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LEW SEZ: Alice and I attended the Dist. 4 jam on the 14th in Sunterlin. Thanks Dolores and to all of you for the nice song for our 35th wedding anniversary. It was very touching. I want to introduce you to the old time fiddler and the young fiddler. You will see the theme "YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE OLD TO BE AN OLD TIME FIDDLER" often during the convention and the contest. I asked my daughter in law if she would draw a young person with our old time fiddler. She said that she would if the old time fiddler could have a twinkle in his eye. When Alice and I went to Seattle last month, she presented me with the "old and young fiddlers. I hope that you enjoy them and that they convey a message. I want to thank everyone who has donated trophies and money for trophies. I knew that I could count on you. Thanks to Carol Ann Wheeler for a nice letter. She mentioned among other things that she and John Standefer have been awarded a one month tour of Japan. They will be traveling by bus, train, and plane all over Japan performing in schools on Airforce bases, teaching about America's cultural heritage through music, or better known as "Pickin' & Fiddlin'"! She donated a record, too, for the convention. (Read her thoughts about trophies elsewhere. Something to think about.) I am enclosing a "rough draft" of the convention schedule. More specifics are to be worked out. I have contacted a number of people to ask them to conduct workshops at the convention. Teachers, instrument times, and places will be posted. At our quarterly state meeting in Jan., it was voted to charge for selling tapes and records (\$1.00 ea.) unless the person sells his or her own. Since the piano on stage is not in tune, we will be renting one. I have made over 100 buttons featuring the young & old fiddlers. They are being sold for \$1.00 ea. to pay for the rent of the piano. They are already going like hotcakes. If you want posters to advertise the convention

LEW SEZ (cont.): in your community, check with your district chairman or drop me a note. The "Fiddle and Variety Show" Fri. eve has to be by "invitation only." I didn't always understand that until I became responsible for it. A group of us will make our final selection soon. Some who have played before will no doubt be invited again. Some will not. There are several hundred musicians who would like to perform, no doubt, but we can only invite 30 or so. This shows you the responsibility that we have. We will have a cross section of the state with participants invited from all districts. It will be a show that you and the public will enjoy. We could use a few more people to help out during the convention. Workers are needed Fri. & Sat. to help with registrations, door prizes, tapes and records, banquet tickets, and other convention activities. Please drop me a note soon telling me of your willingness to help. Alice and I would like to express our appreciation for having such a fine time at the Dist. 8 jam at McMinnville. We really enjoyed it.



Happy Fiddling,
Lew Holt, President
Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association

DISTRICT 1:

CHAIRMAN-Isom Patterson; CO-CHAIRMAN-Charles Sandusky; SEC/TREAS-Anne Johnson
Checking in with a cheery Hello! We can see the ground again after about 7 wks. Looks pretty good.

The Shasta Grange Fun Night was well attended. Everyone enjoyed getting together again.

The fiddlers played for the Merrill Senior Dinner Tues. A good dinner, good crowd, and good music made a happy 3 hrs.

Some from Dist. 1 enjoyed the jam at Central Point.

Our sympathy goes out to Eva Boman's family. Eva was a faithful friend. She enjoyed the fiddlers, and alot of us have one of her little tatted crosses. Eva was making one when her good Lord called her away the day after her 85th birthday. I'd say that's a beautiful way to go.

Our next Shasta Grange Fun Night will be Mar. 3rd. You all come join the fun!

Mar. 27th fiddlers and guitar pickers will play for the nursing homes in Klamath Falls.

Well, just keep in mind that "the road to success is always under construction."
Louise Pollick, reporter

DISTRICT 3:

A good sized group of about 40 attended our Feb. 14th meeting and jam at the senior center. Hank and Bernice Napier visited us from Eugene. Hank plays guitar for Dist. 6. We always enjoy having visitors from other districts.

The election of new officers resulted in: CHAIRMAN-Ches Fullerton; CO-CHAIRMAN-Bob Kitchens; SEC/TREAS-Betty O'Neal; Scholarship Chairman, Winona Spatz; and Reporter, Billie Kitchens. It has been our pleasure working with Tom O'Neal as our chairman the past 2 yrs. and now we're looking forward to working with Ches as our new chairman. Thanks for all those good refreshments. Winona Spatz made 2 heart shaped cakes in honor of her mother's birthday in Okla. Harry Kramer was with us as always, dancing up a storm. He will be 96 years young Mar. 9th. Our youngest fiddler, Tony Spatz, had a birthday Feb. 5th and Harvey and Verna Walters celebrated their 53 years of wedded bliss Feb. 9th. Their relatives in Calif. had 2 big parties for them.

We hope your prayers and thoughts will go along with ours to Harvey Walters. His recent bone marrow tests showed he has chronic myelogenous leukemia in its advanced stages. He is back on chemo-therapy and the doctor hopes it will bring it under reasonable control and shrink his spleen some, as it is the size of a football now. He receives blood transfusions every couple of weeks. Here is Harvey's address for anyone wishing to send cards or notes. He loves to hear from all of us. Harvey Walters, 4422 Snowden Ave., Lakewood, CA 90716.

Our deepest sympathy to Don and Bernice Hanson and family. Iris Buckle passed away Feb. 4th, leaving family and many friends. She was a beautiful lady and touched alot of people with her friendship and kindness.

Billie Kitchens, reporter

From my good friend and neighbor--"Dolores is in a terrible hurry--papers flying all in a flurry; it's time for the "Hoedowner" once again--when she gets done she will surely grin!" (You can say that again! DB)

DISTRICT 4:

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

(Forgive me, Dist. 4--I just realized I left out your Mar. 20 jam! DB)

Mar. 6th jam will be at Talent Comm. Hall. Doors open at 10:30, meeting at 11:00 with election of officers. Potluck at noon, open to public at 1:00.

Apr. 17th will be our Yreka jam at the Yreka Comm. Center, 821 N. Oregon St. Doors will open at 10:00, potluck at noon, and open to the public at 1:00. It has been a tradition now for a good many years for the Yreka fiddlers to invite us down in April. Directions: going south, take 1st Yreka exit, go west to Oregon St. and turn right.

Our Feb. 7th jam at Central Point was a whopper! A big crowd of listeners and dancers, 18 fiddlers and 12 specials and lots of good back-up. Bob Pantel brought 4 of his young fiddle students and they played as a group for us. It was nice to see some younguns learning the old tunes. We were also pleased to have Faye and Isom Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goble and friend, and Al Nelson over from Dist. 1, Howard Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Roe from Yreka.

Thanks for coming and come again soon!

Remember--always follow the lead musician--listen for his key and timing--don't take off and do your own thing.

Another big jam at Sutherlin, Feb. 14th! It started with a delicious potluck with the local seniors participating. It was held at the senior center and we thank them for the use of their hall and hospitality. We were honored to have our State President Lew Holt and his wife, Alice (state membership chairman) and a nice group of others from Dist. 5. There were 17 fiddlers, about 7 special including some new groups. It was a beautiful day for those of us from the south end of Dist. 4.

Mar. 20th will be another fun and learning jam at the Vitality Center at 4th and L streets, Grants Pass, from 1:00-4:00.

Wishing good health to all.

Dorene Winkleman, reporter



DISTRICT 5:

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

We had a good turnout of musicians at the Greenacres Grange dance the first Sat. in Feb. It was good to see Minnie Dean out. She's been under the weather this winter. After our hamburgers, cake, pie and visiting, we each took our turn playing for the dancers.

Several Dist. 5 members attended the Dist. 4 jam at Sutherlin on Feb. 14th.

We had a Sun. pm potluck and jam in the Coos Bay Senior Activity Center on Feb. 21st.

Mar. 5th we'll have a meeting and election of officers at Greenacres Grange. The meeting will start at 7 pm. The leadership of the district is important, so let's have a good turnout.

Dist. 5 is always well represented at the State Convention in Roseburg. We're looking forward to seeing our friends from around the state. Convention is one of the highlights of the year for fun, fiddling and friends.

April 2nd will be our regular Greenacres Dance night.

Alice Holt, reporter

DISTRICT 6:

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

The jam on Valentine's Day was a huge success--everyone had a great time and the food was great. A big thank you to all the guys for helping with the tables, etc.--also to the ladies for setting up the food and cleaning up. Co-operation like that makes it fun for everyone.

The Mar. 13th jam will be at the American Legion in Lebanon. It is located downtown on the right. Lunch will be served to seniors and musicians at noon. There will be a meeting for Dist. 6 election of officers at 11 AM, so be sure to get there early so you can vote.

New members signed up sunday: Marion and Julia Moon, Harold Young and Ruby Lasay, Ralph Penunuri and Beth Brown, Eugene Tweed and Mary Jo Van Den Bosch. I also want to mention Wayne and Helen Tracy as I missed them when they joined. I wish to correct Frances Orr's name, which was misspelled in an earlier report.. Sorry about that, Frances.

Anna schoenfelder reports she is feeling pretty good now, and wants to thank everyone for the flowers, cards and food during her illness. "You are all lovely Thank You!"

DISTRICT 6 (cont.):

Recuperating at home from recent illness are: Courtney Shephard and Hazel Allen. Both of you gave us a scare. Glad you're better.

Kenneth Halliwell is in the hospital, recuperating from an infection in his arm. Thelma Dunaway, who has been ill, fell and broke her hip in two places, and is in Sacred Heart Hospital, 4th floor. She is doing better, and needs all the cheer we can give, and Bryon, too.

A big HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to: Myrtle & Dale McCoy-63 yrs.; Kay & George Donathan-6 yrs.; Vicki & John Clark-3 yrs.; Diane & Tim Nydam-4 yrs.; Melody & Rolly Nydam-4 yrs.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes to: Myrtle McCoy-80 yrs. young; also Maxine Benson, Jim Powell, Hazel Walker and Charles Sanford. Sorry if I missed anyone.

I have some bad news. My helper quit--claims he was overpaid. So if any errors are made it is all my fault. Boy--what a deal!

Addie Gonshorowski, reporter

DISTRICT 7:

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

A note from our chairman: We had some very special guests at our Valentine Jam--Ruth and Don Loring from Albany. We always feel honored when these two beautiful people visit us. A special thank you to Co-chairman Cactus Finley and Roy Olsen for doing the MC work. Being MC takes a special talent--one I don't possess. Thank you, both. Penny Mead, chairman.

Jim and Gladys Braskett celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary at our Valentine's Day Jam in Hillsboro. The Mad Hatters--or was it Plaid Hatters--performed 9 Scottish set with Gary Evans on the bowed saw. It was good to see Bill and Lois Hurd. Bill treated us to a banjo tune. Several young fiddlers performed--Karen DePorter, 6-yr.-old Sarah Langner with her father, Fred, and 11-yr.-old Andy Burt. Gordon Quinlan performed for the first time and did a fine job.

The Mar. 6th jam will be at the Estacada Senior Center from 1-4 PM (220 SW Clubhouse Drive--coming from Portland to Estacada on the main highway, it will be on your right.) We will have our election of officers at 11:00 AM, doors will open at 10:30, noon potluck, and a PIE SALE.

Upcoming jams: April 17th--Forest Grove: May 29th--Beaverton Senior Center: June 12th--Gladstone Senior Center.

Hollis Taylor, reporter

DISTRICT 8:

CHAIRMAN-Les Johnson; CO-CHAIRMAN-Lee Jones; SEC/TREAS-Faythe Maahs

No jam in March. Next jam--April 17th in Dallas.

First I want to thank everyone who helped in the Melissa DeJong Benefit in Sheridan on Feb. 6th. We had just enough to put on a good free-style show that everyone enjoyed, and we had fun. Fifteen musicians participated in the event. Some who couldn't come sent checks. Words can never express the appreciation of this community or myself, for the great hearts of this association.

Our Feb. 21st jam at McMinnville Grange was well attended by musicians, but not too many spectators. We had 23 fiddlers and 9 specials. An election was held, and all the incumbents were re-elected. Lee Jones was appointed to complete the unexpired term as co-chairman. Dave Robinson and Bob Hughes have both recovered from surgery to attend. We were saddened by the loss of one of our charter members, Jim Miller, who became a "Silent Fiddle" this month, and were sorry to hear of Stan and Addie Gonshorowski's loss of their daughter.

Well, here we go again--We have been asked to furnish music for the Yamhill County "Equestrian Elegance Performance." Once again, it is primarily a Dist. 8 function, but we will welcome any help we can get. Any profit will go to the 4H equestrian program. Musicians and spouses will receive lunch tickets and show tickets. The show will be from 11:00 AM-6:00 PM, but not continuously. There will be other performers and breaks. If you like horses it will be a good show.

Lee Jones, reporter

When the kindergarten teacher returned to her class after being absent because of illness, she asked the children how they'd liked their substitute. "She was all right," said one little boy, "but she wasn't as smart as you. She had to use two hands to play the piano."

DISTRICT 9:

CHAIRMAN-Ruel Teague; CO-CHAIRMAN-Darlene Austin; SEC/TREAS-Janet Burgess

On Feb, 14th we held our official meeting to elect officers and to discuss business in general. The outcome of the election was as follows; Chairman-Walter Cooper; co-chairman-Darlene Austin; sec/treas-Margaret Teague. Darlene was appointed to finish the remainder of the co-chairman term vacated by Susie Smith when she and her husband Irv moved away. Susie is a great fiddler and will surely be missed by all. The State Convention was discussed and it was decided that Paula Reynolds would make two table decorations. We will donate several items for door prizes and also \$35.00 toward state contest trophies.

We had a nice turnout for our Feb. 14th jam at the Burns Senior Center with a good number of fiddlers and pickers along with many listeners. Out of town guests included Stacey Reynolds and her mother Paula from Clatskanie, John and Eva Murray, Stan Phillips and Mildred Benson, all from John Day, and Galen Golden, who has recently moved to Arizona with his wife Mary. Thanks, Galen! After the jam we all migrated over to Jerry's Restaurant and played for a few hours.

On Feb. 15th we jammed at the Burns Nursing home and everyone seemed to have a great time. Harry Blair got up and did a dance or two.

I was appointed totake the reporter job vacated by Michelle Austin, who says her school activities do not give her enough time. I would like to help give Michelle a big Old Time Fiddlers THANK YOU for a job well done.

I would like to, on behalf of the Old Time Fiddlers and friends, extend our condolence to Ellen Britt and families on the passing of Ellen's mother.

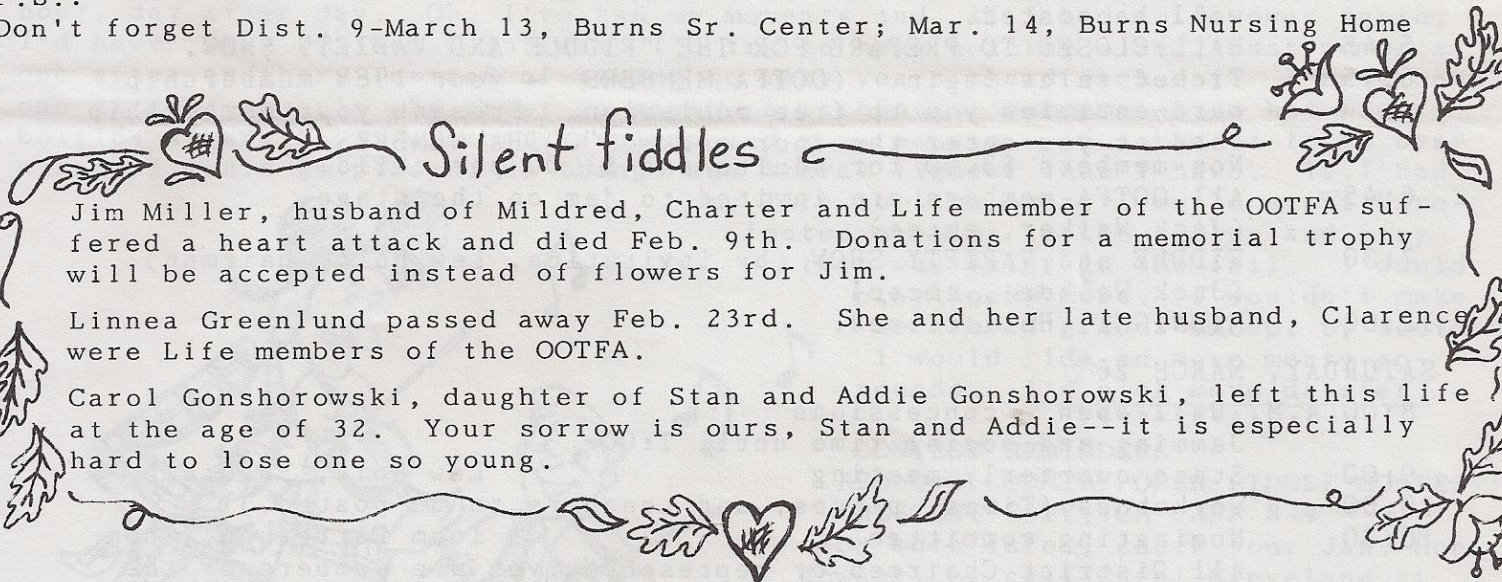
Victor Cleveland is having surgery this month at the Harney County Hospital for isolation of a tumor. We all wish Vic a speedy recovery.

Until next time let's all have a fiddlin' good time.

John D. McLain, reporter

P.S.:

Don't forget Dist. 9-March 13, Burns Sr. Center; Mar. 14, Burns Nursing Home



Silent fiddles

Jim Miller, husband of Mildred, Charter and Life member of the OOTFA suffered a heart attack and died Feb. 9th. Donations for a memorial trophy will be accepted instead of flowers for Jim.

Linnea Greenlund passed away Feb. 23rd. She and her late husband, Clarence were Life members of the OOTFA.

Carol Gonshorowski, daughter of Stan and Addie Gonshorowski, left this life at the age of 32. Your sorrow is ours, Stan and Addie--it is especially hard to lose one so young.

Stan and Addie and the family of Carol Gonshorowski wish to express their appreciation to all their fiddle friends that gave donations, flowers, cards and moral support. Special thanks to Dorothy Booher and Diane and Melody Nydam for the beautiful music at the funeral service.

In memory of Carolyn Gonshorowski:

God gives parents a child to love; he doesn't say, short time or long--
But He surely brings a blessing, when she lives in your life like a song.
If she gives of herself to others, in spite of illness and pain,
That's truly a shower of blessings, multiplied again and again.
Left behind are so many memories, family and friends can share,
And when each one crosses that river, she'll meet them all over there.

by Helen Inks, Eugene

From Addie G., with love--

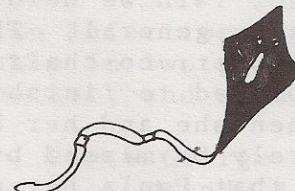
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Oregon Old-Time Fiddlers Association

OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS' ASSOCIATION CONVENTION
ROSEBURG, OREGON MARCH 24, 25, & 26, 1988

Convention chairman: Lew Holt

(Times and events may vary from those shown below.)



THURSDAY, MARCH 24

9:00 A.M. Doors open

P.A. set up

Concession set up

Registration set up

Stan Gonshorowski

Jim & Gynn Deaton

7:00 Evening jamming - visiting - dancing to midnight. You may bring finger foods if you like. The concessions may be open.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

8:00 A.M. Hall Open Concessions Jim & Gynn Deaton

Registration and ticket sales (Banquet tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children 12 and under.)

10:00 Drawings begin. You must be present to win. Drawings on the hour.

Please take all items for the drawings to the registration table.

OOTFA state albums

OOTFA history albums

Workshops: fiddle, guitar, banjo, etc. Teachers and times will be posted.

5:45 HALL CLOSED TO PREPARE FOR THE "FIDDLE AND VARIETY SHOW."

6:15 Ticket sales begin. (OOTFA MEMBERS - your 1988 membership card entitles you to free admission. Present your membership card as you enter the door marked "OOTFA MEMBERS." Non-members \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 per child.)

6:45 All OOTFA members are invited to jam on the stage.

(Jack Walker, emcee)

7:30 FIDDLE AND VARIETY SHOW (by invitation, Lew Holt, Chairman)

(Jack Walker, emcee)

12:00 MIDNIGHT Hall closed.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

8:00 A.M. Hall open - concessions

Jamming and social time until 1:00

9:00 State quarterly meeting

Lew Holt, President

10:00 Workshops (Times, places, and teachers to be posted.)

10:30 Nominating committee

Isom Patterson, Chrm

All District Chairmen or representatives are members of the nominating committee. Please have your nominees ready to present.

Table set up and decorations for the banquet District 8

1:30 OOTFA ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

4:00 Free time

6:00 Annual banquet

8:30 Annual old time dance

12:00 Midnight Hall closed.

 ** TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: In the event of an early death or when it is time to go to that "GREAT JAM IN THE SKY!".....my family is aware that (after they have selected one or two (if they wish) that my FIDDLE TROPHIES are to revert back to THE OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOC...and hopefully be recycled-perhaps in the stae contest, or AUCTIONED OFF as a fund raiser...but to be used to best serve the OOTFA in hopes they might help an organization which has helped me so much. Sincerely, Carol Ann Wheeler



You don't have to be old to be an old time fiddler.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN:

Thanks to all of you who sent your 1988 membership dues in so promptly. Thanks also to the district secretaries who collected dues. This issue of the Hoedowner will be the last one for those who haven't renewed. If you want to continue your membership in OOTFA, it's important that your dues be paid right away to avoid missing any Hoedowners. Please take care of it before the convention. Send your \$12.00 to me at the address on the front page of the Hoedowner, or pay your district secretary-treasurer. Thank you.

Alice Holt, Membership Chairman, OOTFA

FROM BUCK MILLIGAN, SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

Nominations will be taken for presentation of scholarships at the Scholarship Committee Meeting at the convention. Would all who are interested please attend.

Martha Birkholz, 820 Hilary St. #1, McMinnville, OR, Phone 472-5827 would like to sell her violin. She can no longer play, due to insertion of a pacemaker recently. She wants \$400.00 for it.

Walter Orr, 157 N. 12th, #40 Terry Lane, Springfield, OR 97477, Phone 726-4114, has a handmade copy of a Stradivarius (E.R. Gfretzschnr 1966, W. Germany) for \$125.00, and a Harmony guitar for \$100.00.

FROM VIVIAN STEELE: An "abundant attitude" toward life--by Brother Jeremiah
If I had my life to live over again, I'd try to make more mistakes. I would relax. I would limber up. I would be sillier than I have been this trip. I know of a very few things I would take seriously. I would take more trips. I would climb more mountains, swim more rivers and watch more sunsets. I would do more walking and looking. I would eat more ice cream and less beans. I would have more actual troubles and fewer imaginary ones. You see, I am one of those people who lives prophylactically and sensibly and sanely hour after hour, day after day. Oh, I've had my moments and, if I had to do over again, I'd have more of them. In fact, I'd try to have nothing else. Just moments, one after another, instead of living so many years ahead each day. I have been one of those people who never go anywhere without a thermometer, a hot water bottle, a gargle, a raincoat, aspirin and a parachute. If I had it to do over again, I would go places, do things and travel lighter than I have. If I had

my life to live over, I would start bare-footed earlier in the spring and stay that way later in the fall. I would play hooky more. I wouldn't make such hood grades except by accident I would ride on more merry-go-rounds. I'd pick more daisies.

CONTEST REMINDERS:

REDWOOD COUNTRY OPEN FIDDLE CONTEST:
CRESCENT CITY, CA APR 8-9

For more info., check your Jan. Hoedowner, or call Carol Cleveland at (707) 457-3345, or Dorothy Cory at (707) 464-2487.

OREGON STATE FIDDLE CONTEST: LEBANON,
OR, MAY 13-14, LEBANON UNION HIGH SCHOOL

NATIONAL OLDTIME FIDDLE CONTEST: WEISER,
IDAHO JUNE 20-25, Weiser High Gym

For more info., call the Weiser Chamber of Commerce, (208) 549-0450, or 549-0452
Order tickets now--mail orders not accepted after June 13--all tickets will be mailed--none will be held--no telephone orders. Write to
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WEISER, ID 83672

You don't have to be old to be an old time fiddler.

"This small, sweet thing, devised in love and fashioned cunningly of wood and strings..."

--Percy Reeve--



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COULD I HAVE THIS DANCE

Handwritten musical score for the song "Could I Have This Dance". The score is written on ten staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, and guitar chords (G, D7, G7, C, D, G7, D7, C#) are indicated above the notes. The lyrics are: "I'll always re-mem-ber The song They were playing the first time we danced and I knew. As we swayed to the music and held each other I fell in love with you. Could I have this dance for the rest of my life? Would you be my partner every night? When we're to-gether it feels so right. Could I have this dance for the rest of my life?"