ahead.

On Dec. 13th at the Senior Center the Fiddlers will be hosting a jam with turkey and all the trimmings. Dinner will be served at 1:00 p.m. Sounds good to me!

On Dec. 14th we will be playing for the Burns Nursing Home residents.

I would like thank Rose and Jim Roberts for hosting practice session. What a good time we all enjoyed!

Happy Holidays, everyone!

REMEMBER--membership dues are to be paid at the 1st of the year, or at the Dec. 13th jam.

Michelle Austin, Reporter

ATTENTION DISTRICT 5: the Dec. 13th jam is at the Coos Bay Senior Center--potluck at noon--jam at 1:00. Everyone welcome!

OREGON WINNERS AT THE WESTERN OPEN FIDDLE CONTEST--Redding, CA

Open Div.: Joey McKenzie--5th place, Laura Weber--8th place

Ladies' Div.: Carol Ann Wheeler--2nd place, Sheri West--5th place

Men's Div.: Dan Emert--3rd place

Junior Div.: Rudi Booher--1st place

Jr.-Jr. Div.: Tony Spatz--2nd place

Open Flatpick Div.: Joey McKenzie--1st place

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU--WE KNOW IT TOOK LOTS OF HARD WORK!!

Silent fiddles

Frank Boyd of Dist. 1 passed away the last of Oct. while on a bus tour. He played guitar, and had been a member of OOTFA for many years. Contributions may be sent to First Baptist Church, 707 High Street, Klamath Falls, OR 97601.

Cecil Lacey of Dist. 4 left us Nov. 1st, 1987. He was a good active lifetime member, and we will all miss him very much.

Dark clouds have silver linings, and even teardrops glisten;
And sad songs have sweet melodies, if we will only listen!
Raindrops shine like diamonds fair, Thistles have a lovely flower;
And hope--like a cheery sunbeam--springs in the darkest hour!

--Jon Gilbert



8TH OF JANUARY

Notation by
Warren Colebank

Musical score for violin, consisting of seven staves of music in G major (one sharp). The notation includes various rhythmic values and chord markings above the staff.

Staff 1: Chord markings: D, E7, A7

Staff 2: Chord marking: D

Staff 3: Chord markings: D, A7, D

Staff 4: Chord markings: G, A7, D7

Staff 5: Chord marking: G

Staff 6: Chord markings: D7, G

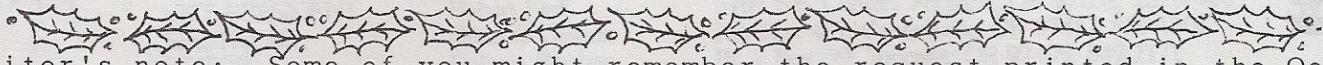
Staff 7: Chord marking: G



A TRIBUTE TO OUR FELLOW MUSICIAN, FRANK BOYD

by Anne Johnson, Dist. 1 OOTFA

Sometimes we are called to say farewell to those we've enjoyed the best, And our hearts are troubled with pain and grief as they go to their final rest. But there's One who sees and walks with us in every trial we meet, And we can be sure of His loving care, as we humbly bow at His feet. We can thank our God for His gift to us in sending this loved one dear, Whose life has been such a blessing to all, playing music for several years. We need not part with the memories sweet, that are scattered along the way, And the influences that are left behind can strengthen us day by day. So we can march bravely with willing feet the paths that together we trod, Till Jesus comes and we can be together playing music with God.



Editor's note: Some of you might remember the request printed in the October issue of the Hoedowner for ideas for a good bumper sticker slogan for the OTF. I recieved no input from that, but after talking with our close neighbor about it, was surprised and pleased to receive from her this witty and humorous list of original ideas:

"Lay that pistol down, Babe, I beg of you, please do-- But keep on playing fiddle, or I'll draw one on you!"

"I married a musician, and happy we will be-- Because we both play fiddle, we'll live in harmony."

"Old Time Fiddlers are here to stay, 'Cause Old Time Fiddlers can really play."

"Fiddling around is better than not fiddling at all!"

"A fiddle is forever, the fiddler not as long, But both of them together, make a wonderful song."

"Old Time Fiddlers never die, they just fiddle away."

Contributed by Bonnie Hohman--

Friend and neighbor to the Mike Boothers, Dist.4

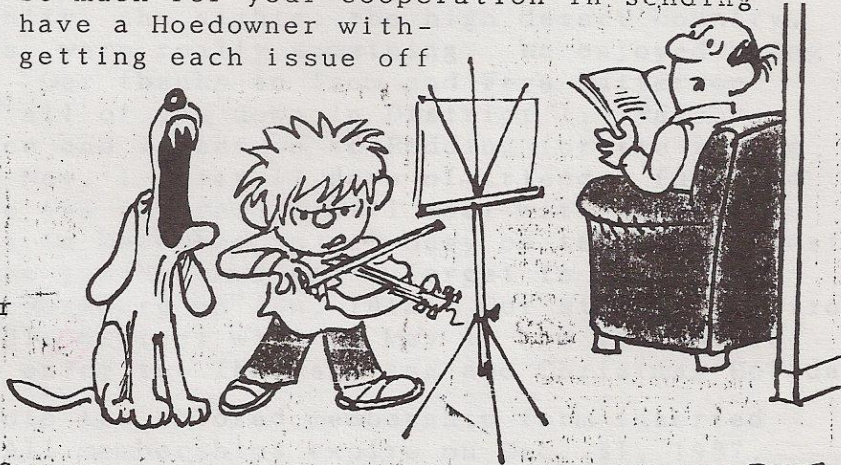
Bonnie also mentioned seeing a bumper sticker saying "I Love My Fiddle", with "love" and "fiddle" shown as a heart and a fiddle. If anyone has any other ideas, feel free to send them to me. DB



PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS:

- Walt and Francis Orr, 40 Terry Lane, Springfield, OR 97477
- Curly and Allison Roberts, 880 Silver Lane, Eugene, OR 97404
- Mark and Marie Carmichael, 760 N. Bertelsen Rd., Eugene, OR 97402
- Roger Bergren, 1360 Anthony St., Cottage Grove, OR 97424

ATT: DISTRICT REPORTERS: Thank you so much for your cooperation in sending in the news each month. We wouldn't have a Hoedowner without you! The only problem I have is getting each issue off in time for the members to receive their copies by the first of each month. If all of you would send me your monthly reports by the 17th, we would be able to accomplish this. I guess you would have to include the last of the month's news in the next month's Hoedowner. (If you mail your news on the 17th, I would receive it by the 19th) Some of the newsletters do come by the 20th, but some don't get here till the 27th. I can't put the paper together until all the news has come in. Thank you so much for your help! DB



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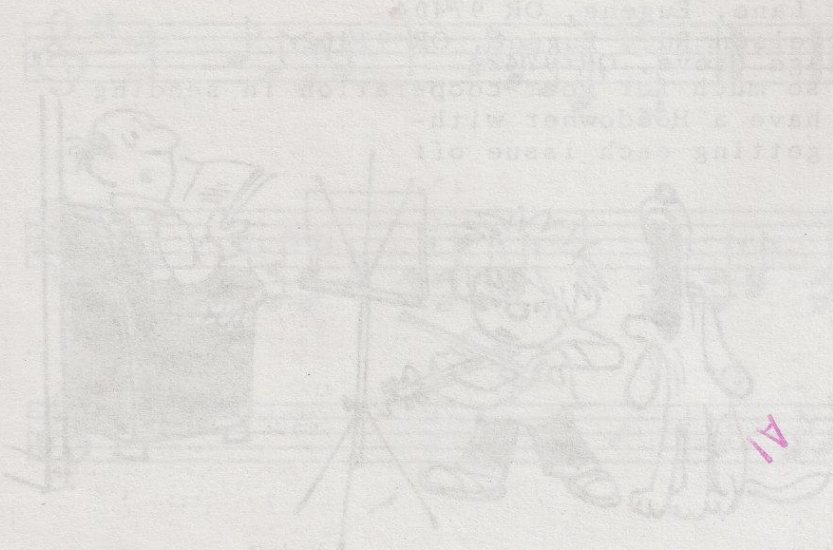


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