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LEW SEZ: The state meeting and Dist. 4 jam on the 10th are now history. I must thank all the officers who came to make the meeting a success. And many thanks to everybody from Dist. 4 who worked so hard to make the jam successful- Chairman, Zelma Foote and all of her gang who set up, took care of the kitchen, the PA system, and all of the other chores. A big cheer for Dorothy Houston who did a tremendous job on publicity, and of course "Thanks" to Jack Walker for a nice job as emcee. The fiddle contest committee met on the 16th at Bob Fast's place in Portland. We hashed over the whole contest. We want to give some extra trophies this year but we don't want them to increase the expense of the contest. We think that some of you or perhaps the spouse of a parted fiddler might have some trophies that could be donated for the contest. A new plate could be added with current information and the trophy could continue to serve. Think about it. It makes sense. Please let me know. Alice and I had a good time at the Dist. 7 jam in Canby. Thanks to all of you for your hospitality. Last month I mentioned that I would appreciate it if some of you might volunteer to help out at the convention and at the contest. Some of you did, but there is room for more. Just happen to need some more workers. Drop me a note. We will be giving away door prizes each hour at the convention this year. So many of you in years past have brought items to be given away. I encourage you to use your imagination and bring some this year, too.

Lew Holt, President
 OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION

DISTRICT 1:

CHAIRMAN--Isom Patterson; CO-CHAIRMAN--Charles Sandusky; SEC/TREAS--Anne Johnson
Hello, friends! How time seems to go by--news time comes too soon. Seems alot of people are kept busy digging out of the snow! We've had 7-8" on the ground for three weeks.

The fun night at Shasta Grange was canceled due to weather conditions, and the 17th jam had a pretty small crowd I hear--we didn't get out that far from home. This zero minus temp. slows us up some on getting out past the wood pile!

A nominating committee was appointed at the state jam to pick new board members for the coming election. It gives us something to think about.

Due to weather conditions, the Appreciation Dinner at the Clairmont House was rescheduled to Jan. 23rd.

Feb. 4th, 6:30 p.m. is Fun Night at the Shasta Grange in Klamath Falls.

Feb. 21st is Jam day at the Klamath Falls Fairgrounds. Business Meeting at 1:00 p.m., music at 2:00. Everyone is welcome.

Feb. 25th we entertain the seniors at Clairmont House at 7:00 p.m..

Feb. 28th the fiddlers will play in nursing homes.

We are glad to hear our friend Charles Bruneau is home and doing fine after heart bypass surgery. I hear he's practicing up for the day he joins us again. He might like to get a cheery card from friends--his address is: Rt. 1, Box 93, Bonanza, OR 97601.

Our Aunt Minnie Springer is still with her children in Portland. Just want to say "Howdy, and hurry home, Minnie!"

The young musicians who belong to our group are getting better and better. We sure appreciate having young people join in with the music. They are our fiddlers of tomorrow.



Louise Pollick, Reporter

DISTRICT 3:

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

We started off our new year here in Central Oregon with much needed snow and rain.

Jan. 10th brought us a rainy, windy day for our monthly jam session at the Senior Center. Had a very good turnout; seems everyone was tired of staying home. Thelma Terrill brought a huge cake along with our other refreshments to celebrate Arlo and Hazel Flock's 48th wedding anniversary, and birthdays for Thelma Terrill, Jane Thompson, Don Hanson, Hazel Flock and Lois Chisholm. Happy days to all.

Congratulations to Ches Fullerton on his recent retirement. Now that he has finished his traveling job he and Betty can be with us regularly.

Tom and Betty O'Neal are on a 5-day trip to Oakland, CA to welcome their son Tommy back from the Persian Gulf.

Our prayers and thoughts are also with Harvey and Verna Walters in California. Harvey, we hope to hear of a speedy recovery and your return to us in April. We miss you two!

PLEASE everyone renew your membership!!!

God bless, and good health to all. May we all have a fiddlin' good year.



Billie Kitchens, Reporter

DISTRICT 4:

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

This new year has started off with a bang. Our Jan. 3rd jam at Grants Pass was well attended by an enthusiastic public. We had 16 leads with plenty of good back-up. We welcome Don and Hazel Lindsay, who have moved to Medford from Portland and all our new members.

Jan. 10th found us at Roseburg for the state quarterly meeting and jam, with a good turnout of members from the other districts and another "whopper" enthusiastic audience. A good time was had by all and a big thank you to all who made it so.

Feb. 7th will be our jam at Central Point Grange Hall. Doors open at 10:30, meeting at 11:00, potluck at noon, open to public at 1:00.

Feb. 14 we will have a jam at Sutherlin Senior Center. Potluck will be at 1:00 doors open to public at 2:00. Doors will be open at 11:30 for those who would like to come early and do some jamming.

DISTRICT 4 (cont.):

Our March 6th jam will be at the Talent Community Hall. Doors open at 10:30, meeting and ELECTION OF OFFICERS at 11:00, potluck at noon and open to the public at 1:00.

Wedding bells will be ringing for Sheri West and Ronald L. Smith. They met several years ago at Weiser. He plays guitar. The big date is May 28, 1988. He is stationed at China Lake Naval Air Station and she at Lemore Naval Air Station, both in California. Congratulations and much happiness!

Sorry to report that Don Luker had a heart attack Dec. 30th while they were visiting relatives in Madera, CA. With the "balloon" treatment Don is doing fine. They have decided to spend the winter there. We will miss them and look forward to their return. Their address is 3 Boys' Auto Wreckers, 19480 Hwy. 99, Madera, CA 93638. Kathy and Don said to tell everyone "Hello".

♥ Dorene Winkleman, Reporter

DISTRICT 5:

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

The Greenacres dance Jan. 2nd started 1988 with a rousing good time. Lew took some video tape (with a borrowed camera) which captured a typical Greenacres evening of fiddling and dancing.

Dist. 5 was well represented at the state meeting in Roseburg on Jan. 10th. So many of our friends from around the state were there, it was like a mini convention. We're proud to have a Dist. 5 member, Shorty Dow, a board member of the National Old Time Fiddlers. Shorty reported during the state meeting that he will send an article on Oregon fiddlers to the National publication each month. Old time fiddling is alive and well in Oregon, and we want the rest of the country to know it!

Fiddlers entertained at rest homes in Bandon, Coquille, Myrtle Point and the three facilities in Coos Bay during the month. Those folks are some of our most appreciative listeners. Often they tell us how a father, or some other relative used to fiddle the old tunes.

In Feb. we have the Greenacres dance on Feb. 6th. The kitchen is open about 6 PM for hamburgers and such. Music and dancing start about 7:30. We will play at the Coos Bay Senior Center on Sun., Feb. 21st. Potluck at noon. Music to start at 1:00 PM. The first Sat. in Mar.-the 5th-we will have a business meeting and election of officers at Greenacres.

♥ Alice Holt, Reporter

DISTRICT 6:

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

Our Feb. 14th jam will be held at the Willamalane Senior Center, C & Water Streets, Springfield. Potluck at noon--bring table service and serving utensils. Have all pies, cakes, etc. cut and ready to serve. Doors open at 10:30 AM. Please come early and help set up tables.

Many of Dist. 6 fiddlers and accompanists went to Roseburg and attended the state meeting and jam session on Jan. 10th. Sure did have a nice time.

A group earned \$25.00 playing for the Disabled Veterans...Another group earned \$50.00 playing at Lowell Grange.

The Jan. 17th jam at the Albany Eagles was a huge success--a full house and delicious dinner. The pie auction went over very well, netting \$192.00 to put toward the Dist. 6 sound system. Many thanks for Jim O'Bryant's help as auctioneer--he did a terrific job.

Anniversary wishes to Calvin and Velma Boyles--30 years, and Earl and Dorothy Payne--10 years.

Birthday greetings to Hugh Doolittle, Maxine Benson, Neva Menkins, and whoever I missed.

We are pleased to know that Ann Schoenfelder is getting along well. Get well wishes to Thelma Dunaway at Valley West.

Heartfelt sympathy to the Booher Family upon the passing of Chuck's mother.

This is a little early, but we do want to remind everyone that door prizes will be given away at the March Convention. So you can start thinking early of things you would like to donate.

♥ ♥ Stan and Addie Gonshorowski, rep.
Phone--843-5868

DISTRICT 7:

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

The Canby jam was well-attended by 34 fiddlers and a large audience. sThe Mad Hatters were on the scene once again, and Carol Ann Wheeler led a special group featuring a variety of fiddle styles. John Hakanson and Gary Evans emceed. Our special guests included state president Lew Holt and his wife Alice, plus Starr McMullen from Corvallis. We are still hoping to find the guitar tuner left at our Christmas jam in Oregon City. If you find it, please return it to Earl Day or Hollis Taylor.

Our Feb. 14th jam will be at the Hillsboro Community Center (759 SE Wash- ington--on the corner of 8th and Washington, Hillsboro). There will be NO POTLUCK since a church group has use of the hall until 12:30. We will perform beginning at 1:00 PM, and they have asked us not to arrive before 12:30.

The March 6th jam will be at Estacada Senior Center. We will have the election of officers at that time.

♥ Hollis Taylor, Reporter

DISTRICT 8:

CHAIRMAN-Les Johnson; SEC/TREAS-Faythe Maahs

We will have our JAM AND ELECTION at the McMinnville Grange Hall Feb. 21st. We need everyone there to vote.

Our jam at Willamina VFW Hall on Jan. 17th was well received by the au- dience, although we didn't have as many musicians as usual. Maybe we need a co-ordinator so that the north districts don't all schedule their jams on the same day. A short business meeting was held. A nominating committee was appointed. David Robertson submitted his resignation as chairman, due to health reasons, and Jeanette resigned as reporter, to take care of him. Dave and Jeanette have given many years of selfless service to District 8 in particular and the State in general. We are going to miss their services but hope to continue to see them at our functions.

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Melissa DeJong, a beautiful little nine year old girl in the Sheridan community has severe leukemia. She is one of Ruth's Church School members and a community favorite. Melissa is in Dornbechers Hospital every other week for treatments. The family has no insurance to cover illness of this kind. Estimated cost is at least \$50,000. The community is putting on a ham dinner at the Sheridan High School on Feb. 6th from 4:00 PM to 8:30 PM.

(Easy directions: come right through town and turn south at the light. This will be S. Bridge Street, where the school is located. You can't miss it. Sheridan is approx. 35 mi. west of Salem.) They have asked the Fiddlers to provide music during the dinner. We have decided that Dist. 8 will sponsor the show, but we are asking for help from everybody. It will be a long show, approximately 4 hours for a revolving audience. Please come and donate your God-given talent and buy your dinner. Maybe we can help to prevent another "Coby Howard" case. I know that musicians have the biggest and softest hearts in existence and know you will be there if you can. If you can't come and want to help anyway, make checks payable to "The Melissa DeJong Fund" and send them to me and I will put them in the fund. Thank you all so very much.

♥ Lee Jones, temporary reporter

DISTRICT 9:

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

HELLO-from your fiddlin' friends of Dist. 9 over East of the mountains. Contrary to the rumors, we are still here, alive and active. Sorry the Jack Rabbit Express failed to deliver our Dec. report in time for the Hoedowner.

To bring you up to date, Dec. proved to be a busy month. The fiddlers played for a captive audience at the nursing home. They look forward to the fiddlers every month with a toe tapping good time. Some still enjoy a good fast tune to dance to.

We had our annual turkey Christmas potluck in Dec. at the senior center with a good attendance of over 100 people. We had 16 musicians for a change. The afternoon was very enjoyable with good music and dancing--sure hope the musicians will continue to come. We were honored with six of our John Day people who braved the weather and roads to come over and join us. We do

DISTRICT 9 (cont.):

We do appreciate these good folk!

The fiddlers played for several groups during the holidays including the Indians.

Stacey Reynolds came home for the holiays and got to play with the group. Of course, Grandpa Ruel was sooooo proud!

Jan. found us busy again with the nursing home and our jam at the senior center. We again had a good turnout with 67 people there. We only had 7 musicians. We certainly need all of you musicians--hope to see you next time.

IMPORTANT: Election is coming up at the next jam, Feb. 14th at 11:30 at the senior center. Be sure to come and help elect your new officers (or be elected!).

P.S.: Ruel's 91 year old dad is getting married back in Missouri--he is an old time fiddler, and still loves to play.

Michelle Austin and Margaret Teague, reporters

Silent fiddles

We are sorry to hear of the passing of Leland Lewis, who has been a member of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers for several years. He was a very good guitar player; and will be missed by all who knew him. Much sympathy to all his family.

HUGH DOOLITTLE of Springfield was struck by a car while walking across the street to the senior center. He is reported fine, but sustained a cut on the forehead, some broken glasses, and much injured dignity! Be careful, Hugh, we need you!

The news has come through the grapevine that WALT WESTBERRY has acquired another little dog, almost a twin to the one he lost. We are all so glad!

PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS:

- 4 Joseph and Mary Abel, 1998 Newton Creek Road, Roseburg, OR 97470
- 4 Harless and Ellen Bachman, Box 125, Idleld Park, OR 97477
- 7 Greg Baker, POB 12230, Portland, OR 97212
- 1 Glenn and Judy Baldwin, 3914 Gregory Dr., Klamath Falls, OR 97603
- 4 James and Charlotte Bonebright, 1455 Bebeau Lane, Sutherlin, OR 97479
- 9 Walter Cooper, Box 361, Hines, OR 97738
- 4 Adeline Creason, 947 NE Johnson, Myrtle Creek, OR 97457
- 7 Bud and Sharla Dow, HCR 61, Box 75C, Banks, OR 97106
- 4 Bruce and Sue Ellis, 1350 Elgarose Rd., Roseburg, OR 97470
- 6 Howard and Dorothy Ellison, 4008 Mahrt Ave. SE, Salem, OR 97301
- 1 Grant and Doris Ewing, 5273 Gatewood Dr., Klamath Falls, OR 97603
- OS Gladys Galchutt, 11405 NW 21st Ave., Vancouver, WA 98665
- 4 Wilma Gale, 716 W. Pilger, Roseburg, OR 97470
- 4 Bob Hoehne, POB 933, Dillard, OR 97432
- 4 Sam and Lottie Holliman, 6362 Harold Rd., Central Point, OR 97502
- 4 Emmett and Ada Hollyman, 463 W. Berdine St., Roseburg, OR 97470
- OS Homer L. and Betty Jayne, 161 Christensen Way, Crescent City, CA 95531
- 4 Don and Kathern Luker, 1148 Pleasant Creek Rd., Rogue River, OR 97537
- 8 Marie McFadden, 5327 River Road N., Salem, OR 97303
- 7 Jeff McNeal, 915 NW 87th, Portland, OR 97229
- 4 Loren and Merel Powell, Rt. 1 Box 170, Riddle, OR 97469
- OS Peggy Reitz, Box 789, Crescent City, CA 95531
- 4 Robert and Avalene Rohde, 381 Shamrock Ln., Grants Pass, OR 97527
- 7 Ben and Mary Schafer, 12315 SE 122nd, Portland, OR 97236
- 4 Tom and Marlene Shepherd, 308 SE Lane, Roseburg, OR 97470

NEW MEMBERS (cont.):

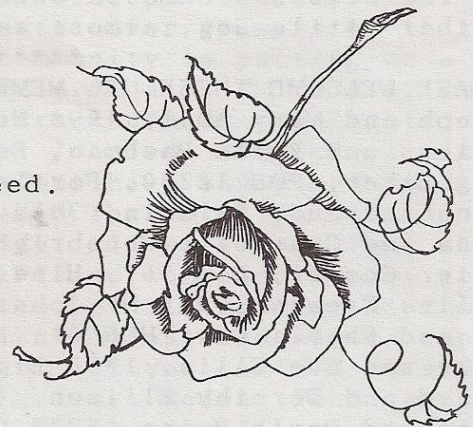
- 8 Hank and Mary Sjogren, 11400 Gopher Valley SW, Sheridan, OR 97378
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7 Philip and Hannah Todd, 580 NW 123rd Ave., Portland, OR 97229
4 Francis Tucker, 3555 S. Pacific Hwy, Sp 95, Medford, OR 97501
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2 Casey Willis, 1 NW 7th, Pendleton, OR 97801
3 Jack and Thelma Zumwalt, Box 1402 Crooked River Ranch, Terrebonne, OR 97760



From SHORTY DOW, of Dist. 5: This poem got my attention when I first read it. We have lost so many great fiddlers and associates this past year. I was hoping that they might slow down a little so all of us could enjoy their great music that we love so much as long as possible.

SLOW DOWN AND SMELL THE ROSES

Slow me down, Lord--
Ease the pounding of my heart
By the quieting of my mind.
Steady my harried pace
With a vision of the eternal reach of time.
Give me, amidst the confusions of my day,
The calmness of the everlasting hills.
Break the tension of my nerves
With the soothing music of singing streams
That live in my memory.
Help me to know
The magical restoring power of sleep.
Teach me the art
Of taking minute vacations of slowing down
To look at a flower;
To chat with an old friend or make a new one;
To pat a stray dog;
To watch a spider spin a web;
To smile at a child;
Or to read a few lines from a good book.
Remind me each day
That the race is not always to the swift;
That there is more to life than increasing its speed.
Let me look upward
Into the branches of the towering oak
And know that it grew great and strong
Because it grew slowly and well--
Slow me down, Lord,
And inspire me to send my roots deep
Into the soil of life's enduring values
That I may grow toward the stars
Of my greater Destiny.



--Author Unknown

Thank you, Shorty--we all need that, and I would like to add that we in the OOTFA need to give each other all the love, encouragement and support possible, young and old, so we can work together as a happy unit. I can speak for the Booher family that we have had all of these from every person we have met in the association, and we are very thankful to all of you. DB

"Love has long patience, is kind; love is not emulous of others; love is not insolent and rash, is not puffed up, does not behave in an unseemly manner, does not seek what is its own, is not quickly provoked, does not impute evil, does not rejoice at iniquity but rejoices with the truth, bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails..."

♥ I Corinthians 13:4-8

Festival Waltz



Musical notation for the first system, including a violin icon and a treble clef. The notation consists of six staves with various musical notes, rests, and accidentals. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: A, Ab7, A, E7, A, Ab7, A, A7, A, D, D#, A, E7, A, Ab7, A. Fingering numbers (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7) are present below the notes. A double bar line is located between the third and fourth staves.



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